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President Biden Amplifies Importance of the Black Press



President Joe Biden (Photo: @whitehouse on Instagram)

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

This week, during the NNPA's Annual Convention, which celebrated 196 years of the Black Press of America, Biden appeared via video to salute the NNPA and its member publishers on the occasion. "Congratulations to the Black Press of America for celebrating 196 years of serving communities across our nation," Biden stated in the address which

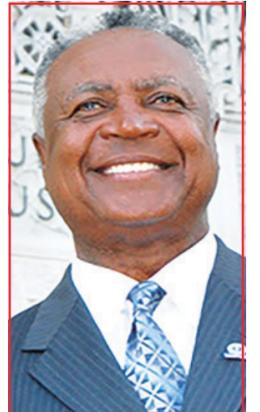
aired on July 1. "Ida B. Wells once said, the way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon the wrong. That's the sacred charge of a free press. That's the charge African American publishers have pursued for nearly two centuries," Biden continued. "With every story you publish, you make our democracy stronger. Thank you for what you do to turn the light of truth wherever your work leads

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White, Lucas Clash Over High Property Tax Assessments



KCMO Mayor Quinton Lucas



Jackson County Executive Frank White

Jackson County Legislature to Hold Tax Appeal Forum, July 10

By Tineeka Jackson, K.C. Globe Staff Writer

Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas and Jackson County Executive Frank White are at odds over what has become perhaps the hottest topic among many Jackson County property owners recently. This week, Whites' and Lucas' recent dispute arose Wednesday after Lucas told KMBC-TV in an interview earlier in the week that the high Jackson County property

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Swope Health Expands Operations with Leavenworth Pediatric Clinic

Swope Health, a leading voice in community health and premier provider of quality accessible healthcare in Kansas City, announces its acquisition of the assets of Lori Ann Golon, M.D., P.A., a Leavenworth, Kansas-based pediatric practice, effective Monday, July 10. Operating hours will remain unchanged: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This marks Swope Health's first expansion in Kansas since the 1980s, when its first clinic opened in Wyandotte

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From left: Inductees Dionne Warwick and the late Burt Bacharach

American Jazz Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony and Will Downing & Avery Sunshine Concert is Saturday, July 8

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Giving Hope & Help founder Jessica McClellan (left) and husband Kevin (far right) with scholarship recipients at the organization's Annual Fundraising Gala. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS INSIDE, pgs. 4,6

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After Anticipated Affirmative Action Ruling, Black Leaders Speak Out

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor

After the U.S. Supreme Court did what many have long expected, strike-down race-based admissions to colleges, Black leaders held emergency press conferences and strategy calls. One convened by Marc Morial on June 29 hours after the Supreme Court's decision yielded sharp commentary.

Affirmative action refers to a set of policies and practices aimed at promoting equal opportunities for historically disadvantaged groups, particularly in relation to employment or education. The purpose of affirmative action is to address the historical and ongoing systemic discrimination and underrepresentation that has been faced throughout history. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, and individuals with disabilities have been beneficiaries. Typically, affirmative action involves taking proactive steps to increase the representation of these underrepresented groups in areas where they have been historically excluded or marginalized.

The 6-3 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court will alter college admissions policies. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing the opinion for the majority, said the programs "unavoidably employ race in a negative manner" and "involve racial stereotyping," in violation of the Constitution. The ruling affirmed that race-conscious admissions programs at Harvard and the University of North Carolina are unconstitutional.

Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor spoke in person her dissent from the bench which signaled strong disagreement saying the court's ruling "further entrenching racial inequality in education" will have a devastating impact.

The decision would

seem to be a slap in the face of history as well as real world reality. Currently, a move is on to ban books in many school districts across America with many Republicans calling rudimentary discussion on race "divisive." Statistics on college enrollment for African Americans demonstrate there is more work to be done to increase enrollment at a time when college costs have skyrocketed.

"I find it interesting to say we're beyond race in this country when we know that 48 percent of white students admitted to Harvard between 2009 and 2014 either were legacy admissions or they were athletes," said Maya Wiley, President of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

"This is the first time that we are facing a court that misinterpreted the equal protection clause and our seminal case *Brown vs. Board of Education* after a predecessor court made very clear what the principals were in the Constitution and in the *Brown* case," said Janai Nelson, President of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund during a mid-day press event held by the National Urban League.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund has been involved in every case involving affirmative action that has gone to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Unfortunately, this Supreme Court is trying to have a reality that is more reflective of 1950," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

"Today's case, let's be very clear, does not end Affirmative Action but it makes it much more difficult. It narrows the ability of higher education institutions to use their own power to decide who should be in a classroom... we are not abandoning the fight," Nelson concluded.

"Friends today the Supreme Court got it wrong. I think this day will live in infamy. Because it was one of the most tortured opinions



Marc C. Morial President/CEO National Urban League

any of us have ever seen because it's twisted in terms of its logic on the law," Damon Hewitt, President of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

"Nothing in the opinion stops universities from asking about their race," Hewitt pointed out. "Our advice to students is to continue to talk about your experiences with race and racism," he concluded.

"This Supreme Court ruling will close the door to educational opportunity for many Black students and students of color who want to attend non-HBCUs. With this new ruling, UNCF knows that more students will turn to HBCUs for their college educations. We also know that our HBCUs will do everything they can to meet increased student demand," stated a press release from the United Negro College Fund.

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By Overturning Affirmative Action Programs in Two Selective Universities, the Supreme Court Turned a Blind Eye to History

We expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary to further the interest [in student body diversity] approved today.

Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, from her 2003 opinion in *Grutter v. Bollinger*

While some waited with bated breath in hopes of a reprieve of conservative ruling tendencies opined by a majority of the Justices appointed to the current U.S. Supreme Court, others rightly predicted that affirmative action programs—dating back to a period before the U. S. Supreme Court's 1978 ruling in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*—would be dismantled by the end of the court's 2022 term. When the ruling was publicized on June 29, 2023 that race-conscious admission systems used at Harvard College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are unlawful under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, I promptly recalled the details of a story told by Shelby Steele in his book *Shame: How America's Past Sins Have Polarized Our Country*.

Steele was invited to appear for a weeklong panel discussion on race and politics at the famous Aspen Institute in Colorado. On the day before the conference began, the Black Conservative was summoned to make an opening statement about what he wanted most for America. When his turn came, he gave the "left-leaning" Aspen Institute audience a "mouthful." Within the range of his remarks, he

A COMMENTARY



By Dr. Roger C. Williams, Jr.

pleaded for an "end to the condescension of affirmative action." A few days ago, by a 6-3 vote, the conservative Justices granted his wish.

By the same token, the Black Conservative Tim Scott—a 2024 Republican presidential candidate—also wanted race-conscious admission systems to end. Following the announcement, he said: "The Supreme Court deciding to eliminate race-based admissions helps its citizens to be judged by the content of our character, not the color of our skin."

However, ideological opponents stationed outside of the conservative camp emphatically rejected the ruling and analytically recounted the significant benefits of race-conscious admission systems. Former President Barack Obama said: "Affirmative Action allowed generations of students like Michelle [Obama] and me to prove we belonged. Like any policy, affirmative action wasn't perfect." While the policy wasn't perfect, Michelle Obama said: "It helped provide new ladders of opportunity for those who, throughout our history, have too often been denied a chance to show how fast they can climb."

Those "new ladders of opportunity" appreciated by the Obama's were also in place for Black Conservatives—like Justice Clarence Thomas. But, on the basis of their reactions to the Supreme Court's ruling, it would seem that they have developed an acute case of amnesia. However, I remember when highly intelligent African Americans—like many of the Black Conservatives—were denied access to even the bottom rung on ladders of opportunity.

While I regret what I think the ruling portends for young people that look like me, history reminds me that people that look like me have survived the horrors of slavery and endured the traumas associated with the Jim Crow era. If you've ever traveled with small children, you will recall one of their favorite questions: "Are we there yet?" The conservatives on the Court should have asked: Have all minorities overcome the effects of past discrimination—yet? Since they turned a blind eye to history, the Court's conservative majority—in their ruling—responded INCORRECTLY to the question.

Dr. Roger C. Williams, Jr. is a retired principal who has an interest in history and politics. You may comment about his column by sending an email to kcglobe@swbell.net. On the subject line put: ATTN: Dr. Roger C. Williams, Jr.

-MORE FROM FRONT-

Kansas Surpasses 60,000 Jobs Created and Retained Since Start of Governor Kelly Administration

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced this week that since she took office in January 2019, her administration has successfully collaborated with private sector businesses to create and retain more than 60,000 jobs in Kansas. This milestone continues the record-breaking economic development success the state has experienced under the Kelly administration.

"60,000 jobs represent 60,000 opportunities for Kansans in every corner of the state to provide better futures for themselves and their families," Governor Laura Kelly said. "These job numbers are a testament to the work my administration has done to invest in the building blocks of our state's economy: our public schools, strong roads and bridges, high-speed internet, and a modern workforce."

This milestone represents more than \$16.7 billion in private-sector investment comprising more than 940 announced projects that include both international corporations placing operations in the Sunflower State and Kansas companies choosing to expand right here at home.

The unprecedented surge in economic activity over the last several years has resulted in Kansas being awarded three consecutive Gold Shovel Awards from Area Development Magazine for its achievement in attracting high-value investment projects that will create a significant number of new jobs throughout the state, and two consecutive Governor's Cups from Site Selection magazine for having the most capital investment per capita in the nation.

"Time and time again, the Kelly Administration has kept its promise of creating the best state in the nation to live, work and invest," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "Keeping our kids and families in Kansas has always been the priority, and the momentum leading up to this milestone achievement shows that Governor Kelly's approach is right on track."

Nearly 90% of the jobs and investments attracted are in the targeted industry sectors outlined in the Kansas Framework for Growth, the state's first comprehensive economic development plan in more than 30 years that Governor Kelly introduced in February 2021.

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Giving Hope & Help Anniversary, Scholarship Awards Gala Was an Evening of Impact



Mo. Sen. Barbara Washington (center) presents a Proclamation to GH&H founder Jessica McClellan (left) and husband, Kevin (right)

By K.C. Globe Staff

Giving Hope & Help (GH&H) celebrated 10 years of impact to the community and world with their arms of outreach in domestic violence advocacy, ending period poverty, cancer and education support at the June 24, 2023 gala. Co-Chairs for the event were Manu and Dawn Rattan. Media personalities Darron Story and Christel Bell were the emcees.

Approximately \$50,000 worth of in-kind and cash
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Mayor Garner Welcomes Key Hires to Administration

First-Ever Latina Chief of Staff to Join Mayor's Team

Kansas City, KS – Mayor/CEO Tyrone A. Garner announced the appointment of two key staff members to his team Thursday. Steve Williams starts as Community Engagement & Welfare Advisor to the Office of the Mayor, effective today, July 6, 2023. Irene Caudillo will assume her role as Chief of Staff on Monday, July 10, 2023. Both Williams and Caudillo bring decades of community leadership and experience to the Unified Government in their new roles.

"I am excited to announce these key appointments," said Mayor Tyrone A. Garner. "I am confident that with the many years of professional experience, love of Wyandotte County, and dedication in service to others, both will be of exceptional value to the great people of Wyandotte County, the Unified Government, and the vision of the Mayor's office to facilitate making Kansas City, Kansas a great and safe place to live, work and raise a family."

