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Balls

By Dr. Jim Haas

Forty years ago, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Barbara Tuchman gave a speech she titled “Mankind’s Better Moments” for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among her list of great achievements—men walking on the moon and returning safely, the Dutch adding half a million acres to their country over 60 years by enclosing and draining the Zuyder Zee, Vikings of the early Middle Ages navigating in open boats to Africa, Arabia, the Arctic, and North America—Tuchman included the invention of the ball.

“Man at play is surely as significant a figure as man at war or at work,” she said. “The invention of the ball may be said to rank with the invention of the wheel. Imagine America without baseball”

Ah, baseball. Basketball is my game, and I paid little attention to doings on the diamond until I read years ago a fascinating analysis

of a World Series by *The New Yorker* writer and editor Roger Angell (pictured). A baseball fan from childhood a century ago, he saw Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, and nearly all the legends of the sport.

Angell passed away last month in extra innings at the age of 101. A veteran essayist and humorist, he first wrote about baseball in

1962 and never stopped. His elegant writing explored the game’s subtleties, including the psychology of the players, and delighted in the dramatic lightning-quick double play or the majestic towering arc of a home run that



sent cheering fans to their feet and opposition fans to the concessions for another beer. Widely judged the best baseball writer ever, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, the only member also elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Among several lengthy profiles Angell wrote about star players was a 1985 piece about Royals short relief ace Dan Quisenberry, he of the sidearm submarine pitch that be-

fuddled batters both left and right: “His ball in flight suggests the kiddie-ride concession at a county fairgrounds—all swoops and swerves but nothing there to make a mother nervous; if you’re standing close to it, your first response is a smile.”

Angell appreciated Quisenberry’s whimsical humor that included his bargain with the ball: “I’m not

going to throw you very hard as long as you promise to move around when you get near the plate, because *I want you back*. So if you do your part we’ll get to play some more.”

Known for his off-beat comments, Quis-

once claimed, “I have seen the future, and it is much like the present, only longer.” Angell noted Quis’ cheerful relations with fans and his practice of giving autographs to all comers. Once, when a five-year-old boy appeared, Quis signed his first name then paused, looked at the boy, and said, “Hmm. I wonder how you spell ‘Quisenberry.’ Got any ideas?”

Curiously, the popular presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, also a Pulitzer winner, says her father’s love of baseball led to her first experiences describing the past. A Dodger fan in the day-game era, he couldn’t listen to games at work, so he assigned Doris, not yet ten, to listen and give him a detailed summary when he got home. It was history writ small but history nonetheless and steered her toward a successful career.

And she wasn’t finished with baseball. In 1979, Goodwin was the first female journalist to enter the Boston Red Sox locker room and went on to research and narrate parts of Ken Burns’ 1994 PBS documentary *Baseball*. To no one’s surprise, Roger Angell contributed as well.



New Organization Wants Action from UG

By Murrel Bland

It was part religious revival and another part political rally.

At the end of nearly an hour and one-half of a very well-rehearsed meeting, more than 1,000 members of 17 Wyandotte County churches got what they came for—a commitment from Mayor Tyrone Garner and two Unified Commissioners. The group met at Mt. Carmel Church of God in Christ in the Northeast Community of Kansas City, Kansas, Tuesday, June 7.

Members of the parishes have formed an organization called Churches United

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Good grief, thought the world was coming to an end. That storm was really fierce Tuesday night. Huge trees falling on cars and houses. Trampolines, sheds, lawn furniture being tossed around. Homes without power. Guess what? I slept through it. Little Moosie, my furbaby stayed under the bed. Everyone was talking about it, it was on TV all day. I heard the one the night before. Hail or sleet was hitting my window. Yep, Moosie was under the bed that night too.

So so sad as to what is going on in "America the Beautiful." Where are we going to be safe? Ever since Covid hit things have gotten worse. All those children, the teachers. One of the teachers husband died of a heart attack after she was shot and passed. It's bad enough to lose a loved one, let alone some madman



Does this look familiar? It should, we have been watching its destruction and construction for quite a while. Now it is a beautiful Middle school for Turner. It is still across from Christy's doggone good tenderloin place.

doing what he did in Texas.

