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What, Me Worry?

By Dr. Jim Haas

Such was the motto of Alfred E. Neuman, the gap-toothed, red-haired simpleton whose cartoon image was the mascot of *Mad* humor magazine from the 1950s until it ceased regular new publications in 2018. Neuman's motto doesn't fit our times any better than it did his with the Cold War, polio epidemics, Vietnam, and Nixon's crimes and resignation. Today, we *should* worry about attacks on democracy in Ukraine and on the vote in many states in the U.S., the COVID pandemic, racial and gender bigotry, the growing gap between the rich and the rest, and the existential threat of climate change.

But you know about those challenges. There's another worry that isn't as familiar: the declining birthrate in most of the world. Fewer children mean fewer workers to support the growing proportion of the elderly and fewer workers and consumers to keep economies humming.

At present rates, deaths will soon exceed births in China, South Korea, Japan, Europe, the Americas, Australia, and nearly



everywhere else except parts of sub-Saharan Africa. In India and Mexico, long known for rapidly increasing populations, birth rates are steadily dropping toward the critical number of 2.1, the number of children needed to replace their parents. In 2019, South Korea had the lowest rate of any developed country at .92—less than one child per couple—and has gone down every month since.

Rates in Europe are generally below 1.6; Italy has closed hundreds of schools and Germany has demolished 300,000 unneeded houses in 20 years, often turning the land into parks. Birth rates in Australia, Canada, and the U.S. are between 1.5 and 2.0 but the impact hasn't been as dramatic because all three countries attract helpful numbers of young immigrants.

This decline is a historic reversal of growth that has never before happened as far as we can tell and certainly not in historic times. Obvious questions are what is causing the decline and what its effects are likely to be.

Some causes are clear: easily available contraceptives, better educated women with satisfying careers, the costs of raising children, the lack of affordable childcare (and in the U.S. almost alone, the lack of universal healthcare and paid parental leave), and more people moving to cities from rural areas where multiple children were needed to help on farms and ranches. Some demographers believe the fast pace of life and its many distractions in developed countries makes having children a lower priority.

The downside of declining populations includes fewer workers contributing to corporate and government pension systems leading to higher contributions per worker or lower pensions after retirement, a shortage



of workers causing pressures to raise retirement ages (Germany raised it from 65 to 67 and is considering raising it to 69), closed schools and consolidated school districts and towns, fewer hospital maternity wards, and fewer young consumers buying things to equip their adult lives.

On the upside, fewer people use fewer resources, contribute less to climate change by using less energy, and earn higher wages because of a shortage of workers (though automation is filling the gap in repetitive jobs). Managed correctly, each person will have a bigger share of the economic pie.

Writing in *The New York Times* June 27, 2021, author Jill Filipovic framed the question of motherhood today as one of choice compared to olden times when raising a brood was a social obligation and the expected route to a "fulfilling" life. In the U.S., motherhood isn't declining—86% of women ages 40-44 are mothers—but one or two children is now the norm. For most mothers, it's the freedom to choose.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

etting in the suds again.
Sure glad too. Starting to
feel "normal" too. I sure
want to thank Melissa Liston for
babysitting my little furbaby one
day. Had an appointment & some
business to tend to.

Thanks dear. I got to be the Easter Bunny last Sunday. The suit was kind of big but I made do. I have been about everything except an Easter Bunny. Whew, it got a bit warm too.

What's with our once wonderful



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© 2022 by The Record Publications, LLC. Kansas City, Kansas. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without expressed written consent from the publisher. towns we live in? So much evil things going on.

Isn't it pitiful that our happy places are turning into scary places? Cemeteries have to lock up, More fences are going are going around businesses and homes, schools have more armed guards, bars on windows, carjacking, what is this all coming to? Such a sad situation.

Well my dear readers glad to be back. It just isn't too easy to pick up when someone leaves a 100 things to do. Take care ya'all. Love you and missed you.

Your Argentine/Turner buddy,



Turner Middle school is coming along beautifully. I remember when my son John Reed and my cousin Karen Larson graduated together in 1984 when it was the High School. My uncle, Robert Larson, and I sat together and laughed and cried at same time. It was odd that I was with my Aunt Marilyn and Uncle Bobby watching my cousin and my son graduate together.

Congresswoman to focus on supply issue

By Murrel Bland

Congress is working on legislation that addresses the national supply chain issue.

That was the message from U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Third Dist.) who was the keynote speaker Friday, April 15 at the Congressional Forum. The Forum is a function of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce. About 60 persons attended the luncheon meeting at Children's Mercy Park.