"It is an honor to continue the work in our community, said Chief of Staff Irene Caudillo. "I am ready to support the Mayor and the Unified Government staff in centering community needs and improving this city and county by meeting these needs."

Steve Williams – Community Engagement & Welfare Advisor

Steve Williams is a Kansas City, Kansas native with



Steve Williams



Irene Caudillo

more than three decades experience in public safety, youth mentoring, community outreach, problem solving, leadership, and neighborhood engagement. Williams has been an integral member of various community boards and organizations and is looking forward to serving as a liaison regarding community safety, open communication, empowerment, education, equity, and positive community engagement.

As Community Engagement and Welfare Advisor, Steve will be responsible for coordinating with community organizations on behalf of the Mayor's office as well as identifying and facilitating the physical, social, and organizational welfare concerns of all Wyandotte County stakeholders.

Irene Caudillo – Chief of Staff

Irene Caudillo has more than thirty years of proven non-profit executive leadership. For

the past ten years, Ms. Caudillo has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer for El Centro, a not-for-profit corporation established in 1976 and committed to improving the lives of Latinos and others through education, social, and economic opportunities. Ms. Caudillo has a demonstrated track record for collaboration, working across sectors, and support for our community and has been honored nationally and regionally for her service.

Caudillo will oversee the day-to-day operations of Mayor Garner's administration. With her vast experience, Ms. Caudillo will assist in cultivating innovative partnerships to improve equity and opportunity for all that call Wyandotte County home. Ms. Caudillo will be the first Latina Chief of Staff for the Unified Government.

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Community Call to Action-Jackson County Tax Reassessment Issue

Sat, July 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO. The community will hear from and interact with our elected officials as they share their policy ideas to address the nightmare of the current reassessment process that has so many homeowners fearful of losing their homes. You can attend in person or virtually on Zoom (registration is required-via Eventbrite). Speakers confirmed so far: Jackson County Legislators: Sean Smith, Manny Abarca, MO State Rep. Jeff Coleman

Making Moves: Open Moves

Thu., July 13, 2023, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Charlotte Street Stern Theater, 3333 Wyoming St, Kansas City, MO. Join us for our bi-monthly Making Moves program, Open Moves, where you can let your inhibitions fly as you find your inner dancer and rhythm. We believe that everyone is a dancer – we're born with it! So whether you're a pro or you dance when nobody's looking, come out and make it a party! Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and to bring water. This experience is appropriate for dancers and movers of all abilities and backgrounds and is open to all.

Client Appreciation Popsicle Event! Sat, July 15, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Palacana, 3622 S. Noland Rd, Independence, MO. The Davies Group would like to invite our favorite clients to come by for a gourmet popsicle. Come by and see us and enter to win some fun prizes and grab a goodie bag.

3rd Annual Free Community Skill Development Football Camp

Sat, July 15, 2023, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 11424 Hickman Mills Dr, Kansas City, MO. Join us for the 3rd Annual Free Community Skill Development Football Camp to learn and improve your football skills. Registration from 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. The camp will start at 9:00 a.m. - Noon. This in-person event is a great opportunity for young football enthusiasts to learn new skills and improve their game. Our experienced coaches will be on hand to provide expert guidance and instruction in a fun and supportive environment. Participants will have the chance to work on a range of skills, including passing, catching, tackling, and more. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, this camp is a fantastic way to hone your skills and take your game to the next level.

Student College Planning Conf.

Sat, July 15, 2023, 8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. 4510 Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO. Are you a high school student and want to start earning college credit? Come to the Student College Planning Conference to find out more info.

Brookside Annual Sidewalk Sale

July 13-15, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Shred Event

July 15—Brookside Shops, West 63rd St & Brookside Blvd Kansas City, MO. Our 2023 Shred Event is Sat, July 15 from 8am-11am or when the truck fills up. Ready to get rid of those tax documents, bills, receipts and other documents you've been waiting to shred? Join our safe, secure and FREE annual Brookside Shred Event. Shred-It will have paper shredding trucks located in the parking lot behind Jalapeno's, 6318 Brookside Plaza (in the parking lot between Commerce Bank and the tennis courts). Brookside volunteers will be there to greet you and take your shredding from your car. Limit two file boxes of shredding or equivalent per household.

MPACT Core Training

Sat, July 15, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mid-Continent Public Library - Grandview Branch, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Join us for a training to learn the importance of keeping and organizing your child's records, as well as what information needs to be in your child's file. We will also discuss how to communicate more effectively with your child's school district and the importance of working collaboratively to solve problems.

Happy 2 Help Splash Event - Roe Park

Sun, July 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Roe Park, 10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS. Join our team at the Roe Park for an afternoon of games, sweets & splash pad fun! We will also be collecting donations for the Noah's Bandage Project. To celebrate National Ice Cream day, we will also be giving away a gift basket complete with a home-made ice cream maker. Email, call or Text "splash" to Lauren Kennedy 785.76.8120 for additional details. LaurenKennedy@kw.com

Leawood Stage Company: Beauty and the Beast

Rockhurst High School Rose Theatre 9301 State Line Rd, Kansas City, MO. Leawood Stage Company presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast. July 14-15 & 19-22 at 7:30 and July 16 & 23 at 2:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

