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## The Case for Prosecution

By Dr. Jim Haas

The achievement was both admirable and disgusting.

Admirable because the bipartisan House select committee investigating the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol, after a year and a half of gathering evidence, succeeded in uncovering crucial facts about why and how the attack happened. Disgusting because it was necessary.



Much of the credit for the committee's success goes to chairman Bennie Thompson (D) and vice-chair Liz Cheney (R), pictured, who organized the work of its nine members and hundreds of staffers and made key decisions about how to present what they were learning to the public through a series of concise televised hearings as well as a final published report including all testimony and documentary evidence.

Committee members studied coverage of previous hearings from the JFK Warren Commission in the 1960s to the 9/11 hearings and understood that in the Internet age few Americans would or could watch lengthy, detailed

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## KCK native stars in mystery movie

By Murrel Bland

Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery. A film produced, directed and written by Rian Johnson.

Run time: 139 minutes. Available on Netflix.

My wife Carol and I recently enjoyed the Glass Onion film which has a Kansas City, Kansas, native as one of its leading co-stars— Janelle Monae Robinson. We recall first seeing her in 2016 in the movie Hidden Figures about three black women who crossed the all-white, male fraternity line to work as engineers for NASA.

Janelle grew up in the Quindaro community and attended Schlagle High School. She has been very successful as a singer and rapper.

Janelle portrays Andi and Helen Brand, twin sisters. Andi has been murdered. Her sister hires Beniot Blanc, a private detective portrayed by Daniel Craig. (Craig is the latest actor to play James Bond.) Ed Norton portrays Miles Bron, a self-centered billionaire who owns a large technology company. Bron invites a group of his friends to his private Greek island to help solve a murder mystery.

The plot also involves the Mona Lisa painting which is protected by reinforced glass and knives.

Glass Onion is a fascinating adventure film and well worth watching.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of *The Wyandotte West* and *The Piper Press*.

## OBITUARY

### Donald H. Simmons

Donald H. Simmons, 87, of Lenexa, KS, died January 4, 2023, at the Lakeview Village. Don fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith. Don was born June 15, 1935, in Argentine, KS., the second son of



Howard and Anna (Miller) Simmons. Don was raised in the Argentine community of Kansas City, KS and went to Stanley Grade School. Unfortunately, he suffered serious 2nd and 3rd degree burns on the back of both legs in a gasoline explosion while playing with gasoline and

matches at the age of 8. He was kept back one year in school for his recovery. The burn scars had a profound impact on his growing up years and beyond.

Don graduated from Argentine High School in 1954 where he played basketball in his freshman, sophomore and junior years. Although he wasn't able to make the final cut his senior year, he was the team's manager, the shot-chart shooting statistics keeper, sitting next to the scorer's table and travelled with the team on out-of-town trips.

He attended the University of Kansas for two years before finishing his college education at the Worsham College of Mortuary Science, a private institute in Chicago with an Associate Degree in

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### Memorial Service Doris (Dugger) Clark

Doris (Dugger) Clark (January 21, 1937 – January 5, 2023) passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023. Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service in Doris' honor on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 11:00am at Faith Baptist Church, located at 15285 S. 169 Highway, Olathe, KS 66062. She is survived by her husband Gary, three children, eight grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

# American Heart Association: Understanding cardiac arrest and emergency response following Damar Hamlin's collapse

## *On-site care explanations, Possible causes, Traumatic Stress of responders/observers, Resources for learning CPR*

While playing in the Buffalo Bills - Cincinnati Bengals game on Monday Night Football on January 2, Bills player Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest after a hit and was administered CPR on the field before being transferred to an area hospital, according to an overnight statement by the Buffalo Bills.

### On-site care explanation

Hamlin reportedly experienced a cardiac arrest – when the heart stops abruptly with little or no warning.

Early recognition of cardiac arrest improves the person's chance of survival and is key to starting the correct care of CPR and the appropriate use of defibrillation to restart the heart. The on-site medical team evaluated the situation and appeared to quickly remove his safety pads, begin CPR and apply the automated external defibrillator (AED).

CPR can help keep the heart pumping and blood flowing to vital organs until an electrical shock from a defibrillator is available to restore the heart to a normal heart rhythm. Then the patient can be safely moved for further medical treatment, supportive care, testing to determine what the cause of the arrest may have been and recovery, including both physical and mental health resources for the person and their family.