Rep. Davids said Republicans and Democrats have come together to help solve the supply issue. She said that shortage is particularly acute when it comes to microchips. The legislation has passed the House; a conference committee is working on the differences in the U.S. Senate bill. She said that the shortage has caused manufacturers such as General Motors with an assembly plant in Fairfax to shut down production for certain periods. She and U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, a Kansas Republican, are among those sponsoring this legislation.

Rep. Davids also addressed the workforce issue. She commended Johnson County Community College for its commercial truck driving school and Kansas City, Kansas, Community College for its technical education courses providing hands-on training for such jobs as machinist.

Rep. Davids said that the economy is getting back to "near normal." Last year, 6 million new jobs, a record, were created, she said. During the height of the Covid pandemic, many small businesses were helped with the federal Paycheck Protection Program, she said.

Rep. Davids is serving her second term in Congress. She is expected to seek a third term.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of The Wyandotte West and The Piper Press. He is an advisory director of Business West.

Kansas receives \$61.3 million payment from tobacco settlement

TOPEKA – Kansas has received its annual tobacco settlement payment totaling \$61.3 million, Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today.

This year's payment totaled \$61,332,864.66. As it does each year, the annual payment will reimburse the state for funds previously appropriated by the Legislature to pay the current fiscal year's cost of programs financed from tobacco settlement proceeds. Because of the timing of the annual tobacco payment in comparison with the state budget cycle, the Legislature each year appropriates funds that will not be received until the following April and then reimburses that amount when the annual payment is received.

Since the first payment was made in 1999, Kansas has received more than \$1.36 billion from the participating tobacco manufacturers. The settlement payments are intended to offset the costs of tobacco-related illness and disease that are borne by Kansas taxpayers through government-paid medical benefits. The payments are made each year pursuant to a legal settlement that resolved claims made by 46 states, including Kansas, against the tobacco companies in the late 1990s. The Kansas Legislature determined years ago that most of the annual settlement payments would be used to pay for various children's programs in Kansas.

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By Sharon Hoover

pring has sprung! Out and about on such a beautiful day, I stopped by Enrights this morning and they really have a great selection of annuals, vegetables plants, herbs, yard ornaments, and decorative pots of all sizes. Check them out at the Community Gardens Bldg. 667 S. 55th. My grape

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

hyacinths are up along with the daffodils, small blue vinca flowers, and the yellow woodland poppies. The lilac bush is starting to bloom, the peonies are growing like wildfire and the Hostas are beginning to peek out of the ground. I am definitely ready for Spring.

The exhibit celebrating Rosedale is now on display at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum through the end of May. The Museum is planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Fairfax Industrial District sometime later this year. They are looking for any objects with direct connections such as photos, uniforms, company newsletters, I.D. Cards, company products, commemorative items, marketing materials. They are also asking for any stories from people who worked at the companies located there. My dad

retired from the old General Motors BOP plant. When I was searching for items for the Shepherd's Center Bric-a-Brac sale, I found a few of his union pins, and service awards. The summer after I graduated from high school, I worked at the Sunshine Biscuit plant before I went to college. It was my first paying job and only lasted three months, but I figured out fast I was not cut out for that line of work. For more info call 913 573-2022 or wycomuseum@wycokck.org.

Today also happens to be Earth Day. About forty Turner Middle School students came down to the garden as part of the Jobs America program. This is their second visit in volunteering at the garden and will be visiting once a week until school is out. Today's project was to clean up the sedum berm and

help remove the damaged mimosa tree in front of the building. As I reported earlier this year, someone who had to speeding lost control of their vehicle and tore the benches from their concrete bases, ran over the plants, and caused the mimosa tree to bend the fencing. No one came forward to take responsibility.

Areminder, the Leavenworth Road Association, Sunset Hills Christian Church and the KCK Police Community Policing unit holds a food giveaway the first and third Fridays of the month starting at 1:30 pm (6347 Leavenworth Road) KCK proof of residency only for first time visitors.

Until next time, stay safe, and be kind to those around you. Get out and enjoy this beautiful weather. Feel lucky to be in America and say a prayer for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to be free.