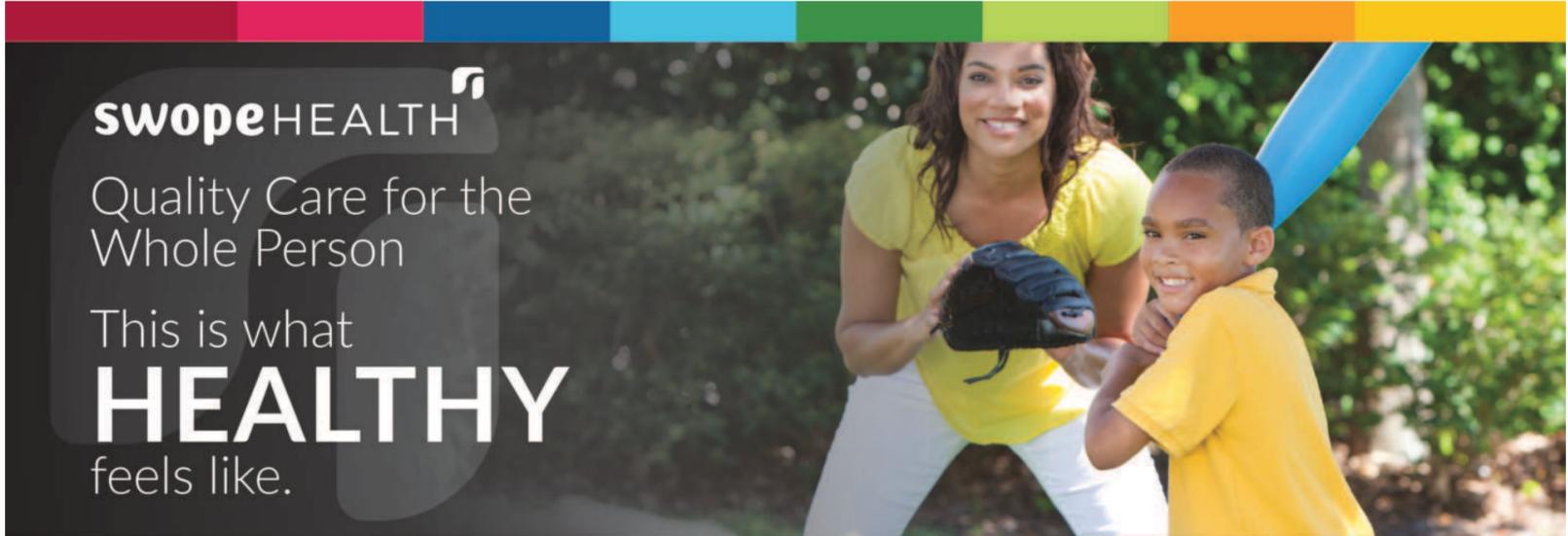
5th District Community Meeting & Appreciation Dinner

Mon, July 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m., The Kansas City Zoo, 6800 Zoo Dr, Kansas City, MO. Councilman Barnes and Councilwoman Parks-Shaw invite you to the 5th District Community Meeting and Appreciation Dinner. There will be a community meeting and an appreciation dinner to recognize the efforts of Councilman Lee Barnes, Jr. and outstanding community members who have made significant contributions to the 5th district. RSVP by Friday, July 7.

Community Pet Forum – KCK

Tue, July 18, 2023, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Wyandotte County Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Ave, Kansas City, KS. This is the perfect opportunity to gather valuable insights and seek expert advice. Whether you need guidance on pet health, behavior, adoption, or local resources, we're here to help. This is a people only event, please keep your pets at home.

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Giving Hope & Help Scholarship Gala *Continued from page 4*



The Kansas City Boys & Girls Choirs perform.



(Above) A crowd of nearly 500 listens as the Kansas City Boys & Girls Choirs perform.



GH&H BOARD MEMBERS—From left, Lindsay St. Germain, Jacqueline Braswell, Felissa Johnson, Jessica McClellan, founder and president; Kevin McClellan; Rev. Frances Spearman; Jill Hays; Renee Sutherland; and Stacey Koenig

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Co-Emcee Christel Bell (left) and KCMO Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Collier



Gala event Chairs/Dawn and Manu Rattan

scholarships were awarded to 15 deserving Missouri and Kansas class of 2023 high school graduates, including one full ride to MCC-Penn Valley Community College. GH&H has awarded a total of 110 college scholarships and six full rides to MCC-Penn Valley since the scholarship program launch. GH&H also launched a new initiative: A Way of Escape from Domestic Violence. Nearly 500 attended the event.

There was live entertainment during the silent auction that offered over 60 items. The silent auction was up-beat with live entertainment by Saxophonist Rev. Willie Thornton. The program kicked off with performances from the Kansas City Boys and Girls Choirs directed by Mia Ramsey. Six scholarship recipients gave inspiring speeches of gratitude and dreams of their future.

GH&H founder Jessica McClellan gave a moving Statement of Impact. The live auction produced a spirit of giving in the ballroom. Trisha Brauer, auctioneer with Taking Bids Fundraising got the crowd ready to support. The custom art that was painted live by Crissi Curly during the cocktail hour raised \$6,000.

Missouri Senator Barbara Anne Washington topped the evening with a proclamation and support for the new initiative: A Way of Escape from Domestic Violence. Seven local domestic violence executives and staff were in attendance along with many other dignitaries, corporate CEO's, the Kansas City Public Schools superintendent, deputy superintendent and the community at large.

The event was sponsored by over 80 companies, organizations, and individuals. The Platinum Sponsor of Purpose was Lockton Companies and the Gold Sponsor of Giving was the Bisarya Family Foundation.

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Salvador Perez Selected to 8th MLB All-Star Game

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The longest-tenured Kansas City Royal will be headed to another MLB All-Star Game. Royals' catcher Salvador Perez was selected to his eighth All-Star Game as a reserve. His

impact on the Royals franchise has been paramount on and off the field. On the season, Perez leads the Royals with 15 home runs to go along with 40 RBIs with a .250 batting average in 77 games and 300 at-bats. Perez has firmly cemented himself as one of the best catchers in the game for a while now, and one of the best players in franchise history. He has spent all 12 of his seasons with the Royals.