### Possible causes

Cardiac arrest can have several causes. Since Hamlin collapsed immediately following a tackle on the play, one potential cause could be commotio cordis. Commotio cordis is a rare phenomenon from a sudden blunt impact to the chest causing sudden death in the absence of apparent cardiac damage.[1] The blow to the chest at precisely the wrong time in the cardiac cycle causes an electrical abnormality in the heart resulting in an irregular heart rhythm that cannot pump blood to the body. Immediate CPR and a shock to reset the rhythm can help the heartbeat return to normal function.

Another cause of cardiac arrest that additional tests are likely to attempt to detect or rule out is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) or a thickened heart muscle – a more common cause of sudden cardiac death in young people and athletes specifically. The thickened heart can be due to a genetic condition or can be caused by athletic conditioning that thickens the muscles of the heart and can make it more susceptible to an irregular heart rhythm like ventricular fibrillation/tachycardia[2].

Traumatic stress for responders, observers

Witnessing and responding to a



cardiac arrest can be a very traumatic event and may cause lingering psychological impact regardless of the outcome. Lay responders and witnesses may need support and resources to help process their experience.

Responders have cited exhaustion, guilt, flashbacks, sleep disturbances, self-doubt, anger, sadness and fear. A positive outcome to performing CPR can mitigate some of the emotional responses; however, psychological responses are wide-ranging and individualized. In situations with a failed resuscitation attempt, PTSD symptom scores were twice as high for responders as those for non-witnesses.

“This was traumatic for everyone, especially Hamlin’s family and teammates but also for so many others involved and witnessing the event. More than 70% of cardiac arrests that do not happen in the hospital, occur in a home where access to medical professionals and an AED is not as readily available,” said Mariell Jessup, M.D., FAHA, chief science and medical officer of the American Heart Association. “Recognizing a cardiac arrest, calling 911 immediately, performing CPR and using an AED as soon as it is available are critical for survival. Statistically speaking, it is likely that the person will need to be helped by a family member or a friend in order to survive.”

Having community members trained in CPR and AEDs in public spaces can increase the chances of survival. The rate of bystander CPR in North America is estimated at only 39-44%, and only about 1 in 10 people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Improving the rate of bystander CPR is critical to increasing survival from out-of-hospital

cardiac arrest (OHCA).

The skill to perform CPR and use a defibrillator are the foundational components of preparing laypeople to respond to cardiac arrest. People also need to feel emotionally prepared to respond and be able to cope with the aftermath of actually performing CPR.[3]

### Resources for learning CPR

Each year in the United States, an estimated 350,000 people experience sudden cardiac arrest in the community[4]. Anyone who witnesses a cardiac arrest in the community (i.e., not in a hospital) can perform CPR. Roughly 70% of cardiac arrests that do not happen in the hospital, occur in homes and private residences, therefore, a friend or family member is mostly likely to be the person who needs to take action. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival.

For adults and adolescent children, Hands-Only CPR is an easy-to-learn skill that requires only two steps: call emergency services and push hard and fast in the center of the chest at a rate of 100-120 beats per minute.

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We are dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and powered by millions of volunteers, we fund innovative research, advocate for the public’s health and share lifesaving resources. The Dallas-based organization has been a leading source of health information for nearly a century. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.



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By Sharon Hoover

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

**W**elcome to 2023! Let's hope this year will be better than the last one for more than one reason. This week I received mail two days out of four and that is an improvement over the final few weeks of 2022. Blame the weather, not on your life. The Postal Service has gotten steadily worse

since Trump appointed the new Postmaster General. I know he made many changes and I believe he made the job so difficult for their employees that many of the said "Adios". Since my outgoing mail is not being picked up, I've resorted to taking my mail to the nearest post office. On my most recent visit, this morning, I saw a sign "We're Hiring" "Apply at usps.com/careers". I talked with the clerk at the desk to find out the location our post person comes from. We are in the 66106 zip code. He said it was the station at 558 Nebraska and we should get a delivery every day. Keeping my fingers crossed.

If you still have that old natural Christmas tree laying around, the UG and Parks & Rec has set aside several sites for you to

drop them off, but please remove all the decorations: City Park, 2601 Park Drive (south of Park Drive entrance); Leo Alvey Park, 4850 Metropolitan (off 47th near playground); Stony Point Park, 831 N 86 St; Wyandotte County Park, 600 N 126, (baseball fields). Last date for drop off January 31, 2023.

