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Expanding Our African Horizons

By Dr. Jim Haas

Consider fabled Timbuktu. From the 14th century C.E. until the late 16th, Timbuktu grew to have perhaps 100,000 residents and was a major cultural center at the southern edge of the Sahara near the navigable River Niger. Timbuktu's great wealth came from trans-Saharan caravan trade in salt, gold, ivory, textiles, and slaves.

Part of the medieval Mali Empire, Timbuktu's rapid growth began when its ruler made a pilgrimage to Mecca and returned with architects and scholars to found a university. For centuries, Islamic universities had been the best in the world, and the University of Timbuktu soon attracted scholars from across Muslim lands. Its reputation drew students that eventually accounted for a quarter of the city's population, and the book trade became a major source of profits. A European visitor wrote that Timbuktu's people were superior in "wit, civility, and industry."

After Moroccans conquered the city in 1591, many scholars were accused of "disloyalty" to the new regime and were murdered or exiled, beginning Timbuktu's long decline. Today, it's a World Heritage Site with well-preserved architecture and libraries housing several hundred thousand medieval manuscripts.

Why bring this up now? Two reasons, the first being that as a young history teacher in KCK in the 1970s, I volunteered to spend a summer designing the district's first African history high school elective course. Like most history teachers, my background was in U.S. and European studies. With a significant number of students having African ancestry, it seemed right to expand my horizons to expand theirs.



With no Internet, libraries were my resources for the history of people and places I knew little about, but which were impressive for their well-organized kingdoms able to build civilized cultures in challenging environments from deserts to jungles. Timbuktu was among many flourishing cultural centers scattered across the world's second largest continent.

I found African art especially fascinating for its typically abstract beauty as in the pictured 2000-year-old sculpture from the Nok culture in Nigeria. African sculpture influenced Picasso and other modern artists. Being a musician, I was familiar with the influence of African music in the development of jazz, America's first original art form. We can hear the roots of jazz in recordings of African folk music made in the 1920s, particularly in their syncopated rhythms.

My other reason for writing about Africa here is a response to Florida Governor DeSantis's policy dictating that some history concerning race relations cannot be taught in the state's public schools, supposedly because it's "controversial." There's nothing controversial about things that actually happened, though we can—and should—debate their meaning. And we can—and should—respect and promote in schools the long history of Black humanity as we've long done for the heritage of others.

Banning ideas in schools is not what free countries do. Florida's education department disallowed a pilot curriculum in Advanced Placement (AP) African American studies, saying it "lacks educational value" even though it was written in cooperation with distinguished historians in the field. History curricula is best determined by scholars and teachers having years of training in how to judge sources and weigh evidence in the eternal search for truth. DeSantis and his right-wing allies are searching for votes.

DeSantis peddles "alternative facts." In a speech last fall, he said that "it's not true that the United States was built on stolen land." Of course it's true: people were here when the Pilgrims landed in 1620; thousands of Native Americans were forcibly relocated from Florida by the Indian Removal Act of 1830. DeSantis either doesn't know the history of his state or won't admit to it. In the February 6th *New Yorker*, Jelani Cobb wrote, "In general, the Governor's objective is seemingly to provide white Floridians, from an early age, with a version of the past that they can be comfortable with, regardless of whether it's true." Comfort is not a goal of education. Truth is.

WYCO Health Link Program Offers Free Transportation to Clinical Services in Wyandotte County

People in Wyandotte County can now get free rides to-and-from medical appointments through the WYCO Health Link program. The program is available for people who live in Wyandotte County and have an appointment at a participating clinic for non-emergency medical services. Individuals can participate in this program regardless of income, insurance coverage or immigration status.

WYCO Health Link began in August 2022. Since the launch, more than 250 rides have been provided to medical appointments across the participating clinics.

WYCO Health Link is coordinated in partnership between the Unified Government Transportation Department, Unified Government Public Health Department, Vibrant Health and the participating clinics. The goal of the program is to increase access to healthcare for people in Wyandotte County who may have trouble getting to

medical appointments due to lack of transportation.

About the Rides

Rides are scheduled for patients through clinic staff at each of the participating clinics. Unified Government Transit is the primary transportation provider for WYCO Health Link. Rides are provided at no cost to the patient.

* The WYCO Health Link program provides free rides to and from non-emergency medical appointments at participating clinics for people who live in Wyandotte County.

* Rides are scheduled for patients by clinic staff. Patients must have an appointment.

* Participating clinics include Duchesne Clinic, Family Health Care, JayDoc Clinic, KU Landon Center on Aging, Mercy and Truth, Pharmacy of Grace, Swope Health (West and Wyandotte Locations), and the Unified Government Public Health Department.

