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Turner Diagonal Interchange Project Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled for Jan 31



Come join us to celebrate the
TURNER DIAGONAL INTERCHANGE
GROUNDBREAKING
Friday, January 31, 2020 / 10:30 am

Location: I-70 WB Truck Staging Area

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72nd Street

Turner Diagonal

The Unified Government (UG), Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the Turner Diagonal Interchange Project on Friday, January 31. The public is invited to attend the celebration at 10:30 AM at the Interstate 70 (I-70) west-bound Truck Staging Area near the I-70 and Turner Diagonal Interchange in Kansas City, Kansas. In the event of inclement weather or temperatures below 40° Fahrenheit, the groundbreaking will be held at the Kansas City Kansas West Branch Library at 1737 North 82nd Street, Kansas City, KS 66112.

Speakers include Kansas Governor, Laura Kelly, USDOT Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sean Poole, Unified Government Mayor, David Alvey, and Chief Marketing Officer and Founding Partner of

NorthPoint Development, Brent Miles.

The Turner Diagonal Project was awarded a federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant for \$13 million, which makes up 46 percent of the project funding. The remainder of the project costs will be funded by commitments from UG, KDOT, and NorthPoint Development.

The Turner Diagonal Interchange sits at the crossroads of the country – about a two days drive from 85 percent of the US population. This location services 65,000 vehicles per day, 25 percent of which are trucks, and is very close to other major highways. The current design of the Turner Diagonal Interchange no longer meets the needs of the community and the surrounding area.

The UG partnered with KDOT, KTA, and North Point Development in determining solutions to address infrastructure and transportation needs consistent with the new vision for the Turner Diagonal corridor.

The existing interchange will be reconfigured to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) allowing the release of KTA and KDOT right-of-way and opening up 300 acres of land for economic development and job creation. The new interchange will provide better access to businesses along Turner Diagonal, improve safety and allow traffic to move efficiently through the corridor. The Project will add a new shared-use-path and sidewalk from Riverview Avenue through the new DDI and connect to existing sidewalks at State Avenue. The project will also address freight parking at the truck staging facilities west of the interchange.

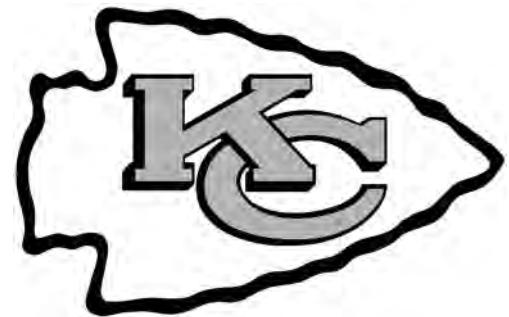
The project will be completed by November of 2020.

For more information on other UG projects, please contact Dave Reno, Unified Government, at (913)573-5307 or dreno@wycokck.org. To learn more about the Turner Diagonal's enhancement, visit the project website at TheTurnerDiagonal.com.

The Chiefs, a Pence, and a Prince

By Dr. Jim Haas

Congratulations to the Chiefs for making it to the Super Bowl for the first time since man first walked on the moon and the Beatles gave their last public performance. I've never been much of a football fan, probably because my high school won one game in three years and both of my colleges weren't much better. All had championship basketball programs, however, so hoops has been my game, and my game is inside where it's warm.



Watching TV is warm, and that young whippersnapper Patrick Mahomes has had me watching since last year. Excellence in anything is admirable, and he's a rare talent. One sportswriter called his deceptive moves "witchcraft" and said he's lucky he's not in 17th century Salem. I suspect he's an alien from Planet Scrimmage sent here to show mere humans how to play the game. Off the field, Mahomes is articulate, thoughtful, and modest, and routinely shifts interviews from himself to his teammates. He's not just an admirable athlete. He's an admirable man.

It's not all Mahomes, of course. Speedy receivers and offensive linemen allow Mahomes to work his magic, and the defense has come on strong. Andy Reid is a coaching wizard, a Gandalf of the gridiron. And Kansas City fans are enthusiastic and loud, and that makes a real difference. Win or lose, the Chiefs have had a great season. And Miami is warm.