The KCK Chamber is still collecting coats until January 26, 2023. Children's sizes needed from 6-18. Adult sizes also accepted. Drop off at 727 Minnesota Avenue, Monday thru Thursday from 9:30am-3:30pm. For more information (913) 371-3070.

Over the holidays, I noticed one of the library's book clubs had selected "The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared"

by Jonas Jonasson. I don't belong to that book club, but the title intrigued me. If you are a Forrest Gump fan, this book is for you. It's really entertaining. I've placed a hold on the sequel.

"Eagle Days" at Mr. & Mrs. F. Schlagle Library and James P. Davis Hall at Wyandotte County Lake Park is fast approaching. Scheduled for Saturday, January 21 (9am-5pm) and Sunday, January 22 (12pm-4pm). The event features live birds, crafts for kids, bird watching on the lake, activity stations on the trail, photo ops and more. We went several years ago, and it was a fun day.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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# Medicare Part D Beneficiaries Now Able to Access Low-Cost Insulin, Free Shingles Vaccine at All Hy-Vee Pharmacies

## *Inflation Reduction Act makes reduced-cost monthly insulin supplies as well as free Shingrix vaccine available through Medicare Part D*

Hy-Vee, Inc. announces that Medicare Part D beneficiaries are now able to access reduced-cost monthly insulin supplies and free Shingrix vaccines at all Hy-Vee Pharmacy locations, as outlined in the recent Inflation Reduction Act, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

Insulin Out-of-Pocket Cap  
Under the Inflation Reduction Act, Medicare Part D beneficiaries who take insulin will see their out-of-pocket costs capped at \$35 for a month's supply of each covered

formulary insulin product, beginning this month at Hy-Vee pharmacies. A deductible will also not be applied to covered insulin products.

Starting July 1, 2023, individuals covered under Medicare Part B who take insulin through a traditional pump covered under Medicare's durable medical equipment benefit, will also not have a deductible applied, and cost-sharing will be capped at \$35 for a month's supply of that insulin.

To refill an insulin prescription or

transfer a prescription to their local Hy-Vee Pharmacy, individuals can visit [www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy](http://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy).

### Free Shingles Vaccine

The Inflation Reduction Act also makes adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) — including the shingles vaccine — available with no deductible and no cost-sharing to individuals with Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D). This makes coverage of vaccines under Medicare Part D consistent with coverage of vaccines under Medicare Part B, such as the flu and COVID-19 vaccines.

Individuals can schedule their Shingrix vaccination by contacting their local Hy-Vee Pharmacy. Shingrix is a 2-dose vaccine that is recommended for individuals 50 years and older. Individuals should get their second Shingrix dose 2 to 6 months after their first dose.

According to the CDC, the best way to protect oneself from shingles is to get Shingrix. Shingles is a painful rash illness, which sometimes leads to long-term nerve pain. The main symptom is severe pain, which can continue for months or even years. Individuals who have previously been infected with shingles should also get Shingrix.

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Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

Join us in monthly Zoom meetings – the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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# Don Simmons

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1958. Don was also a graduate of the Foundation of Funeral Service, Evanston, IL. After graduating he joined his father at the funeral home. Don married Sandra Henderson in 1956 and they had three children, Gary, Juli and Stacey. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1970.

Don's great-great uncle and great-great grandfather were among the first settlers in the small town of Argentine in Wyandotte County. Simmons Funeral Home was a neighborhood institution for over 130 years and the 5-generation family was part of the fabric of the community. Don was a 4th generation in the family-owned funeral home. Don held both a funeral director's license and an embalmer's license in the states of Kansas and Missouri for 50 years until he retired and sold the funeral home in 2008. Don and his father were instrumental in the acquisition and collection on hundreds of old black/white vintage photographs of the early Argentine community, it's people and businesses dating back to the early 1880s. Don was an avowed history buff and was keenly interested in family genealogy since his father Howard and brother Ron had a passion in tracing the family's lineage back to the 16th century (the 1500s) to England. Don was the great-great-nephew of Geddes Simmons, one of the founders of the small town of Argentine in 1882. Don's great-grandfather, George Simmons's brother Geddes Simmons was also one of the earliest settlers in Argentine, Kansas in 1880. Don's heritage was both English and German.