The starters for the game were announced on June 29. The game will take place July 11 at 7 p.m., at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. He was the only Royal voted in for the game. The Royals will have a four-game series with the Cleveland Guardians before they head into the All-Star break. The honor for Salvy is another accolade he can add to his list in a Royals uniform. The veteran still has a lot in the tank and will continue to look to build on that success.



Salvador Perez courtesy photo/espn

-FEATURE-

Strides for Equality Equestrians Awards Summer Scholarship to Sabrina Sharpe Park Hill, Mo. Senior

Making Diversity More Visible in Sport



Sabrina and King Jumping 2'9" at Kansas Hunter Jumper Association's Kingview in April 2023. photo/Haley Johnson



Sabrina and King. photo/Kenney Ellison

Strides for Equality Equestrians is thrilled to announce that Sabrina Sharpe of Kansas City, Missouri has been selected to receive the Summer 2023 Ever-So Sweet scholarship to study with Sara Kozumplik at Overlook Farm. Sharpe is the youngest ever recipient of this competitive, one-of-a-kind scholarship opportunity for equestrians of diverse backgrounds to train, learn, and build their professional networks under the guidance of an upper-level professional eventer.

Sharpe, 17, is a rising senior at Park Hill South high

school in Kansas City, Mo. She is a nationally rated Pony Clubber, certified in HB level horse management and working toward her C3 certification, and she has successfully evented through Novice. She currently competes with her 7-year-old off-track Thorough-

bred gelding King (TJC: Barbie's King), who she re-started herself in 2021. Sharpe and King are working to make a transition to hunter-jumpers after King showed a lack of enthusiasm for cross-country. One of Sharpe's hopes for her ESS Scholarship is to

learn from professionals how to reckon with changes in training goals that come from listening closely to what the horse wants and needs, and how to balance her horse's needs against her own eventing aspirations. In her application,

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Swope

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"For 23 years, Dr. Golon's practice has provided quality, cost effective medical care to pediatric patients in the Leavenworth and Lansing communities. Relatedly, Swope Health seeks to eliminate barriers to care while helping kids and families develop healthy habits for a lifetime," said Jeron Ravin, J.D., President and CEO of Swope Health. "We are thrilled to welcome the entire staff to Swope Health and feel honored to strengthen our service to Kansas families."

"Combining resources and services will allow us to provide our patients and families with the best in care and support," said Golon. "We are excited to join the Swope Health system of care clinics."

Swope Health will host an open house at the clinic, located at 1001 6th Ave., #210, Leavenworth, Kan., 66048, for patients and members of the community on Friday, July 14, 3-5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the clinicians, staff and Swope Health leadership team.

CHURCH Times

Scripture of the Week:

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
Matthew 5:12

National Baptist Convention of America President Attends Global Mission Summit in Norway



Dr. Samuel Tolbert

Louisville, Kentucky- Baptists from 128 countries have been invited to attend the Baptist World Alliance’s 2023 Annual Gathering & Mission Summit in Stavanger, Norway July 2-9, 2023. Baptist leaders from 80 countries are in attendance connecting through worship, prayer, learning, relationship building, and shared ministry.

The Baptist World Alliance, founded in 1905, is a

fellowship of 231 conventions and unions in 121 countries and territories comprising 50 million members in 177,000 churches. Its priorities are nurturing the passion for mission and evangelism; promoting worship, fellowship, and unity; responding to people in need; defending human rights and justice; and advancing relevant theological reflection.

Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Vice President of the Bap-

tist World Alliance (BWA) is in Stavanger, Norway and said “The Baptist World Alliance is highlighting the fact that the Baptist church expansion in Africa is outpacing other regions. Africans are taking responsibility to evangelize their continent and other places around the globe. I am thrilled to be a part of this informative and inspirational assembly of Baptists.” During the Global Mission Summit, Dr. Tolbert

will also be participating on a panel discussion on leadership.

In addition to Dr. Tolbert serving as the Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Tolbert is the 15th President of the National Baptist Convention of America Int’l, Inc. (NBCA), a fellowship of historically African American Baptist churches with over 3.5 million members, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, on the campus of Simmons

College of Kentucky. Additionally, Dr. Tolbert is the pastor of Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where almost 40 years ago he answered God’s call to continue the mission of Jesus Christ through pastoring this congregation.

-MORE NATIONAL NEWS-

Cities Have Ways to Curb Gun Violence; Feds are Giving Them More Money



By Matt Vasilogambros

Police in Minneapolis unravel crime scene tape in 2020, a year marked by a stark rise in homicides. Community violence intervention programs offer a data-backed alternative to policing (Brandon Bell/Getty Images).

When shots ring out on the South and West sides of Chicago, Sam Castro and his team at the Institute for Non-violence Chicago race to the scene of the shooting and to the hospital where emergency responders are treating the gunshot victim.

Knowing most of the city’s gun violence is caused by a small cluster of people who are usually gang-affiliated, the group wants to prevent the often-expected retaliation shooting by intervening in victims’ lives to stop the cycle of violence and the revolving doors of the hospital.

Castro, the organization’s director of community violence intervention, and his colleagues meet gunshot victims at their hospital beds and walk the streets of the Austin, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park and West Garfield Park neighbor-

hoods, talking with those who are at a high risk of committing or being the victim of gun violence. They offer individualized “wraparound” support services, whether being a caseworker, delivering food or helping residents find and keep jobs.

Like many of the people who run these programs nationally, Castro has personal experience with gun violence. He’s been shot three times, the first when he was 3.

He became part of the gun violence cycle as a gang leader, spending 12 years in state and federal prison. He wanted something better for his children and community through “relentless engagement.” It’s his calling, he said.