Sports are recreation, an opportunity to set aside our troubles and obligations and relax for a spell, so it was disappointing when Mike Pence, campaigning two weeks ago in Wisconsin, said he favored Green Bay over San Francisco and that the 49ers are "Nancy Pelosi's team." C'mon, man. Supporting Green Bay is required when you're in Wisconsin, but politicizing football is more than irrelevant; it reveals an unhealthy tendency to see life through the lens of partisan politics. Let a game just be a game, not a tool for political advantage. As Sigmund Freud is supposed to have said, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

The Chiefs remind me of the Royals' championship seasons, and the Royals call to mind the royals across the pond where Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan have chosen to be less royal and less far away. It seems that the pair had finally gotten fed up with the relentless criticism, some of it overtly racist, by the British tabloid press and by royal family pressure to give the press more access to photos of their son, Archie. Wanting to protect Archie and their privacy, Harry and Meghan are withdrawing from most royal activities to split their time between the U.K. and Canada.

Good for them. British sensationalist tabloids like *The Sun* and *Daily Mirror* are famously intrusive and even belligerent, and Markle is currently suing *The Mail on Sunday*, a more respectable paper, for publishing a private letter to her father. A yearning for more privacy, certainly for their child, is understandable. They have a residence in Vancouver, one of the world's classiest cities, so maybe the paparazzi will let them be.

Harry and Meghan had to negotiate with the Queen to chart their way out of being full-time royals. They'll continue their leadership in several charitable and other activities, lose public financial support, and reimburse the cost of a recent remodel of their home in Windsor. They've said they want to become financially independent, and because Meghan is a talented actress and Harry is still a prince, they won't go hungry. I wish them well and only hope that Meghan was able to negotiate an end to wearing those silly hats the royal women favor.

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Sue's Soapbox



By: Sue Reich

person. I love that school.

My oldest son graduated from there in '79. I'll tell you a story, that is one reason why he hasn't spoken to me in 7 years. He wanted to graduate from Washington high where he lived most of his growing up days because he went to Bethel and wanted to graduate with them. Oh, well if he wants to divorce me that's ok. Got more where he came from. Oops that wasn't quite right was it? The staff there are pretty nice now. They sure weren't when I worked there 10 years. Oh, the past is the past is the past. Right? Except my Aunt Evelyn Larson when she was the principals side kick. I guess eventually they had to go thru the thorns get to the roses.

Speaking of thorns I am still fighting thorns in my life. Someday, just someday I will get to my roses. Thought I had, but things can sure change quite suddenly. Like I have said many times, if it wasn't for this little ol' paper, I would be wallowing around in thorns. Just pull them old thorns out and jump right back in doing the things I love. Do the things you love and put all the garbage that is going around and it will perk you up. I feel perked up right now just here at my computer and it really takes my mind off of what was bothering me. One more thing, if it wasn't for my furbabies, I would be all scratched up by thorns. They ARE my Roses. Love them so much. If you have furbabies, kiss them, hold them, talk to them, keep them warm watered, and let them sleep in your bed with you. Spoil them and you will meet your rewards.

Hey, love you all sweet people. Try to keep warm, drink your hot coffee and mind your p's and q's. From your little ol' gal from Argentine, don't live there anymore, but I still love it. lol. I'm not that far from it, and it will always be in my heart. You are all in my heart.

"A friend is that special someone, with whom you always feel at ease." From: *At the Heart of Friendship*. Sue.

Blind Date

By: Sue (Larson) Reich

I am sure some of you ladies have had blind dates, I never dated the high school boys

that I went to school with. They were all just buddies. Seems as though they were a bit immature and I liked the older ones. A friend of mine asked if I would go out with her cousin and I pondered a bit and said, "well why not". He was out of school. So, she arranged for me to stand out in front of my house. Coming around the corner was a short little fella with a black leather jacket and a duck tail haircut. He was even shorter than I was. As he got closer, he asked if Sue lived around here. I told him I didn't know, I was just here visiting my grandma. So off he went, and I tore for the house.