Beautiful today. No rain or anything. This crazy weather is something else. I haven't put clothes away. Cool, wet, windy, sunny, cloudy, what next. I took Moosie for a walk the other day but, was smart enough to take an umbrella. Sure enough, it started raining. Sure glad I took that umbrella. But... the darn thing was broken and I couldn't open it for anything.

Hey all you dear readers, if anyone wants a copy of THE RECORD, they can go to: [www.](http://www.recordnews.com)

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So sorry I had to quit delivering papers, that darn Covid sure messed up everything. I knew three people that passed from it. If any of you know anyone that has passed and they were from Turner, Argentine, Rosedale or Armourdale let me know. By the way, forms were mailed out to old alumni that went to ARGENTINE HIGH SCHOOL. Probably not many left. Mr. Ed probably would have gone, but

he told me all his school chums were gone.

Keep safe, be kind. L'vya all, miss you too. Take care, your little ol' gal from Argentine, Sue

Governor Calls to Extend Child Nutrition Waivers


TOPEKA – Governor Kelly sent a letter urging Congressional leadership to extend federal Child Nutrition Waivers, which give schools more flexibility and resources to feed students during the summer and school year. The waivers are set to expire at the end of the month.

"The statistics are clear: without an extension of these waivers, more Kansas kids are going to go hungry, hurting their ability to succeed both in and out of the classroom," Governor Laura Kelly wrote.

The federal Child Nutrition Waivers provide students guaranteed access to meals throughout the year. Since they were established by Congress in 2020, these waivers have provided school meals at no additional cost to 30 million students nationally. If the waivers are allowed to expire, almost 10 million of those students would lose access to a guaranteed food source.

According to the nonprofit Feeding America, more than 120,000 Kansas kids are food insecure, yet 40% do not traditionally qualify for federal school nutrition programs. These waivers ensure Kansas children, regardless of their family's ability to pay, can receive school breakfasts and lunches.

Governor Kelly emphasized the need to extend the Seamless Summer Option Waiver in particular.



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By Sharon Hoover

If you are in the market for a new job, it looks like everyone is hiring: The state of Kansas will be holding a virtual job fair on Wednesday June 22 from 8am-5pm <https://bitly/Na7dif> They are looking for full and part time employees and offering internships. Eighteen departments of the U.G. have 78 job titles

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for open positions. Visit their website www.wycokck.org for applications or more information. The KCK Public Schools are looking for teachers K-12, bus drivers, food Service assistants, paraprofessionals, and substitute teachers. Contact aaron.watkins@kckps.org 913-706-5283 or eric.taylor@kckps.org 913-549-0153.

Looking for a WYCO Farmer's Market? I ran across a list of some but a couple of them had no hours or days listed. The ones that had complete info are as follows: KC Farm School, 4223 Gibbs, KCK 66106 Wednesdays 3pm-6pm; The Merc, 501 Minnesota Ave, KCK 66106 Saturdays 8am; Bonner Springs Market, 129 Elm St Bonner Springs, Saturdays 7:30am-11:30am. A few others were the KC River Market in KCMO, D & R Produce-KC, 1917 S

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Back to the books! I always considered historical novels as those covering events before 1900. Surprise! According to the front cover flap of "The Lioness" by Chris Bohjalian, "A luxurious African safari turns

deadly for a Hollywood star and her entourage in this historical thriller" ... It takes place in 1964. This make me feel ancient. I never thought I was a part of history but I am. Anyway, this book is excellent and suspenseful.

Another book I really enjoyed was by James Patterson & J.D. Barker entitled "Death of the Black Widow". This is their third collaboration in the past three years. Our hero in this novel is on the search for an elusive young woman. The time frame is from 1992 to now. She leads him on a merry chase with surprising results. Both books were published this spring.

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to be free.



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Dirty Dozen: IRS urges anyone having trouble paying their taxes to avoid anyone claiming they can settle tax debt for pennies

WASHINGTON—As the 6th item on the 2022 “Dirty Dozen” scams warning list, the Internal Revenue Service today cautioned taxpayers with pending tax bills to contact the IRS directly and not go to unscrupulous tax companies that use local advertising and falsely claiming they can resolve unpaid taxes for pennies on the dollar.