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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

GOVERNOR KELLY ANNOUNCES TRANSITION TO COVID-19 ENDEMIC RESPONSE

Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced on Thursday their continued efforts to shift to the next chapter of the COVID-19 response, pivoting from emergency pandemic response to endemic normalcy. On April 1, KDHE will make changes to con-

tinue the transition from emergency response to our 'new normal,' which includes life with COVID-19—similar to how we deal with other recurring diseases like the flu. Using the lessons learned over the past two years, KDHE will continue to ensure the State is prepared for potential surges or other needs that might arise in the future.

This decision comes as current COVID-19 metrics are moving in the right direction. Over the last two years, KDHE has made significant progress in keeping Kansas communities safe with the help of partners throughout the State: over 7 million tests have been given, over 4 million vaccines have been administered, and over 78% of eligible Kansans

have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine.

Working with Local Health Departments (LHDs) and stakeholders, KDHE's endemic plan addresses six key areas that are designed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all Kansans:

- Intervention: KDHE will continue to provide comprehensive guidance, while continuing to offer additional assistance to underserved and/or vulnerable populations.
- Vaccination: KDHE will focus on making sure vulnerable populations have access to the COVID-19 vaccine while existing vaccine providers, including health care providers, pharmacists, hospitals, and LHDs, will continue to serve the broader population.
- Treatment: KDHE will continue to ensure Kansans will be able to receive COVID-19 treatment across the State, as treatment distribution shifts away from public health entities and back to local health care providers.
- Testing: KDHE will continue to support access to free testing across the state through community testing sites, LHDs, and K-12 schools as long as federal funding is available. In addition, the federal government provides direct testing support to Federally Qualified Health Centers and pharmacies around the state. To find a free testing location near you, go to knowbeforeyougoKS. com. KDHE testing support for Long Term Care Facilities will be phased out on May 15, 2022, and testing support for employers ends on June 30, 2022.
- Monitoring: KDHE will continue to monitor data as reported by organizations and facilities across the state to understand the status of COVID-19 and proactively identify at-risk groups. Public reporting will be reduced to once a week.
- Communications: KDHE will continue to provide essential and accessible COVID information to keep Kansans safe and aware of any subsequent changes to COVID-19 response efforts.

Across each of the above areas, KDHE will remain prepared to ramp up capacity to quickly respond to a surge and keep Kansans safe should the need arise.

IMPORTANT STATE PHONE NUMBERS

Here is a list of numbers I often receive requests for during the Legislative Session. I hope you will find this information helpful.

Attorney General (888) 428-8436

Child Abuse Hotline (800) 922-5330

Consumer Protection (800) 432-2310

Crime Tip Hotline (800) 572-7463

Crime Victim Referral (800) 828-9745

Department on Aging (800) 432-3535

Driver's License Bureau (785) 296-3963

Fraud Hotline (800) 432-3919

KPERS (888) 275-5737

Governor's Office (877) 579-6757

Highway Conditions (800) 585-7623

Housing Hotline (800) 752-4422

KanCare Consumer Assistance (866) 305-5147

Kansas Jobs (785) 235-5627

Kansas Lottery (785) 296-5700

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Linda I. Kemp, Property Supervisor Young Management Corporation 22602 State Line Road Bucyrus, KS 66013 913-947-3131 - 913-341-2428 (direct) TTY:711 The Record - April 28, 2022 Page 5

AG Schmidt Urges Better Disclosure, from GoFundMe

TOPEKA – Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is urging the owners of the GoFundMe payment platform to make meaningful changes in their disclosure policies to give Kansas consumers greater clarity on where their donations are going.

Schmidt was part of a bipartisan coalition of 28 state and territory attorneys general that sent a letter yesterday to GoFundMe outlining specific steps that they would like to see implemented to the crowdfunding platform. Users of the site pay a fee of 2.2-2.9%, plus 30 cents per transaction. But information on the terms of service and policies, particularly related to blocking, freezing, refunding, and re-directing donations, is hard to find and unclear.

"Platforms like GoFundMe are not and should not be empowered to unilaterally make decisions regarding where donated funds will go or why," the attorneys general wrote. "If GoFundMe is making opaque and unilateral decisions about which fundraisers are legitimate and which fundraisers to re-route donations to irrespective of initial donor choice, GoFundMe has likely crossed the line from fundraising platform to fundraiser itself. Such a role implicates significantly different regulatory schemes directed at ensuring transparency in charitable giving."