As the years went by, I was

hooked on country western music on the radio and they had all night dee jays you could call and request songs. This one in particular, he had a beautiful deep voice and I was always calling him. Eventually he asked me out for breakfast. Mom laughed and said he is probably (she gave a description which I cannot put in here). So that morning when he came to pick me up, a run-down car pulled up and a (mom's description) man and introduced himself.

So, after a couple of weird blind dates, I told myself, never again. But it did encourage me to write this poem way back then. I named it, "The Blind Date."

The Blind Date

I thought the night would never end.

I thought he'd never leave.
All evening long he was cutting wind.

And blowing his nose on his sleeve.

He talked forever all through the show.

While we danced, he stepped on my toe.

He belched and burped, crunched and slurped.

I really wanted to go.

Then he started to rub my hand as drool ran down his chin.

I really wanted to go on home, oh what a night it had been.



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

David Glass, age 84, passed away January 19, 2020. He was the Royals owner for 20 years.

Donald Lee Woolworth, age 76, passed away Jan 4, 2020. Argentine High class of 1961.

Mary Jo (Hurnst) Ernst, age 76, passed away December 17, 2019. Argentine High school.

Keith Mauer, age 73, passed away January 18, 2020. Argentine High class of 1964 BPU Foreman and Mason of Shawnee Lodge #54.

William Masters, age 100, passed away January 17, 2020. First Baptist Church of Turner.

Helen Rider, age 98, passed away January 18, 2020. Cafeteria man, ager for KCK School District.

Steve Roberts, age 74, passed away in January 2020. He attended Argentine Middle school and JC Harmon 1974.

Emelie Davidson, age 90, passed away December 27, 2019. Wyandotte High.

Ed Byrnes, age 87, passed away January 8, 2020. 77 Sunset Strip "Kookie, Kookie, lend me your comb".

Robert E. Strain, 73, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away on January 21, 2020. There are no services planned at this time.



These two women worked at Harmon as paras way back in the 90's. Hmmmm, wonder who they are?

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Ready for January to be over, I am! I don't have cabin fever I just hate the cold and ice and snow. I guess we should be thankful for the wet weather otherwise the trees and shrubs in our yard would weaken and perhaps die without the precipitation. It's a good idea to water plants, trees, shrubs, especially the newly planted ones when the soil is dry and not frozen. We should be seeing some warm-

er days in the weeks ahead. This would be the time to rake the leaves on the lawn to prevent the grass from suffocating and replace mulch layers on the flowers as needed.

The nursery catalogs have been clogging our mailbox and Calvin has placed a couple of seed and bare root plant orders; always looking forward another spring planting. He's been keeping the bird feeders and hearted bird bath filled. He also has a heated bowl for the cats and dogs that wander into the yard. We don't discriminate.

Our indoor plants have gotten a good dusting allowing the sunlight to reach the leaves. I water our plants with room temperature water and not as often as I do in warmer months and don't add fertilizer. As an experiment, I have been growing a few cacti from

seed for almost three years and now they are about an inch high. I only water them once a month in the spring and almost never in the winter. Maybe that's why they're so short.

If the winter weather is keeping you indoors, it might be a good time to tune up the mower, check your inventory of garden tools and replace them. Sharpen the blades of your shovels or spades. Check the wooden handles on your tools; sand and paint to prevent splinters. Painting handles in bright colors make them easier to spot in the garden. (I like bright pink).

Now, if none of the above is appealing, curl up with a good book or e-reader to learn more about gardening or -- just curl up with a good book. My solution to everything!

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SENATE NEWS

By Sen. Pat Pettey

2020 SESSION CONVENES

The first session of the new decade is underway!

Legislators ceremoniously convened Monday afternoon, January 13th, and awaited Governor Kelly's State of the State message on Wednesday followed by the presentation of her budget on Thursday.

The Senate took their first vote on Thursday with confirmations of more than two-dozen appointments made by the governor and the State Board of Regents during the interim. None of them were controversial and all passed with the constitutional majority.