* Learn more by visiting: <https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Transportation/Wyco-Health-Link>

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KCKCC Art Gallery Honors Black History Month

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Art Gallery's first exhibition in 2023 is an artistic exploration of Black Appalachian culture.

In celebration of the exhibition, there will be a virtual artist talk for "Holler If You See Me: Black Appalachia" from 11 a.m. to Noon Feb. 21 in the art gallery. The talk can also be seen on the art gallery's Facebook page. Additionally, a closing reception will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 31. The gallery is in the Jewell Center on the KCKCC Main Campus, 7250 State Ave. The event is free and open to the public. The exhibition runs until March 31.

The exhibition features 10 Black Appalachian artists' efforts for inclusion, equality and negotiating self amidst systematic disenfranchisement, violence and loss.



YOU are invited

Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights organization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.

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

Join us at the monthly Zoom meetings – the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

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By Sharon Hoover

I missed the January Elder Bearies Potluck luncheon because I had been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid. February's potluck will be on February 15, 2023 at 12:00 in the Bear's Den at Turner Recreation Center. Bring a sweet treat to share.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

The Food Mobile will be at Bristol Hill UM Church on Tuesday, February 14, from 3-5 pm, 4826 County Line Road. This program was started sometime last year and continues to provide wholesome food to those in need.

Act Practice Test: High School students are invited to register for a full length Practice ACT test at the Main Library on February 18, 2023, at 9am. The test will take about 3.5 hours. Bring a photo id, #2 pencils, and a calculator (four function, scientific or graphing). Register online at kckpl.librarymarket.org. I wish a practice test was around 60 years ago when I needed it. Of course, handheld calculators were not even on anyone's radar.

The Main Library is hosting a Book Signing on February 25,

2023, from 2pm-4pm. Donovan Gardner will present his poetry book, "That Funny Thing Called Love". Copies will be available for purchase. For more information, call 913-295-8250 Ext. 1122.

Kansas Works is promoting a virtual Statewide Job Fair from 8am-5pm on February 22, 2023. Register bit.ly/3k7r7vR.

The ground hog saw his shadow yesterday, that means six more weeks of winter. Locally, the Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program helps low income households to cover the cost of heating, cooling, and energy efficiency improvements free of charge. Call 785 242-6413 to learn more about the program or apply online.

For almost twenty years the KCK Women's Chamber Foun-

dation has offered scholarships to nontraditional women students (age 24 or older). This year they have (5) \$2000 scholarships available and are now taking applications until April 3, 2023.

To apply <http://bitly/kckwcf2023>.

Recently I finished the sequel "The Accidental Further Adventures of the 100 Year Old Man" by Jonas Jonasson. This novel takes us up to 2018 and doesn't pull punches when he writes about Putin, Kim Jong Un, and Trump.

Rachel Hawkins, new novel, "The Villa" is one I couldn't put down. It's only 276 pages long but kept me guessing until the end.

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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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

the Legislature this week, and know that our Kansas Teacher of the Year, Brian Skinner, will represent us well as he conducts workshops across the state for our schools.

Also on Wednesday, Senator Mary Ware welcomed the Taiwanese delegation to Kansas, and Senator Jeff Pittman recognized the University of St. Mary for their 100th anniversary.

I hope you did something to celebrate our great state this Sunday, January 29th, which was Kansas Day. Last year, Kansas Tourism put out a phenomenal video honoring our state's admission to the Union and our motto, Ad astra per aspera. It still gives me chills!

THIS WEEK AT THE CAPITOL
On Wednesday, the 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year and the Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year were honored by senators representing their home districts. You can watch those speeches here.

Each of these educators is innovative in their teaching and classroom management, and works to improve their students' lives in big and small ways. I'm glad we had an opportunity to celebrate them in

COMMITTEE UPDATE

This year, I serve on the following committees:

- * Education
- * Public Health and Welfare
- * Ways and Means

Some committee work to keep an eye on:

* **ANTI-ABORTION COUNSELING CENTERS:** Senate Tax is hearing a billon Thursday, February 2 that would establish an income, privilege, and premium tax credit for contributions to anti-abortion counseling centers or residential maternity facilities. Anti-abortion counseling centers are defined in the bill as those that offer services "for the express purpose of providing assistance to women in order to carry their pregnancy to term [and] prevent abortion."

* **HOLLYWOOD, KANSAS:** Senate Commerce is holding a hearing on Thursday on the Kansas Film and Digital Media Industry Production Development Act, which provides a tax credit, sales tax exemption, and loans and grants to incentivize film production in Kansas.