“It’s hard,” Castro told Stateline. “We’ve been through some traumatic stuff. We’ve got to figure out how to heal the people in the community while still running into this gunfire.”

Now the Institute for Non-violence Chicago and similar organizations nationwide have a new opportunity to expand their work. A massive injection of federal grant money, beyond the private philanthropy that has previously sustained their mission, will help more programs offer an alternative to law enforcement that, supporters say,

gets at the root drivers of violence.

“We’re investing in the people in communities that have been disinvested for generations,” said William Simpson, the director of violence reduction initiatives at Equal Justice USA, a non-profit that advocates for public funding for these programs in states like California, Louisiana, New Jersey and North Carolina.

“Folks are doing the life-saving work and never getting the resources they need to do it,” Simpson said. “The dollars are allocated, but there’s so much more work.”

He and Castro were among roughly 700 experts from 200 organizations in 45 cities who gathered last week at a community violence intervention conference in Los Angeles, hosted by the Giffords Center for Violence Intervention. The program launched last year within the national gun safety organization led by former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, a mass shooting survivor.

Part pep talk, part professional development seminar, the conference gave people from some of the dead-

liest and economically depressed cities in the country a chance to share their strategies for curbing urban gun violence, tapping new funding streams and getting more state and city money.

Feds invest big

Through its Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, the Biden administration recently freed up \$50 million in grants for community violence intervention programs. This comes on top of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which President Joe Biden signed last year, allocating \$250 million over the next five years for these programs.

This is the largest federal

investment in community violence intervention programs in U.S. history, said Amy Solomon, the assistant attorney general of the Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice.

So far, the feds have dished

out \$100 million in grants and will allocate an additional \$100 million by September.

“These are not our resources, these are your resources,” she told the confer-

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Equestrians

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she wrote candidly about the impact of this experience and its relation to broader experiences as an equestrian of color. "Because of facing many obstacles, such as financial access, being a first generation equestrian in my family, and being a person of color in general, I was proud and excited to buy and start my own OTTB, which has been a great joy and an extreme heartbreak. In one regard, he is amazing at dressage, show jumping and hunters, and is delightful on the ground, but on the other, I love cross country and he does not."

Sharpe began her scholarship with Kozumplik at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL, where she will meet Sara and ESS alum Sierra Lesny and hit the ground running in her educational experience, witnessing and participating in Kozumplik Equestrian's Florida season. Through the generous sponsorship of Kozumplik and Edy Rameika, Sharpe and King will then spend the remainder of the summer months training with Sara at Overlook Farm Equestrian Center in Berryville, Va. The scholarship covers expenses for full board and training costs for King, several lessons per week, housing for Sabrina, a stipend to cover living expenses, competition fees, and coaching at competitions.

Sabrina will also improve her horse care skills by learning to manage and care for upper-level horses and working with the Overlook team in the running of a large, competitive barn. She is especially excited to gain experience with the upper-level eventing world as she contemplates what her future professional and personal equestrian goals will be. She is also excited to have more opportunities and a larger platform to share her experiences as an equestrian of color and to educate others on the importance of inclusion and representation across the horse industry. In her application, she shared that she has experienced prejudice as a rider of color, "but in light of those experiences, I have found more good than bad in people, I've developed everlasting friendships, met people that have helped me grow in my riding experiences, and recently have been

discussing the importance of allyship in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Ultimately, I want a career that allows me the opportunity to help others with a similar background as mine."

Sharpe is the fifth recipient of an ESS Scholarship, the first participant to train at Overlook Farm while still in high school, and the first recipient representing the Midwest and USEA Area IV. In addition to the opportunities she will have this summer, Sharpe will serve as an ambassador for the ESS Scholarship in coming years and will join a growing community of Ever So Sweet and Leg Up Scholarship recipients who are working to make diversity more visible in equestrian sport.

Follow Sabrina's journey firsthand on the @see.eversosweet Instagram, and check in with her and the other alums at @stridesforequality on Instagram and on the Strides for Equality Equestrians Facebook page. Learn more about Strides for Equality across the website stridesforequality@gmail.com. Donations to the program are also accepted.

About Strides for Equality
Strides for Equality Equestrians (SEE) is an allyship program for the equestrian community. Founded in 2020, we seek to address the lack of racial and ethnic diversity in equestrian sports by supporting access programs and professional pathways for BIPOC equestrians and by engaging and educating allies. Recognizing that we must be the change we wish to see in the world, SEE will encourage equestrians to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to fight for equality and justice. Not quietly, not anonymously... but proudly and loudly.



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ence. "Collectively, we can save lives and build safer communities."

Community violence intervention programs embrace a nonpunitive way to prevent chronic gun violence. The programs work to interrupt the cycle of violence by working with people who are at highest risk through the provision of individually tailored support services, said Paul Carrillo, vice president of the Giffords Center for Violence Intervention.

Long studied and lauded by academics and activists as an alternative to law enforcement-focused responses, these programs are starting to get the attention of leaders from city, state and federal government, and money is beginning to flow into the programs.

The federal money available, however, is far less than the \$5 billion that Biden proposed in 2021, following a 30% surge in homicides in 2020. But the president has told state and local leaders that they also can use American Rescue Plan money for community violence intervention programs.

Still, Carrillo, who grew up around gun violence in Southeast Los Angeles and started his career at a hospital-based violence intervention program, added a warning to activists and program leaders at the conference.

"As the old saying goes, when there's more money there's more problems," he said.

The influx of federal dollars is an extraordinary opportunity for community groups to get much needed funding, said Connie Rice, a civil rights lawyer who helped reshape the Los Angeles Police Department through lawsuits and working within the department. She also created community safety partnerships that reduced the city's violent crime rate over the past three decades.

But she cautioned that it is very difficult to distribute money effectively.