Committees also began meeting this week to begin reviewing proposed legislation and to hear presentations from associated agencies to inform legislators on topics related to issues the Legislature faces. This year, I am serving on Transportation, Public Health & Welfare, and Ways and Means committees.

All branches of government were closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, and reopened Tuesday, January 21st.

Daily calendars, committee and district information, and full text and summaries of bills are all available online at www.kslegislature.org. To hear legislative proceedings, just click on "Listen in Live" on the homepage.

I am honored to serve as your Senator. My office is located in Room 125-E. Please feel free to contact me at 785-296-7375, or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov, if you should have any questions or concerns.

GOVERNOR DELIVERS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Laura Kelly outlined her vision for moving Kansas forward in the new decade in her second State of the State message (click here for the transcript) Wednesday before a joint session of Senate and House members, cabinet secretaries, and Supreme Court Justices.

In her speech, Governor Kelly recalled the devastation of the past decade and rejoiced in the progress made in her first year. These success-

es, achieved with bipartisan effort, included, but are not limited to:

- Properly funding schools and finally putting an end to the school finance litigation;
- Reinvesting in public safety;
- Stabilizing the foster care system;
- Increasing pay and lower health insurance premiums for thousands of hardworking public employees and their families;
- Taking the first step in ending the transfers from KDOT; and,
- Adding 12,400 private sector jobs.

"Above all, I am proud to report that Kansas has ended a turbulent decade on a high note," Gov. Kelly said. "As we look to the future, the state of our state grows stronger every day."

She ended her speech promising to veto any tax bill that "throws our state back into fiscal crisis, or debt, or sends us back to court for underfunding our schools."

GOVERNOR OUTLINES PRIORITIES IN BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor Kelly released her budget proposal on Thursday, outlining her priorities for her second year in office while continuing to restore fiscal responsibility in Kansas. For the first time in nearly two decades, the budget will not be dictated by school finance litigation.

The budget presented is structurally balanced with a strong ending balance and does not rely on raising taxes. It reduces state debt and includes a proposal to protect state employee retirement benefits now and in the future.

Specifically, the budget includes:

- Using excess ending balances to pay off \$602.5 million in debt in FY 2020;
- Keeping the funding promise to schools by putting Kansas on track to increase school funding by \$431.1 million through FY 2023;
- Expanding Medicaid;
- Reducing transfers from the State Highway Fund by an additional \$73.1 million in FY 2021;
- Increasing investments in higher education and career and technical education;
- Providing food sales tax and property tax relief as well as leveling the playing field by modernizing antiquated sales tax laws; and,

• Increasing Executive Branch state employee base pay by 2.5%.

Democrats are ready to get to work. I'll do my best to keep you up-to-date in the coming weeks as legislators begin to work through specific budget issues. In the meantime, to access the Governor's Budget Report in full, visit the Kansas Division of Budget's website at <http://budget.ks.gov>.

KPERS REAMORTIZATION PROPOSAL

The week before session began, Governor Kelly announced that she would be releasing a plan to reamortize KPERS over 25 years. Budget Director Larry Campbell explained during the budget presentation that the benefits outweigh the cost. Reamortization frees up SGF resources to invest responsibly in current needs, and it stabilizes the state's commitment to state employees.

Campbell went on to emphasize that reamortization does not reduce member benefits nor does it diminish, jeopardize, threaten, or weaken them. It also makes no changes to the KPERS board authority.

The state is on a path to have KPERS payments at \$1 billion. This proposal is the beginning of a conversation on ensuring budget sustainability while protecting benefits of hardworking state employees.

MEDICAID EXPANSION HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Senate Bill 252, the bill containing the Medicaid expansion compromise agreed upon by Governor Kelly and Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning, is scheduled for hearings in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare for those who support the bill on Thursday, January 23, and Friday, January 24, at 9:30 a.m. in room 118-N. For those who oppose it, hearings are scheduled for January 27 and 28 at the same time and location.