* **SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP:** Senators Mark Steffen, Alicia Straub, and Mike Thompson have introduced Senate Bill 50, which prohibits social media companies from developing terms of service that permit censorship of speech. Steffen and Thompson have both claimed to have been censored by Facebook, and Thompson participated in public comments at a school board meeting during the pandemic that resulted in Youtube removing the video due to COVID misinformation.

Committee hearings and legislative proceedings are live-streamed from the Kansas Legislature's website and Youtube channel.

You can also track bills on the Legislature's website by clicking on the Bills & Laws link. You are welcome to testify before a committee – in person or remotely via WebEx – on any issue important to you. A written copy of your testimony is required at least 24 hours prior to the committee hearing.

I welcome your input on any of these issues. Please feel free to contact me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov.

GOVERNOR KELLY DELIVERS HER STATE OF THE STATE

In her first State of the State message of her second term, Governor Laura Kelly reflected on her administration's accomplishments in her first term, and laid out her priorities for the coming session. You can watch her remarks here.

On her first term accomplishments: In Governor Kelly's first term, we got Kansas back on track. She fully funded K-12 education for four consecutive years, restored funding to our roads and bridges, balanced the budget and paid off debt, and brought record private investment and jobs to the state. Since 2019, the Kelly administration has created more than 800 economic development projects worth more than \$15 billion in capital investment and more than 53,000 jobs.

On Axing Your Taxes: Governor Kelly has proposed a tax cut plan to immediately eliminate the state sales tax on groceries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products; create a sales tax holiday for back-to-school shopping; and cut taxes for retirees so nobody making under \$100,000 pays full taxes on Social Security income. This plan will save Kansans more than \$500 million over the next three years – on top of the \$1 billion in savings from the tax cuts we passed last year.

On public schools: Governor Kelly's budget fully funds K-12 education for the fifth year in a row – and puts us on the path to fully funding special education. This funding doesn't let Washington off the hook. Governor Kelly will work with our federal delegation to ensure Congress delivers the funding it's promised for special education services.

On workforce development: This past fall, Governor Kelly created the Office of Registered Apprenticeships – and now, 3,500

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Kansans are building careers in critical industries. Governor Kelly's budget increases funding for the Office of Registered Apprenticeships to strengthen the state's workforce. This funding will help all Kansans—particularly veterans, Kansans of color, and formerly incarcerated Kansans—obtain the tools they need to join our workforce.

On water: The single biggest issue facing Western Kansas is water. Our water supply is running out, threatening the farming economy that keeps our state going. Governor Kelly's budget fully funds the State Water Plan for the second year in a row. The budget also saves tax dollars by paying off debts and making investments to improve how we work with partners to secure Kansas water.

On Medicaid expansion: To date, Kansas has left \$6 billion of our tax dollars in Washington, D.C., and 150,000 Kansans without medical care. If we fail to expand again this year, we'll leave a staggering \$450 million in additional federal funding on the table. Expanding Medicaid keeps our rural hospitals open, keeps and attracts medical professionals to Kansas, and saves everyone money. More than 7 in 10 Kansans support expanding Medicaid—meaning that blocking expansion works directly against what Kansans want and need.

On medical marijuana: Governor Kelly is calling on the Kansas legislature to legalize medical marijuana so Kansans suffering from chronic pain, seizure disorder, and cancer can access the pain management treatment they need. Like other states, Kansas can find a fair and common-sense solution that prevents medical marijuana from being abused.

On mental health: Kansas—like much of the nation—is in a mental health crisis. We must do everything we can to knock down barriers to care—including by expanding programming in

schools and addressing the mental health worker shortage in Kansas. Governor Kelly also called on us to do our part to ensure our first responders can get workers' compensation for the care they need for post-traumatic stress disorder.

On the opioid crisis: Nearly every Kansas community has experienced the devastating impact of the rise in opioid overdoses. Governor Kelly called on the legislature to decriminalize fentanyl test strips to prevent Kansans from being exposed to fentanyl in the first place. We must take this step and protect our children. Governor Kelly's budget will provide funding for schools to have naloxone on hand to temporarily reverse student overdoses.

On early childhood: Making Kansas the best place in America to raise a family means supporting parents, making childcare abundant and affordable, and supporting kids during the most critical time of their development. Earlier this month, Governor Kelly issued her first Executive Order of her second term, to establish a task force that will explore creating a Cabinet-level agency dedicated solely to early childhood. It's the first step to ensuring the state puts more focus, more energy, and more resources into giving our kids the strongest start to life.

THREE PROPOSALS TO CREATE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

The Senate Assessment and Taxation committee held hearings on three different proposals for a back-to-school sales tax holiday this week. Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau introduced an initial measure last session. Her bill this year, SB 21, provides for a two-day sales tax holiday beginning in 2024. Senator Virgil Peck's proposal, SB 29, provides for a four-day sales tax holiday with no limits per item. And the governor's proposal, SB 55, provides for a four-day sales tax holiday on select items.