He took great pride in his Argentine heritage as well as his roots in the Argentine community and was dedicated to the greater good of the Argentine community. Don co-authored a book entitled the "Centennial History of Argentine with the assistance of Ed Shutt, another local historian in 1982, commemorating 100 years of the community. Being a history buff, Don was a former member of the Wyandotte County Historical Society as well as the Kansas State Historical Society.

Don was very active in the Argentine community of Kansas City, KS, serving in leadership roles of many local organizations. He was a past president of the Argentine Activities Association, past president of both the Argentine Optimist Club and later the Turner Lions Club. Don also served as secretary on the Cross-Lines Retirement Center's Board of Directors for many years. He was co-chairman on the Kansas City, KS Mayor Joseph Steineger's Anti-Crime Task Force Committee. Other previous affiliations were Ben Hur Masonic Lodge #322, a 32-degree mason in the KCKs Scottish Rite Bodies, Abdallah Shrine Oriental Band, and a past patron of Tirazah Chapter #85, Order of the Eastern Star. Don served in the 42nd Army Band of the Kansas National Guard for nine years in Kansas City, KS. He also was a member of the Kansas Funeral Director's Ass'n, past president of the Ottawa District #2, KFDA, and of the Greater Kansas City Funeral Directors Association, and member of the National Funeral Directors Association. Don's hobbies included collecting fine old English flow blue China, collecting antique wooden duck decoys and collecting Christmas nutcrackers. Other hobbies he liked were working jigsaw puzzles, collecting and reading books on old mining camps and ghost towns in Colorado. Additional interest included family genealogy, playing chess, photography and the movies. Above all, Don loved celebrating his birthdays at Manny's Mexican Restaurant with his family.

He was a life-long avid fan of collegiate basketball attending six NCAA Final Fours in the old Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, MO. but he was especially passionate of KU basketball and a devoted fan dating back to 1949 in the old Hoch Auditorium. Don became a long time fan of the K.U. basketball after attending his first game in Hoch Auditorium in 1949 with his older brother Ronald who was a student there. As a student there, Don attended the very first game played in Allen Fieldhouse in March 1955. As a fervent fan of KU's Jayhawk basketball, Don had a fanatical passion for personally

obtaining an extensive collection of over 350 autographs of former and the current KU basketball coach and coaches, ass't coaches, players and KU sport announcers through the years. He enjoyed endless conversations about KU basketball with Jayhawk players, particularly the older players who would share their stories of their playing times with Dr. Phog, Coach Dick Harp, and Coach Ted Owens rather than most of the younger and newer players. Don remained an avid, dedicated and loyal fan throughout sixty years of his life and was truly a true and livid KU basketball fan and a zealous supporter, go ROCK CHALK JAY-HAWK, KU. Don was the loudest in the any room during any game when he could not be there in-person at Allen Fieldhouse. Having a life-long passion for basketball, he was also a season ticket holder of the very short lived 1961-1963 ABL Kansas City Steers, as well as an original season ticket holder of the NBA Kansas City Kings, 1975-1983.

Don loved camping long hikes and backpacking in the high backcountry in the Rocky Mountains National Park, the Tetons National Park, and Glacier National Park. Don was delighted to accomplish climbing up to the summit of Long's Peak (14,230 ft.) on three different adventures with family members. Don loved finding, exploring and tramping around in the backcountry of various Colorado old mining camps and ghost towns in the family motor home, and the sometimes frightening and terrifying 4X4 jeep rental adventures on very rugged and terrifying trails. He also appreciated canoeing on the white waters of the Buffalo River in northwestern Arkansas with his son and friends.

He enjoyed serving on many committees and being a movie fan, Don was the "movie man" for 8 1/2 years by showing movies on the first Friday evening of the month at Southridge, Lakeview Village. He enjoyed documenting the history of Southridge building, running the annual Final Four basketball bracket board and the camaraderie of his special group at Southridge's social hour. He was a long-time member of the Village Presbyterian Church. He

joined Southridge's Yacht. Don also took delight in playing at the Westport Chess Club. Don got a kick out of going skydiving, once with L.V. employees and then with four of his family members. Throughout the following years, Don always treasured seeing old classmates at his annual all-class high school reunions.