I am proud to be one of the 22 Senators who cosponsored this critical bipartisan proposal. It contains full expansion of Medicaid to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level with a 90/10 match, to be effective no later than January 1, 2021. It includes a robust work referral program and a modest monthly premium of up to \$25 per month, or \$100 for a family of four. Additionally, it includes an annual hospital Medicaid

expansion surcharge of up to \$35 million, which has been endorsed by the Kansas Hospital Association. There is no tax increase associated with this proposal.

Those interested in submitting testimony may do so by contacting the Committee Assistant, Donola Fairbanks, at 785-296-5123 or Fairbanks@Senate.ks.gov.

ABORTION DEBATE

Constitutional amendments seeking to eliminate abortion rights in Kansas were introduced Thursday in the House (HCR 5019) and Senate (SCR 1613). A joint hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Room. The hearing is expected to last most of the morning.

The amendments come in response to the ruling of the Kansas Supreme Court that determined Section 1 of the Kansas Constitution includes the right to personal autonomy, which includes decisions about pregnancy. The proposed constitutional amendments seek to strip these rights away from women and interfere with their ability to make deeply personal healthcare decisions.

For more than 100 years, all Kansans have had some of the strongest rights to personal autonomy in the nation. I will not support any changes to these constitutional rights.

OTHER BILLS TO WATCH

• DOMESTIC BATTERY SB 215, introduced by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, increases penalties for domestic battery and amending child endangerment to include domestic battery in the presence of a child. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. in room 346-S.

• MENTAL HEALTH PARITY SB 249, a bipartisan bill introduced by Senators Holland and Baumgardner, establishes the Kristi L. Bennett Mental Health Parity Act. The bill seeks to address the suicide epidemic in Kansas by ensuring that both mental health issues and substance abuse issues are treated in the same manner as physical health issues as required under the federal mental health parity act. SB 249 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

• HIGH DENSITY AT-RISK FUNDING SB 271 repeals the sunset provision for the high-density at-risk weighting. The current law has the provision expiring July 1, 2020. Additional funding is provided to K-12 schools with more than one-third enrollment of at-risk students. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

• FIREARMS SAFETY SB 261, introduced by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, enacts the Roy'Ale Spencer Firearms Safety Act, which requires firearms to be safely secured and establishes criminal penalties for violations. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

• DEFINITION OF RACE SB 250, introduced by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, amends the definition of "race" in the Kansas act against discrimination to include traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

• AGE OF RETIREMENT SB 269, introduced by Senator Vic Miller with bipartisan cosponsors, increases the mandatory retirement age for judges to 80 years of age. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

15 AND THE MAHOMIES FOUNDATION

In 2019 Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes established the 15 and Mahomies Foundation. Part of this foundation supports the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools District (KCKPS), KCKPS was just one of two school districts to be picked as the first 15 organizations to receive grant funding from the Foundation. Out of a \$15,000 announced award for KCKPS, \$7,000 will go to Quindaro Elementary School, and another \$8,000 to KCKPS district seniors with college plans.

Quindaro Elementary has made great strides in test score improvement, closing the achievement gap. The school will use the \$7,000 to assist their drive for excellence.

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er Association (APPA) has selected Kansas City as the site for its 2020 Lineworkers Rodeo and Convention. Scheduled for April 17-18th in Bonner Springs, KS and Kansas City, MO, the event brings together more than 1,500 journeyman, apprentice lineworkers, and others from around the country for several days training, skill building, and learning. The Rodeo component is a series of competitions in which 80 Journeyman teams and more than 100 apprentices will compete against one another testing both professional and lineman trade skills. Held on the grounds of the National Agriculture Hall of Fame, the Rodeo will be open to the public. Approximately 125 volunteers and 118 judges will be needed to help coordinate the Rodeo, the convention and Expo Hall, and recognition banquet -helping highlight and promote the best of BPU, Wyandotte County, and the entire Kansas City region.

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Crime Tip Hotline
(800) 572-7463

Crime Victim Referral
(800) 828-9745

By: Murrel Bland

About 50 people gathered in The Meeting Room of the Bonner Springs Public Library Saturday morning Jan. 4 to hear State Sen. Kevin Braun (R-Fifth Dist.) speak about legislative matters. The senator discussed budget matters and other issues that will probably come up as the Kansas Legislature prepares to start its 2020 session Monday, Jan. 13.

