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A Look Back - Bittersweet Experiences

By Rudy Padilla



When delivering the *Kansas City Star* in mornings, I would be waiting for the boss to stop by for me at 3:15 a.m. Then, I walked out to his truck, I would wave to the two teenage boys standing on the back. He always had older boys delivering newspapers from the back of his truck. I was 14 and a half and they were 18 years of age. They had to be strong to make some of the throws. I had the walking route.

After about 30 minutes, I would finish Central Ave. and the homes close-by.

I would then be at 7th and Reynolds Ave. where the boss had left me a stack of newspapers close to the street. He knew how many to leave me. I would cross the street and walk for a block north to Riverview St. Standing at the bottom of the hill, I didn't look up – it would be too discouraging.

For the 20 months I delivered the *K.C. Star*, this hill would test my will – twice a day from Mon through Sat. – and on the Sunday heavy day morning only.

One year earlier when delivering the *Kansas City Kansan*, I stopped by the house on the right, halfway up the Riverview Street hill. I asked the lady of the house to considering being my customer. She appeared to be in her early 40s. Every Saturday I would stop by to collect, and she couldn't be nicer. She was my favorite. She just was so genuine. Sometimes, her husband would answer the door, and usually didn't like to talk, so he would walk away and call his wife. Such a difference, he was a bit cold, and she was a joy.

About three weeks after starting my work with the *Star*, at 4 a.m. I was struggling to make it up the hill, when halfway up, in the moonlit night, on the right I saw the husband sitting on the front porch. He also saw me and stood up. They did not take the star, but he was walking out to where I had stopped. With a concerned face he only said, "why don't you come on the porch and sit for a minute?" After sitting down – with him on my right, he appeared ready to cry. After a minute he said, "She left me." I was stunned and it took me by surprise. Soon, I would ask him, "do you think she is coming back?" He simply shook his head as a 'no.' I was becoming sadder as I thought about this, and I was feeling not prepared at my age to console a 40-year-old-man. I believe that we both looked as though she had left us both. Soon the man said, "I know you have to finish your job – thanks for stopping by."

Several years ago, I wrote a weekly article (Caminos) for the *Kansan* newspaper – where I wrote about this couple and my still feeling the loss. I also included that I drove up that hill in my car just recently, and the house on the right was no longer there – it was now an empty lot with grass.

In 2010, I showed the article to my friend the Reverend Cathy Jenkins to help me to process this. The whole scenario was concerning to her. Her reply was – "She is still alive – I can feel that she is alive." That made me feel a bit better, but now I had many follow up questions.

Governor Kelly Opens Sportsbooks for Wagering Beginning Sept 1

TOPEKA – Governor Kelly announced that sportsbooks at Kansas' four state-owned casinos can begin accepting wagers in person and on mobile platforms starting September 1, 2022, and will officially open September 8. Sports wagering, like all gaming in Kansas, is owned by the state and operated by the Kansas Lottery. Under temporary rules and regulations, the state's four casino gaming partners can begin launching sports betting just in time for the first professional football game on September 8.

The four casinos contracted with the state to offer sports wagering through independent platforms are Boot Hill Casino & Resort; Ford County near Dodge City; Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane; Hollywood Casino at Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, KS; and Kansas Crossing Casino & Hotel in Pittsburg.

Tribal casinos are also working to align on contracts with the State of Kansas for sports wagering. These casinos will be authorized to launch as soon as they are ready.



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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Hey there, hope everyone is doing ok. I am so bored since I moved. All of my activities are gone except for The Record. If it wasn't for this, I would be bonkers. Hard to get pictures which I enjoyed. Sure hated to give up my home of 23 years. But as we know, life goes on. It really hurts to give up a lot of things that meant a lot.

Remember last week I spoke of UFO's? I have lived in a couple of haunted houses. Seriously, it happened. One house was really active. I thought my younger son was in the bathroom. My mom and I heard the cabinets and drawers opening and shutting. I hollered at him, "what are you doing?". No answer, so I knocked then opened the door and they were all open. No son was in there. Same house, mom and I went to the local grocery store and her husband stayed there watching TV. He heard the breezeway door open and the cabinets and drawers banging. He got up and went into the kitchen and walla, no Sue, no mom, no groceries. When we got home he was on the front porch waiting for us... scared!