While these proposals differ in the details, the concept is sound. A sales tax holiday on school supplies provides \$5.5 million of

tax relief to parents and teachers annually, and allows businesses in border communities to compete with those in other states that have had these types of holidays in place for years. Legislators and conferees were overall receptive to the concept, and I'm optimistic that we'll be able to come together to pass a bipartisan bill that helps Kansans.

GOVERNOR KELLY ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$1.8 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR 10 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Governor Laura Kelly on Tuesday announced that 10 Kansas communities are receiving grants to assist with the creation of Family Resource Centers. These funds, granted by the Kansas Department for Children and Families, are part of its ongoing efforts to decrease the need for families to have formal contact with the agency.

Family Resource Centers are designed for all families with services at no or low cost for participants. Examples of services and supports offered at a resource center include:

- * Childcare resource and referral
- * Counseling
- * Early childhood programs
- * Food bank, cooking, and nutrition programs
- * Health screenings
- * Home visiting program
- * Job skills training
- * Legal services
- * Literacy programs
- * Parent leadership and peer groups
- * Play groups
- * Youth leadership and peer groups

DCF partners with the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) to administer the Family Resource Center network. KCSL will work with the communities to design and create their center. As the lead operator of the Parent Helpline 1-800-Children, KCSL offers important insights on parenting and caregiver resources that will help ensure the success of each Family Resource Centers.

FIXED-INCOME SENIORS AND VETERANS – READ BE-

FORE YOU FILE!

Thanks to a measure passed by the Legislature last session, certain fixed-income seniors and disabled veterans are eligible for the Homestead property tax rebate program. The refund is based on a portion of the property tax paid on a Kansas resident's home. The maximum refund is \$700.

To qualify you must be a Kansas resident, living in Kansas the entire year. Your total household income must be \$37,750 or less. You must also meet one of the following requirements:

* You were born before Jan. 1, 1967; OR

* You must have been blind or totally and permanently disabled all of 2022, regardless of your age; OR

* You must have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year who was born before January 1, 2022, and was under the age of 18 the entire year.

Applications are completed on your K-40 state income tax return form. More information can be found here.

2023 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE KANSAS SENATE.

They are: Teacher of the Year Brian C. Skinner from Newton USD 373, Jessica R. Gazzano from Spring Hill USD 230, Erica R. Huggard from Emporia USD 253, Mallory P. Keefe from Cheney USD 268, Pamela Munoz from Topeka USD 501, Kendal E. Norberg from Louisburg USD 416, Jaimie A. Swindler from Ottawa USD 290, and Carly R. Torres from Hutchinson USD 308

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Consumer Connection: Don't be left in the cold over winter weather insurance claims

Topeka, Kan. – Kansans are no strangers to winter weather. With the arrival of the freezing conditions comes the potential for winter-related damage to your home or property. Your homeowners or renters insurance policy can protect you against common winter damage, so be sure to contact your agent to conduct a review of your current policy and ensure you are covered for all the perils of winter weather. Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt recommends taking the following precautions to prevent the worst of the season's surprises:

- * Clear your gutters and prune trees to prevent structural damage from falling branches and ice dam formation.

- * Protect your pipes from freezing by detaching garden hoses from your home and winterizing your irrigation systems. When temperatures drop severely, leave your faucet running with a slight drip and open the cabinet doors

under your sinks.

- * Evaluate the insulation and ventilation in your attic, keeping the warm air in your home and out of your attic to minimize the formation of ice dams.

“Every Kansan should take precautionary steps this winter to help protect their property from freezing temperatures and winter weather,” said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “If you are a victim of a winter catastrophe, a burst pipe or a roof collapse, contact your insurance

agent right away.”

Review the Department's Homeowners Claims Settlement Guide to help you through the claims process. If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Division toll-free at 1-800-432-2484, email kid.webcomplaints@ks.gov or visit the Department online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Insurance Department in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.

January Total Tax Collections Exceed Estimate by \$56.2M

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that total tax-only collections for January were \$1.05 billion. That is \$56.2 million, or 5.7%, more than the January estimate. Those collections were also \$102.4 million, or 10.8%, more than January 2022.

“Month after month of tax collections surpassing the estimates show that, thanks to our laser-sharp focus on supporting businesses, we are now able to responsibly cut taxes for Kansas families,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “We should start by completely and immediately eliminating the state sales tax on groceries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products, creating a back-to-school sales tax holiday, and providing Social Security income tax relief to Kansas seniors. We will get that done if we work together.”



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