Sen. Braun used information including a flier produced by the Kansas Legislative Research Department with a pie-chart that showed where States money comes from and where it goes for Fiscal Year 2019. He said that nearly half of the income, or about 47.6 percent, came from individual income; about 39.5 percent came from sales or use tax. About 5.6 percent came from corporate and financial income. The balance came from other sources including

the tobacco tax.

State government spent slightly more than \$17 billion in Fiscal Year 2019. Of that, more than \$8 billion was spent on education and more than \$5.7 billion went to human services. Transportation received slightly more than \$1 billion and public safety received \$645.7 million. Agricultural and natural resources received slightly more than \$220 million. The rest, about \$1.2 billion, went to general government.

Sen. Braun said that Kansas law requires the State to have a balanced budget. He said it is important not only to meet the letter of that law, but to abide by the spirit of the law. He said he does not believe in taking on long-term debt to pay for current-day operational spending.

Sen. Braun said he favors a constitutional amendment that would require that "no

court, including the Kansas Supreme Court, has the authority to create for itself discretion of how State funds are allocated."

Sen. Braun said he is a "compassionate conservative" when it comes to caring for the elderly and disabled. However, he said he is concerned about the possible burden which expanded Medicaid could have on taxpayers. He said that currently 92 percent of Kansans have private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. He said he does not want to put this 92 percent at risk in order to provide coverage for the 8 percent who are able-bodied people who are not willing to work.

Jeff Coyler, who was governor in the fall of 2018, appointed Braun to the Kansas Senate. He was nominated by Republican precinct committeemen and committeewomen from Wyandotte and Leav-

enworth counties. He was an unsuccessful candidate to the Kansas House and the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities. He and his wife live in the Piper community.

Sen. Braun succeeded Sen. Steve Fitzgerald who resigned after losing in the Primary Election for U.S. Representative.

After Sen. Braun was chosen, he was quoted in a story in *The Leavenworth Times* that he will have the same driving conservative principles as Fitzgerald. However, Sen. Braun said he will "have a little softer approach."

The Fifth Senate District includes the cities of Lansing, Leavenworth, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and the Piper community.

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AAA: Travel Advice for Chiefs Fans Heading to Miami

Expert travel tips for members of Chiefs Kingdom heading south for the Big Game

WICHITA, Kan. - With the Kansas City Chiefs, for the first time in 50 years, clinching their spot to compete for the NFL championship on Sunday, February 2nd in Miami, there's a lot of pent-up demand across Chiefs Kingdom for fans wanting to be there in person for the game and festivities.

Flexibility will be key for those booking travel at the last minute, but as a AAA member, you could save big on game tickets, hotel costs and car rentals – a definite score for your wallet!

AAA Travel Advice

Airfare:

Because the location of the Big Game is in Miami, a well-known vacation destination, there are multiple airports (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach) to consider when booking travel. Be flexible and remember that with less than two weeks until the game, airfare inventory may be low. Other Florida airports – such as Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville – may provide additional flight options and pricing and perhaps more availability on rental cars, with a relatively short drive to Miami.

Bus and Train:

If you don't mind taking extra time to travel, bus and train routes may be another

consideration. Dates, times and the number of stops can vary but if your funds are small but your love for football is limitless, this option could be worth investigating.

Hotel:

Hotel options are plenty and available for all price points, however booking now may be within the non-cancellation period, meaning charges (typically one night's stay) for any cancellations.

"Being flexible with your flight, hotel and rental car options will be the best way to go about planning a trip to Miami for the Big Game, especially last-minute," says Matthew Bert, travel agent with AAA Kansas. "If your plans allow, consider extending your time in Florida to escape the winter weather much of the country is seeing. South Florida's average high temperature for February is about 75 degrees."

Travel like a Champion

- Making your travel plans with a travel agent is a good idea, especially to try and avoid any potential scams.

- Use your credit card when purchasing to give yourself a good way to have money returned if you need to cancel or dispute a charge.