On Gibbs road, that house was active too. Believe what you wish, but you had to be there. Have any of you had experiences with UFO's or the "unknown?" Let me know.

By the way, those hard working

people still need volunteers and \$\$\$\$ for their hard work. School has started and volunteers have

dwindled. After all it is for our community.

Take care everyone. Miss you,

take care, be kind.

Sue, your little ol' gal from Argentine/Turner



It won't be long. Who in the world is this "snow angel?"

Sports Wagering... *...from page 1*

"Legalizing sports betting is a common-sense solution that keeps Kansans' money in Kansas and drives business to sporting events, casinos, restaurants, and other entertainment venues," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I want to thank all our partners for working with us to get this done in time for football season."

Operators are being granted a one-year provisional license based on past performance in other states. The platforms that have been granted contracts will be announced soon.

Kansans will be able to use any of state-approved platforms within the geographic boundaries of the state.

"This announcement represents a lot of hard work and collaboration

between the Kansas Lottery, the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, our casino and tribal partners," Stephen Durrell, Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery, said. "The process to bring this to fruition has moved at an unbelievable pace. We are excited to be bringing sports betting to Kansas players and adding more fun and exciting play options to the Sunflower State."

In May, Governor Kelly signed Senate Bill 84, bipartisan legislation legalizing sports wagering in Kansas on mobile apps, in casinos, and other specific venues. SB 84 allows venues such as restaurants and nonprofit fraternal or veterans organizations to hold sports wagering. SB 84 preserves tribal sovereignty, allowing the negotiation of a new or existing gaming compact regarding sports wagering.



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By Sharon Hoover

A little bit of this and a little bit of that! My favorite hippo is now a big sister! Fiona of the Cincinnati Zoo now has a little brother. His name is Fritz. He was born on August 3, 2022 and weighed in at over 55 pounds. If you remember when Fiona was born 6 weeks early, she only weighed 29 pounds

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

and now at 5 years of age she is a 2000 pound beauty. Mom Bibi and Fritz are now bonding while Fiona is spending time with proud papa Tucker. Fritz was a bit of a surprise since Bibi was on birth control. Her handlers notice a few weeks before his birth that she was pregnant. Soon the whole family will be reunited, and the public will be able to enjoy them. Videos of Fritz are now available on the zoo's website.

Union Station announced today that the Mayan exhibit is now open. It is called "Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises". Scheduled for May, the delay in opening was due to problems with documentation from Guatemala. This is the first time for this exhibit in the United States. During an interview on TV, the president of the La Ruta Maya Foundation stated that the

300 artifacts on display represent only one-tenth of their collection. The organization is dedicated to the preservation of relics and artifacts of the Mayan culture. Tickets for adults are \$19.50 and \$14.50 for children (3-7). Special memberships and group fees are different prices. I didn't see an end date for the exhibit, but hours are 10am-5pm Monday thru Sunday.

After five years (2017), Tess Gerritsen has finally brought back Rizzoli & Iles in her latest novel "Listen to Me". I enjoyed the TV series that ran from 2010-2016, although the storylines were changed from the books. However, as I was reading, I couldn't help putting the TV faces and voices (in my head) as I read this novel. Angie Harmon will always be Rizzoli, Sasha Alexander as Iles, and Lorraine Bracco

as Angela. Good read.

A flyer just crossed my desk. It may be a little early but MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, October 9 to celebrate Shepherd's Center 36 years of service to Wyandotte County. The Kick's Band Swing Jazz Concert will be held at the George Meyn Center, 126th & State Ave, Bonner Springs, KS from 2-5pm. Barton Richardson will emcee the event. Cost is \$20. Each ticket includes the concert and a Taco Bar meal. To purchase a ticket email Melissa Bynum at Melissab@sckck.org or call 913-281-8908.