The work must be grounded in specific programs to address specific violence challenges in specific neighborhoods, or the programs will fail, she warned.

"When you have a lot of money, it's like a gold rush," said Rice, who co-founded the Urban Peace Institute. "You have got to do it in consultation and co-development with the groups that are most experienced and expert on the ground working."

Those local groups, however, often don't have the administrative capacity to apply for and dole out public dollars, she said; groups need intermediaries.

New money is also flowing in from cities and states. In 2017, five states invested \$60 million in community violence intervention programs. By 2021, 15 states invested \$700 million. Those programs and the funding continue to expand.

Last year, California announced \$156 million in community intervention grants. Democratic lawmakers in the Golden State have also proposed legislation this year that would tax firearm sales to fund more community violence intervention programs. The bill passed the Assembly in May and is being considered in the state Senate.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, who took office in December, will launch the Office of Community Safety to lead violence intervention initiatives to lower gun deaths through nonprofit partnerships.

The Los Angeles City Council heeded the mayor's budget request to raise the starting salary for community intervention workers from \$40,000 to \$60,000 — a livable wage for people who have made communities safer for years, said Deputy Mayor Karren Lane, who heads the new office. But often, she argued, they have not gotten the credit they deserve.

"Homicides are down in Los Angeles because everyday people with lived experience, deep relationships in communities, put their lives on the line and disrupt violence," she said. Indeed, after a spike in 2020, mirroring a national increase, homicides fell in 2022.

Lane added, "While law enforcement may play a role, we also realize that once paramedics are called, police officers are called, emergency operating centers are established, we have already lost."

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ATTENTION JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO FEEL YOUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT WAS UNFAIRLY RAISED:

Editor's Note: *The Kansas City Globe* is providing the following information for our readers in light of the many concerns expressed over the tax assessments that many of our readers received recently from the Jackson County Tax Assessment Office

For an informal review or an official appeal, you'll need to prepare the following: Real estate comps, quality photos of anything in disrepair that could lower value, an appraisal if the comps indicate one would be cost-effective and any other recent documentation that may reflect a fair property value.

An informal review can be done in person at 1300 Washington. Appointments are not required as walk-in hours range from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If they prefer, homeowners can make an appointment through the Jackson County Assessment Office's website (www.jacksongov.org) or you can schedule online.

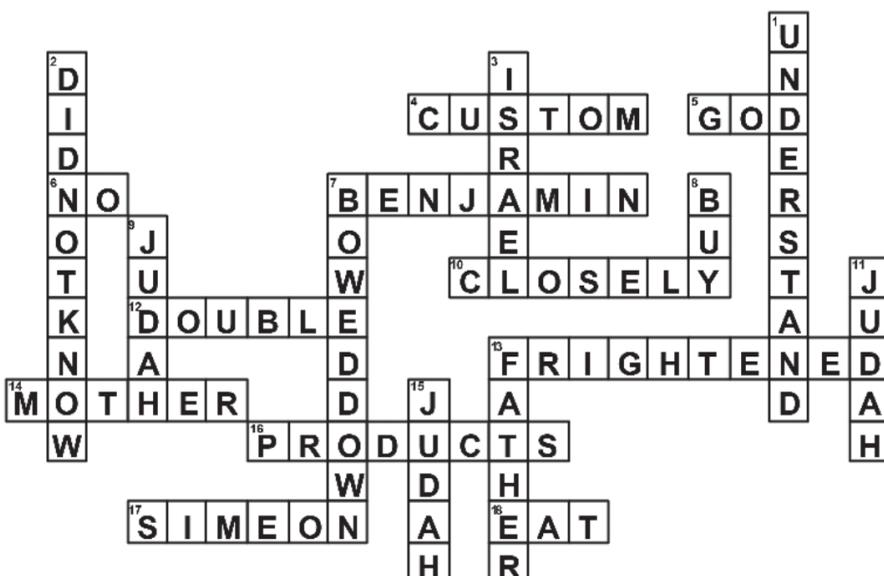
The Jackson County website has more information about your options. If neither the informal nor the formal county review processes lead to a valuation you agree with, there is one more avenue to try: filing an appeal with the Missouri State Tax Commission.

Source: *kcur*

Christian Crossword for Youth

Below are the answers to the crossword puzzle that appeared in last week's issue. If you missed last week's issue you can go online at www.thekcglobe.com and access the digital version. Click the "Archives" tab and select last week's issue.

THE SECOND JOURNEY OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS TO EGYPT
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-MORE NEWS FROM FRONT-

American Jazz Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, Will Downing & Avery Sunshine Concert This Saturday, July 8

Dionne Warwick will be in KC to Receive the recognition; Burt Bacharach, born in KC, will be Inducted Posthumously at 6 PM Ceremony that is Open to Public and Free of Charge

This Saturday, July 8, the **Jazz District Renaissance Corporation** will celebrate its ninth year of honoring jazz artists by immortalizing their names in 30-inch bronze medallions embedded in the sidewalks on 18th Street. The induction ceremony, open to the public and free of charge, will take place on 18th Street between the Blue Room and the Jazz Museum where medallions will be revealed at 6:00 p.m.

THE INDUCTEES

Dionne Warwick's career, which currently celebrates over 50 years, has established her as an international music icon and concert act. The legendary voice of six-time GRAMMY Award winning **Dionne Warwick** has become a cornerstone of American music and culture. Ms. Warwick will be here to receive the recognition and accept a replica of the medallion.

Burt Bacharach, born in Kansas City and raised in NYC, will be inducted posthumously. Known for song writing and creating tunes with gorgeous melodies, Bacharach, six-time GRAMMY Award winner, wrote popular Broadway musicals, movie theme songs and scores. His collaboration with Hal David, to write a slew of hits for Dionne Warwick, accumulated more than 30 hit singles and close to 20 best-selling albums, during their first decade. A representative will participate in the ceremony and receive a replica of the medallion.