- Read hotel/airline policies carefully so you understand

what cancellation policies entail.

- Call the air/train/bus company you will use to get there personally. Leaving your reservations and hard-earned dollars up to an emailed confirmation number can be risky. Do the same with hotel reservations. Try to talk to a live person who can confirm what you've just paid for.

Save on Travel with AAA

Tickets – AAA members save up to 40 percent off on all Ticket Monster sporting event tickets, including the upcoming Big Game. To purchase tickets, AAA members can visit AAA.com/Ticketmonster and enter their valid 16-digit membership number at checkout to receive their discount.

Hotel – Best Western – Save up to 15 percent off when booking AAA rates.

Rental Car – Hertz – Save up to \$15 on weekend and \$30 on weekly base rate rentals with promo code 205531.

Driving to Miami – if you decide to embark on the long drive (22 hours/1,400+ miles from Kansas City; 24 hours/1,600 miles from Wichita) to Miami make sure your vehicle is ready. While some maintenance and repair

tasks are best left to certified automotive technicians, there are several basic items motorists can easily check themselves between trips to their auto repair facility, including the following:

- Windshield Wiper Blades – If wiper blades are worn, cracked or rigid with age, they will not adequately remove rain, grime and other debris that can obscure driver vision. If the wiper blades are sufficiently deteriorated, the metal wiper blade frame could contact and permanently damage the windshield.

- Tires – Check and adjust tire pressure, including the spare. Inflate tires to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended settings—not the maximum pressure on the side of the tire. Check the tread depth by inserting a quarter upside down into a tire groove with Washington's head facing outward. The tread should cover part of Washington's head. If any of the area above Washington's head is visible, it's time to start shopping for new tires.

- Battery – Have your battery checked, especially if it is over three years old. Winter cold breaks down the battery internally and accelerates the rate of corrosion on vehicle battery terminals.

Guest Editorials

By: Tom Valverde

Posted online for the world to see, are damaging texts, photos, emails, handwritten notes, all giving more added detailed information about Trump's Ukraine scandal--at the core of his Impeachment. This information provided the name of what had previously

been only a phone number in Belgium. When asked about the who, what, and why of his tracking of former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch, a man who was running for Congress from Connecticut, Robert Hyde, gave the name of Anthony de Callaway. Callaway resides

Quotes To Ponder

By: Tom Valverde

"My father would have been embarrassed and ashamed, that a president of the United States was as incompetent and traitorous as Trump. The Republican party is now entirely illegitimate, as a political party. They are a bunch of sycophantic traitors, mouthing Kremlin propaganda to defend this detestable little man, who is occupying the White House. Trump is a disgrace to the office of the presidency."

Ronald Regan, Jr.

"Rep. Devin Nunes knew EVERYTHING about Russian interference. As he was formerly the chair of the House Intelligence Committee, he received constant classified briefings on it. And, he did Everything he could to convince the public that this was not true. Nunes is a Traitor. He belongs in jail."

Kurt Eichenwald, American Journalist and New York Times bestselling author

What will be the fate of Representative Devin Nunes? Newly released documents and phone records have established that Rudy Giuliani's right hand man, his personal aide, Lev Parnas helped arrange meetings and phone calls in Europe for Nunes in 2018. This was reported at the time by *The Daily Beast*.

Nunes had a meeting in Vienna with Victor Shokin. Shokin, who, at that time, held the position of Ukrainian Prosecutor General, and is the Corrupt man who Joe Biden had removed from his post for his lack of prosecuting Ukrainian corruption--at the request of several European Union allies, when Biden was Vice-president. Victor Shokin was told by Nunes that an immediate announcement of a new investigation into alleged corruption into the Bidens needed to be made, and to search for Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election. All of this to support conspiracy theories so often made by President Trump. It is fact that there is no such evidence that the Bidens acted inappropriately, nor is Vladimir Putin's often touted link of Ukrainian interference in the 2016 presidential election. It was Russia who hacked the Democratic server and had paid over 15,000 people to post negative items about Hillary Clinton on the internet!