The attorneys general ask GoFundMe to take the following steps:

- * Explain in detail how GoFundMe investigates or analyzes fundraisers on its platform, and what criteria GoFundMe uses to determine whether those fundraisers are fundraising for acceptable purposes;
- * Explain in detail how GoFundMe determines whether to block, freeze, re-direct, or refund donations, and what criteria GoFundMe uses to decide which avenue to take;
- * Explain in detail how GoFundMe handles donations when GoFund-Me decides to (i) block donations, (ii) freeze donations or and/or (iii) re-direct donations;
- * Review its policies and terms of service to ensure that donors are adequately and conspicuously informed at the time of their donation of the circumstances under which their donation may be blocked, frozen, re-directed or refunded without their authorization by conspicuously disclosing those circumstances through the user interface;
- * Explain in detail the meaning of the term "unacceptable" in the context of its terms of service and describe whether there are additional internal policies defining it; and
- * Articulate any steps being taken to address these issues in the form of a responsive letter or a meeting with the attorneys general.

UG Hit by Cybersecurity Attack Over Holiday Weekend

Kansas City, KS – This weekend the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas was subject to a cybersecurity attack to its data centers. The Unified Government has been working diligently to restore services and data access. We encourage community members to check out our website wycokck.org or call 3-1-1 for updates on services impacted.

This is a fluid situation with an ongoing assessment of the damage underway. We are actively working with the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Mid-America Regional Council cybersecurity task force to determine what data, if any, may have been compromised.

We anticipate some services may be impacted. The Unified Government website is still accessible, and we will be providing updates as they are available.

Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

We make our living by what we get, but we make our life by what we Give

Sir Winston Churchill

Your gift could provide hot lunches to feed hungry people, distribute enough groceries to feed a senior citizen for a week or ensure that children from struggling families will have three nutritious meals a day... all month long.

Anything that you can offer to help will be used to make sure that hunger stops here.

We need your help... to stop hunger, today and every day. Won't you please help today?

Major Kelly Collins Divisional Commander The Salvation Army

The need for food assistance is still very great in Kansas City, KS. Many senior citizens live on fixed incomes from Social Security and pensions. Once home rent, utilities, insurance bills have been paid, they are left with little else with which to buy food.

Inflation has been very hard on all families and especially for our senior citizens. Harvesters reports that some senior citizens rely for up to 99% of their monthly groceries from food distributors such as Harvesters.

Fortunately, there are a number organizations that help provide food and necessities and even clothing to members of the community. Please inform persons in need of the help that is available to them as follows. Be part of the solution to banish hunger and need in Kansas City.

In Argentine, there's The Food Hub located at 3730 Metropolitan Ave. that provides for persons living ZIP code areas, 66106 and 66103. For information call (913) 831-4531.

In Turner, First Baptist Church at 701 S. 55th Street distributes food by appointment on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call (913)287-7755 to schedule an appointment. The church also offers walk-in Saturdays from 1-3pm.

The Salvation Army and Harvesters accept credit card contributions from VISA, Master Card, American Express and Discover.

Provide your Name as it appears on the card, Credit card Number and Expiration date and the gift amount. Send your complete home address daytime phone and a written signature.

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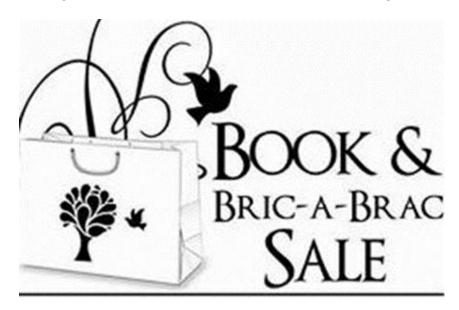
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Right now, thousands of local seniors are struggling to make ends meet... With your gift, you are helping give our neighbors the opportunity to live with dignity, and I couldn't be more grateful.

Valerie Nicholson Watson, President and CEO Harvesters. Hope you will send a generous gift or two. Thank you for caring about the need to help stop hunger in Kansas City.

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The Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas



Annual Used Book and Bric-a-Brac sale benefitting the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas

(an interfaith organization helping older adults in Kansas City, Kansas)

Bargains galore! Books, household items, jewelry, décor and much more!

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Donations will be accepted at the church beginning at 8am on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

No clothing or magazines will be accepted.

Call 913-281-8908 with questions or to schedule donation pick-up. Donations are tax deductible.

PS: We need volunteer help to organize and run the sale!

Can you give us an hour or two on Thursday to set up, or

Friday and Saturday of the sale? Call Melissa at

the Shepherd's Center office, 913-281-8908 to sign up for

a shift!

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What someone should do if they missed the April deadline to file and pay taxes

The federal income tax deadline has passed for most individual taxpayers. However, some haven't filed their 2021 tax returns or paid their tax due.