“No one can get a better deal for taxpayers, than they can usually get for themselves by working directly with the IRS to resolve their tax issues,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “Taxpayers can check

online for their best deal, as well as calling a specialized collection line where they can get fast service by using voice and chat bots or opting to speak with a live phone assistant.”

Offer in Compromise (OIC) “mills” make outlandish claims usually in local advertising regarding how they can settle a person’s tax debt for pennies on the dollar. The reality usually is that taxpayers pay the OIC mill a fee to get the same deal they could have gotten on their own by working directly with the IRS.

The IRS has compiled the annual

Dirty Dozen list for more than 20 years as a way of alerting taxpayers and the tax professional community about scams and schemes. The list is not a legal document or a literal listing of agency enforcement priorities. It is designed to raise awareness among a variety of audiences that may not always be aware of developments involving tax administration.

OIC mills are a problem all year long but tend to be more visible right after the filing season is over and taxpayers are trying to resolve their tax issues perhaps after receiving a balance due notice in the mail.

For those who feel they need help, there are many reputable tax professionals available, and there are important tools that can help people find the right practitioner for their needs. IRS.gov is a good place to start scoping out what to do.

These “mills” contort the IRS program into something it’s not — misleading people with no chance of meeting the requirements while charging excessive fees, often thousands of dollars.

An “offer,” or OIC, is an agreement between a taxpayer and the IRS that resolves the taxpayer’s tax debt. The IRS has the authority to settle, or “compromise,” federal tax liabilities by accepting less than full payment under certain circumstances. However, some promoters are inappropriately advising indebted taxpayers to file an OIC application with the IRS, even though the promoters know the person won’t qualify. This costs honest taxpayers money and time.

Before taxpayers start investing time to do the paperwork necessary to submit an offer, they’ll want to check out the IRS’s Offer in Compromise Pre-Qualifier Tool to make sure they’re eligible to file one. (Note: even though individuals and businesses can submit an offer, the tool is currently only available to individuals.)

The IRS also created an OIC video playlist that leads taxpayers through a series of steps and forms to help them calculate an appropriate offer based on their assets, income, ex-

penses and future earning potential. Find these helpful, easy to navigate videos at irsvideos.gov/oic.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that under the First Time Penalty Abatement policy, taxpayers can go directly to the IRS for administrative relief from a penalty that would otherwise be added to their tax debt.

OIC mills are one example of unscrupulous tax preparers. Taxpayers should be wary of unscrupulous “ghost” preparers and aggressive promises of manufacturing a bigger refund.

Ghost preparers: Although most tax preparers are ethical and trustworthy, taxpayers should be wary of preparers who won’t sign the tax returns they prepare, often referred to as ghost preparers. For e-filed returns, the “ghost” will prepare the return, but refuse to digitally sign as the paid preparer.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare, or assists in preparing federal tax returns, must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on the return.

Inflated refunds: Not signing a return is a red flag that the paid preparer may be looking to make a quick profit by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

Unscrupulous tax return preparers may also:

- Require payment in cash only and will not provide a receipt.
- Invent income to qualify their clients for tax credits.
- Claim fake deductions to boost the size of the refund.
- Direct refunds into their bank account, not the taxpayer’s account.

Choose wisely. The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about tax preparer credentials and qualifications. The IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

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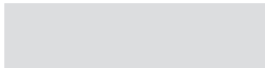
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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a cookie inspired by a recipe given to me by my friend Nick. He worked as a baker in a small shop and is now retired. This cookie has so much to make it appealing, a basic cookie that's glazed, then topped with an assortment of dried fruit and nuts. Use those in the recipe or use your family's favorites.

The banana can be substituted with one egg but this recipe is good for using ripe bananas. And the recipe can be halved to make just under 20 cookies.

Please give my special cookies a try:

TOM'S FRUIT AND NUT COOKIES

Ingredients:

2 1/2 c Flour

1/2 t Salt

1t Baking Powder

3/4 c Butter*

1 t Vanilla

2T Orange rind, finely grated

2T Bourbon or Brandy

Fruit and nut toppings:

1/2 c Pecans, Pistachio nuts or Walnuts

1/2 c Golden Raisins

1/2 c Dried Cranberries

Grated rind of an orange

Glaze:

3 c Powdered sugar

3 T Lemon juice

Additional powdered sugar and water, as needed Combine and whisk together the flour, salt and baking powder. In a stand mixer, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy about 4 minutes. Add one at a time and beat in, the Vanilla, banana, orange zest, and bourbon.