Guilliani would offer no comment about Parnas, or Nunes. And when Nunes was asked about the allegations of his traveling to Vienna to meet with Victor Shokin, Nunes said, "I don't talk to you in this Lifetime or in the next Lifetime!" Such candor from an "honorable" congressman! Nunes was the chair of the House Intelligence Committee, at that time. Moreover, Lev Parnas' claims were so very shocking. His claims presented, for the first time ever, the efforts to search for dirt on Joe Biden by a ranking member of Congress. And were this not enough, "Nunes was also pursuing new ways for tarnishing the Democrats, by his "pushing for new allegations of Democratic corruption.

Smear reputations distract from the Corrupt motives of President Trump, and to Cheat the 2020 election, all in a desperate bid for Trump to remain in office, and out of prison, by running out the Statute of Limitations on so many of his misdeeds and criminal actions. Really? We all deserve so much better than having a Criminal syndicate running the United States! Trust that justice will be served in all aspects of the Trump Administration.

Huge Trove of New Information Regarding Trump's Ukraine Scandal is Released

Parnas!

Last December, the House Intelligence chairman, Adam Schiff remarked that, "It is deeply concerning that at a time when the President of the United States was using the power of his office to dig up dirt on a political rival, that there may be evidence that there was a member of Congress, complicit in that activity." We now know which member of Congress was complicit, Representative Devin Nunes. In addition, the chances are good, that more details into the whole mess of Trump's efforts to cheat the 2020 Election, are bound to be found in these documents.

What a "rogue's gallery" of Corrupt men surround President Trump, and we are supposed to believe that he is innocent and had nothing to do with the work done by Hyde, a longtime supporter

Lev Parnas, who the president claims he, "doesn't know". He is a close aide to Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, who is seen in multiple photos taken with Trump, and new photo taken of a table where there are name cards with those of Trump and Parnas placed next to one another- the scene of a meeting in a hotel conference room.

Rudy Giuliani acting as a letter of introduction to Ukraine officials, "with the full knowledge and consent of the President of the United States. His goal to have an announcement of an investigation into Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden and the 2016 election--to place the election interference blame on Ukraine instead of on Russia. The number of the soon to be charged or already indicted former Trump associates is approaching 50, and this does not include the members of his family who have been already charged. And again, we are supposed to somehow believe that Trump is innocent? The mind reels! In his interview, Lev Parnas has implicated Vice-president Pence, Attorney General Barr, and Secretary of State Pompeo. Only time will tell what is to become of all of Trump's rogues!

Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

So many times, people will say at dinner time, I Have to fix something for us to eat, something that's good, but I hate all of the hassle! This week's tasty treat is the ticket, it's delicious, it's something different, best of all, you can have a home-made dinner to serve in a little more than half an hour! Simple enough for an everyday dinner, and it's so good, good enough for company.

Chicken Vegetable Cobbler

Ingredients

3 1/2 c cubed bread, a tuscan or sourdough loaf
1/3 c parmesan, grated
1/3 c butter, melted
3 c frozen vegetables mix, carrots, cauliflower and broccoli
2 red potato, cut into chunks with peel
3 1/2c roasted chicken
1/2 red onion, chopped
1 jar refrigerator alfredo sauce, 10 oz.
1/2 c sour cream
1 c shredded white cheddar cheese
salt and black pepper to taste.

Directions

In a large bowl, place the cubed bread, then top with the melted butter and the Parmesan cheese. Toss the mixture well. Set aside.

Set oven to 400°. Butter or spray a 2 or 3 quart baking casserole dish.

Cook the chopped potatoes in microwave for 3 minutes.

Remove the meat from the roasted chicken and chop into medium sized pieces. In a large bowl, place the roasted chicken, the red onion, potatoes, frozen vegetables, alfredo sauce, sour cream, and the white cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper; mix to combine. Place into the baking dish, and top with the prepped bread cubes.

Place in oven, with no cover. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes. Serve with a green salad, and dinner is served!

At the market, there are two or three kinds of roasted chicken. Select the least flavored one, no lemon chicken. And as always, Enjoy!

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