At 7 p.m., following the induction ceremony, **Warren and Jenny Erdman**, this year's co-chairs, will welcome the audience in the Gem Theater and open the concert featuring:

Will Downing & Avery Sunshine

With a career that spans over 32 years and 22 albums, **Will Downing** is one of the most versatile and loved voices of our time. Known as The Prince of Sophisticated Soul, his repertoire consists of signature interpretations of R&B classics like "I Go Crazy", "Wishing On A Star" and "I Try", with original hits "A Million Ways", "Sorry I" and the show-stopping duet with Rachele Ferrell, "Nothing Has Ever Felt

Like This". His distinctive baritone voice has resonated in the hearts of women worldwide and carved a unique niche in the music marketplace.

Avery*Sunshine makes the kind of music that undeniably satisfies the soul leaving her audience full and invigorated. Born Denise White in Chester, Pennsylvania, with her roots grounded in the church, the singer, pianist, and composer has created a signature sound that mixes soul, jazz, R&B, and gospel.

Avery's sound is uplifting, vibrant, and exactly as her namesake suggests, full of sunshine. She brings people together through her riveting performances, candid and often humorous stage banter, and optimistic anthems about love and life. Avery's newest album, *Four Songs & A Boot Leg*, showcases her captivating and euphonious voice. The lead single "Lucky" has climbed the charts making it to the Billboard Top 30 Adult R&B National Airplay.

Tickets for the concert went on sale at Eventbrite.com on June 8, 2023 for \$70.00. **Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II**, representing Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, and former Mayor of Kansas City said, "The greatest jazz musicians have come from Kansas City, have played in Kansas City, or were inspired by musicians with Kansas City roots. The American Jazz Walk of Fame honors those talented musicians and celebrates this great Kansas City tradition. We invite you to participate in honoring this tradition in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz district where it all began."

The event is made possible by the generous support of The Missouri Division of Tourism, Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, the city of Kansas City, the American Jazz Museum, and other sponsors.

The Jazz District Renaissance Corporation, whose mission is to revitalize the Historic 18th & Vine District through the expansion of programs that stimulate activity and tourism in the area, is the host of the American Jazz Walk of Fame. Since 2014, the Jazz District Renaissance Corporation (JDRC), has installed 37 bronze medallions, bearing the names of jazz artists, in the sidewalks of 18th street in the historic Jazz District.

In 2020, we considered ways to pivot and be of service to our community and help musicians manage while all the stages and performance venues were shuttered. We live streamed 51 hours of free musical enjoyment for months, providing needed employment relief for musicians during the pandemic and highlighted internationally the "Kansas City Sound".

Visit www.americanjazzwalkoffame.org for more information.

President Joe Biden

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President Joe Biden has always maintained that the Black vote pushed him over the top in his 2020 election victory over Donald Trump.

And it's never been lost on the president that the pivotal day in his campaign occurred in Charleston, South Carolina, on Feb. 26, when he sat down for a live roundtable interview with Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association of the more than 200 African American-owned newspapers and media companies.

Joining Chavis at that campaign-turning event were dozens of Black Press publishers and media company owners, and the livestream of that event, followed later in the day by an endorsement from Democratic South Carolina Rep. James Clyburn, catapulted the once slumbering candidacy all the way to the White House.

Dr. Chavis and outgoing NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards, praised the President for recognizing the importance of the Black Press of America.

"The NNPA is especially honored to hear directly from President Joe Biden for his continued support and advocacy of the importance of the Black Press of America," Chavis stated. "As we celebrate 196 years of the Black Press, it's always gratifying and encouraging to have the support of the President of the United States. In the wake of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions on civil rights, the Black Press rededicates our journalism to be a clarion voice for freedom, justice, equality, and equity."

Richards who is the publisher of the *Houston Forward*

Times, also thanked the President.

"To have the President of the United States take the time out to be a part of our convention is of course special," Richards said. "But, it's also a testament to just how vital the Black Press remains. Collectively, as Black publishers and Black business owners, we are stronger than ever and the President's message reinforces that."

Newly elected board chair Bobby Henry, publisher of the

Westside Gazette in Florida, added, "That message from President Biden to the association was one that signifies that he remains true to his pledge to value the role African Americans play and have played in this country. Further, acknowledging the role that the Black press plays in reaching our people and those sympathetic to our plight remains a critical component of the 2024 electoral strategy."

White, Lucas

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assessments that hundreds of Kansas City property owners received in the mail recently "will hinder the growth of neighborhoods in the city and that the county should stagger large tax increases and set up payment plans."

Frustrated with the Mayor's public criticism over the County's assessment office, White on Wednesday reacted by firing off a letter to Lucas over the comments the Mayor has been making in the media about the Jackson County assessments.

Lucas' proposal to remedy the situation by staggering the large property tax increases was similarly proposed by local real estate professional Stacy Johnson in a story that appeared in last week's issue of *The Kansas City Globe*. Johnson and other local real estate brokers held several workshops in recent weeks to offer advice to concerned property owners,

many of whom are seniors and on fixed incomes to learn how they could appeal their property assessments. White addressed the suggestion about "staggering the large tax increases" in his letter. He wrote to Lucas, "Your proposal to halt the reassessments is more than just a breach of state law. It risks creating false hope and eroding the trust our residents place in public institutions. As elected officials, we have sworn to uphold the law and serve our communities. Deviating from this commitment not only damages public trust, but also invites a chaotic legal situation."

Meanwhile, the Jackson County Legislature will be holding the second of two Jackson County Tax Appeal Forums on Monday, July 10, from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at MCC-Penn Valley campus, 3201 Southwest Trafficway in Kansas City, Mo.

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