On low speed, add the dry ingredients and beat until just combined.

On a floured counter form the dough into a ball then flatten it to form a disc. Wrap it in plastic wrap. Chill for 1 hour or overnight.

Set oven to 350°. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Flour counter and roll dough out to just under 1/4" thick. Cut out rounds with a 3" fluted edge cutter. Space cookies 1" apart.

Chill 10 minutes in the freezer to keep shape. Bake at 350° for 12-14 minutes. Edges should be lightly golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack. Prepare the fruit and nuts by chopping into small pieces. Grate the orange zest and place them each in their own bowl.

Variation: Use candied pineapple, grated coconut, and dried cherries with sliced almonds. And instead of the bourbon use rum for a tropical cookie treat! Or, try with mini chocolate chips and walnuts.

Add a drop of yellow or red food coloring to the glaze for another way to present them. Prepare the glaze by adding the lemon juice and whisking until smooth. Dip cookie into the glaze to coat the top.

If the glaze is too thin, add more powdered sugar to produce a glaze that is opaque. Top the cookies with the chopped fruit and nuts as desired. Leave to set the glaze for a couple of hours. When dry, store in an air-tight container at room temperature. These cookies are tasty and so easy to make. Children can help by decorating the cookies with the fruit and nuts.

The cookies are beautiful to look at on a platter for coffee or tea. And they taste even better than they look. Remember to take some to a live alone neighbor, friend, or relative to give some joy and to let them know that you keep them in your thoughts and heart.

Enjoy!

Action from UG...

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For Justice (CUFJ). The faiths include United Methodist, Baptist, Philadelphia Bible, Peace and Fellowship, Church of Christ and Episcopal. The group's focus will be on the need for affordable housing and curbing violence.

The Rev. Andy Frazier, Pastor of The United Methodist Church, Bonner Springs, made an extensive presentation telling the dark history of "redlining," a practice eliminating persons in certain neighborhoods from receiving government-backed home loans. This was practiced here and in several other communities in the United States. Frazier said this practice had a far-reaching negative effect on communities including its schools.

Because of this injustice, CUFJ is proposing the creation of The Affordable Housing and Equity Trust Fund. It would be funded by a \$25 million fund from the Unified Government of Wyandotte County in Kansas City, Kansas; the source of the federal funds would be stimulus money awarded to local governments because of the Covid Pandemic.

The violence issue is very apparent as Wyandotte County has the highest homicide rate in the State of Kansas. CUFJ calls for law enforcement to work with CUFJ in securing a \$425,000 grant from the Unified Government to hire a representative of the National Network for Safe Communities. This

organization uses programs such as Group Violence Intervention (GVI). When used effectively, such as in Oakland Calif., it has reduced the homicide rate by 43 percent.

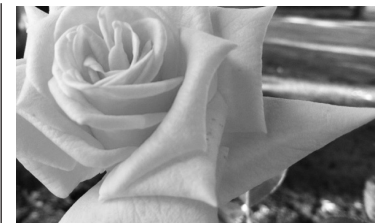
Mayor Garner and two Unified Commissioners, Gayle Townsend and Andrew Davis, said they supported the housing and anti-violence programs. But the political reality is that there must be at least three other votes before any proposal is passed.

Certainly CUFJ has done a lot of research. But there are some very practical questions that still linger with any such housing proposal. The first is the issue of skilled labor; right now those who build houses have difficulty in obtaining good help.

Often affordable housing has not been welcome in certain neighborhoods. There is also a Greater Kansas City public policy matter. Are other communities, such as Johnson County, doing what they should to support affordable housing?

CUFJ will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 22 to see if the Mayor and Unified Government Commissioners have accepted their proposals.

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



Passings...

By Sue Reich

Solomon Mosquada Rangel, age 99, passed away on May 31, 2022. Born in Turner. Left school in 8th grade to work and support his family. Was a proud veteran of WWII. Retired from the Santa Fe Railroad.

Henry Harvey, III, age 63, passed away on May 31, 2022. Attended J C Harmon High school. He went on to attend Grambling State University and the University of Kansas, earning a Bachelor's degree in technology.

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