On January 1974, a charming and beautiful lady, Carri Terrill, caught Don's eye at a singles group meeting. They started seeing each other and were married on June 7, 1975, in the Chapel at Village Presbyterian Church. Don and Carri lived in Overland Park for almost 30 years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Anna, a brother, Ronald, Don's wife, Carri, daughter Stacey and a daughter-in-law Anita, a nephew, Bill Simmons. Survivors include a son, Gary H. Simmons, of K.C.KS., daughter, Juli D. Simmons and her husband, Gary Mace, Topeka, KS., two stepsons, Daniel Terrill and his wife Kathy, Leawood, KS. and Ben Terrill and his wife, Sally, Shawnee, KS.; six grandchildren, Jason Simmons and his wife, Sarah, Louisburg, KS., Dan Simmons and his wife, Wendy, of K.C.KS., Ryan Griffin of Independence, MO, Jeff Griffin of Overland Park, KS., Kayla Lehman and husband Evan and Christopher Coffman and wife Anna, both of Topeka, KS., twelve great-grandchildren, Nola, George, Faye, Anthony, Trent, Zoey, Cora, Hailey, Sydney, Collin, Kaylie; Sophia and Liam. Five step-grandchildren, Brian, Connor, Kevin and his wife Allison, Matt and his wife Lynnae, and Melissa and her husband Rusty. Besides his immediate family, Don is survived by an extended family of two nieces, Ann Simmons and Sharon Carpenter, and seven cousins, Gary Curtin, Carol Manis, Mary Ann Hugunin, Sonny Anderson, Geraldine Walker, Richard Miller and Charlene Ross, many professional colleagues and associates and numerous dear friends. Other included members of Carri's family, Ed Mathews and his family, Mark (Linda), Mike (Christine), Kent (Jodi), Stuart (Susie) Ed's sister, Liz (Bert) and their children, Kevin (Phyllis) and Theresa. Also, Susan Terrill.

# The Case for Prosecution...

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questioning on TV no matter how important the subject. In a smart move, James Goldston, former BBC correspondent and ABC News president for seven years, was hired to advise on how to produce riveting TV that highlighted the most important revelations from credible sources and that included sound bites and videos easily spread on social media.

Among dozens of intriguing examples was the live sworn testimony of Cassidy Hutchinson, aide to White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and privy to presidential conversations. After the President was told that some of the January 6<sup>th</sup> mob was armed, Hutchinson said that he wanted metal detectors removed so anyone could join the gathering where he was about to speak, and said, "I don't \*\*\*\* care that they have weapons. They're not here to hurt me." The second prime-time hearing had 18 million viewers, about the same as NBC's popular *Sunday Night Football*.

Now the committee has released its final report including all the testimony of witnesses, participants, and others involved as well as thousands of emails, tweets, surveillance videos, and other evidence. As *New Yorker* editor David Remnick wrote, the report is a "rich narrative, thick with details of malevolent intent, political conspiracy, sickening violence, and human folly. There is no question that historians will feast on these pages ...." Yes, they will, and so can we. The report is free online: search "January 6<sup>th</sup>

committee report."

The report matters as an historical record but also as a source of reliable evidence of a deliberate, organized attempt to overthrow constitutional procedure and, in effect, cancel the votes of 81 million Biden voters, the most for any candidate in U.S. history. In the end, it was a failed coup despite 147 Republican congresspersons voting to overturn the election results. Some of them are still in Congress, a continuing threat to my vote and yours and to democracy. Liz Cheney: "I say

this to my Republican colleagues who are defending the indefensible, there will come a day when Donald Trump is gone. But your dishonor will remain."

And what about holding the perpetrators accountable? The Justice Department has so far charged 950 rioters with various crimes from trespassing to insurrection and hundreds more may be charged in coming months. But what about those who plotted to overthrow the election and organized a way to do it? The committee concluded that

"the central cause of January 6<sup>th</sup> was one man, former President Donald Trump, who many others followed."

The committee hadn't the power to prosecute anyone, so its report recommends the Justice Department charge the former president with four potential crimes: obstruction of an official proceeding; conspiracy to defraud the nation; conspiracy to make false statements; and, gravest of all, inciting, assisting, aiding, or comforting an insurrection. Congress has never referred a former president for criminal prosecution. Until now.



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