Some people may choose not to file a tax return because they didn't earn enough money to be required to file. Generally, they won't receive a penalty if they are owed a refund. However, they may miss out on receiving a refund.

On the other hand, tax owed and not paid by April 18, 2022, is subject to penalties and interest. Taxpayers in Maine and Massachusetts had until April 19 to file and pay due to the Patriots' Day holiday in those states.

Anyone who didn't file and owes tax should file a return as soon as they can and pay as much as they can to reduce penalties and interest. Electronic filing options, including IRS Free File, are still available on IRS.gov through October 17, 2022, to prepare and file returns electronically.

LEGAL PUBLICATION

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 22-016 UV-C Sanitizing Light Disinfection Telescope . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 22-016 – "UV-C Light Disinfection Telescope"

Bids will be opened 5/10/22 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office.

Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at http://www.kckps.org/index.php/invitation-for-bids.

(First published 4-28-22) 1t-The Record-4-28-22 The military community can also file their taxes using MilTax, a free tax resource offered through the Department of Defense. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to electronically file a federal tax return and up to three state returns for free.

If taxpayers find that they owe taxes, they can review their available payment options. The IRS has information for taxpayers who can't pay taxes they owe.

Some taxpayers may have extra time to file their tax returns and pay any taxes due. This includes some disaster victims, taxpayers living overseas, certain military service members and eligible support personnel in combat zones.

Filing soon is very important because the late-filing and late-payment penalties and interest on unpaid taxes add up quickly. However, in some cases, a taxpayer filing after the deadline may qualify for penalty relief. For those charged a penalty, they may contact the IRS by calling the number on their notice and explain why they couldn't file and pay on time.

Taxpayers who have a history of filing and paying on time often qualify for administrative penalty relief. A taxpayer usually qualifies if they have filed and paid timely for the past three years and meet other requirements. For details, taxpayers should visit the first-time penalty abatement page on IRS.gov.

LEGAL PUBLICATION

Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

Nothing can beat a classic favorite that is this week's tasty treat. Although it may look complicated to bake up, it's simple to make and there aren't any fancy ingredients or special techniques involved. Best of all, it is delicious and has a great look. Everyone will believe that it came from a bakery! So, please give my special cake a try soon.

TOM'S CHOCOLATE MARBLE LOAF

Ingredients:

3 Lg. Eggs

3/4 c Sugar

2 t Vanilla

1/2 c Canola Oil

3/4 c Milk

1 1/2 t Baking Powder

Chocolate Swirl:

2T Cocoa Powder, use

Dutch process for the darkest swirl.

1/4 t Cinnamon

2 t Sugar

3 T Milk

Grease and flour a 4.5" x 8.5" loaf pan or place a long piece of parchment paper with sides long enough to lift the cake from the pan.* Set oven to 350°. With either a hand or stand mixer beat the eggs until light. Add the sugar and beat for 4 minutes, until they're fluffy. On medium-high speed, beat the Canola oil, pouring it slowly, in a stream. Add the milk and whisk it in by hand. Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl. Add half and whisk together until blended, add the other half and whisk just until no dry flour remains. Place half of the batter into a bowl and whisk in the chocolate swirl ingredients. Add alternate layers of the batter into the loaf pan. Many thin layers are better than thickly added layers. Just before baking, use a butter knife and draw it, from one end to the other, going down the center. Bake at 350° for 40 to 47 minutes, until tested done. Place the pan on a rack for 5 minutes, then cool, placing the loaf upright on the rack. Make a chocolate buttercream frosting and frost the top, letting it slide down the sides of the loaf. Or, leave plain and just before serving, dust the cake with powdered sugar. Garnish with slices of strawberries, very appealing.

*The cake may also be baked in a Bundt pan if desired.

Store the cake in an air-tight container for up to 5 days, it will be eaten in only a couple.

A classic treat. Enjoy!

LEGAL PUBLICATION

Request for Proposal Advertisement

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals to replace roofs at Turner Middle School and Turner Recreation Center.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal will be provided to any qualified contractor free of charge by email request sent to crockettc@turnerusd202.org

Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 11:00 pm. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid Wednesday May 4, 2022.

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Passings...

By Sue Reich

Mark Quass, age 75, passed away on April 7, 2022. Served in the United States Marine Corps, Captain in KCKFD, retired after 32 years.

Vernon Guengerich, age 100, passed away on April 20, 2022. Member of the Argentine Mennonite Church.





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