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Consumer Alert: Assignment of Benefits - the good, the bad, and the ugly

Topeka, Kan. – Every year severe weather forces Kansans into the insurance claims process. Those seeking to make claims on home property damage will likely need to enlist the help of a contractor. Working with a contractor can sometimes mean entering into a contractual agreement known as an “assignment of benefits” (AOB). Signing an AOB, enables a third-party individual/business to engage in the insurance claims process, make property repair decisions and directly invoice the insurance company on the policyholder’s behalf.

The Kansas Insurance Depart-

ment urges all Kansans before signing an AOB to 1) Check your insurance policy for any AOB restrictions. 2) Call the insurance company to see if they partner with any local contractors. 3) Verify the credentials of a contractor by asking for references and checking reviews. 4) Read the AOB carefully and never sign under pressure.

“While the AOB process works for some, it might not be the right fit for you, especially if it means giving up control of how the claim is handled,” said Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “I urge all Kansans to do their due diligence before signing an AOB

contract.”

The Good – If working with a trusted contractor, signing an AOB leaves the insurance claims process in the hands of the contractor. Entering into this agreement removes the policyholder as a middleman and has the potential to streamline the process.

The Bad – When a contractor is given power over the decision-making process, they must act within the bounds set forth by the property owner’s insurance policy. Violation of the policy’s terms and conditions (mistaken or not) could cause a claim denial and leave the policyholder on the hook for the costly mishap.

The Ugly – Unscrupulous contractors often consider AOB

agreements a blank check. They may try to perform unnecessary work or charge unfair prices higher than the market rate. This disregard for cost could leave the policyholder financially responsible for the amount not covered by insurance. Matters could get worse when there is a dispute between the contractor and the insurance company. AOB agreements allow contractors to pursue legal action against the insurance company in the policyholder’s name without their consent.

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Wikipedia:

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).

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MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn has been preselected to bid the KCKPS WP 19 Washington HS Elevator Addition. This project is an addition onto Washington HS for an elevator and adding a couple wheelchair lifts within school building. Project is located at Washington High School, 7340 Leavenworth Rd., Kansas City, KS 64109. Work will start in April 2023 and Substantial Completion is planned for end of July 2023. MBE/WBE participation is encouraged.

Bidding Documents may also be viewed and/or obtained electronically at www.buildingconnected.com Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on September 15, 2022 by JE Dunn at Kansas City Kansas Public Schools at 2010 N. 59th St. Kansas City, KS 66104. Please direct all Bids to the attention of Daniel Foye. Bids should be submitted via Building Connected website.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on site at Washington HS at 3:30 PM on August 31, 2022 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project. Attendance is strongly recommended. No other Pre-Bid Conference will be held. Please email daniel.foye@jedunn.com with any Bid Questions.

Bid Opening will start at 2:00 PM. on September 15th in person if you would like to join.

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MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn has been preselected to bid the Hwy. 58 Traffic Circle for Raymore-Peculiar 2021 Bond - Ninth Grade Center project. The scope of work is installation of traffic circle on Hwy. 58 in front of the new Ninth Grade Center in Raymore-Peculiar School District. Construction of the traffic circle will take place between March 2023 - July 26, 2023. Project will be bid turnkey. MBE/WBE participation is encouraged.

Bidding Documents may also be viewed and/or obtained electronically at

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/projects/62e43bd93b0743008b56397d/bid-packages>

Bids will be received until 10:00 AM on 09/09/2022. Bids will be received by the Contractor only electronically via Building Connected. Please direct all Bids to the attention of Molly Lyons.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams at 10:00 AM on 08/24/2022 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scope of Work on the Project. Attendance is strongly recommended. No other Pre-Bid Conference will be held. Email Molly.Lyons@jedunn.com for a link to the invitation.

Bid Opening will start at 10:00am. on September 9, 2022, via YouTube if you would like to join.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmvxertsjnZp2jLCUO-QIXkA>

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

The classified documents recovered by Federal agents at the former president's Mar a Lago estate, add to the picture of his out-of-control behavior after he lost the 2020 election. Warnings from White House lawyers that had previously reined Trump in were no longer effective... The Mar a Lago search warrant showed that Trump has grown more rash, thoughtless and heedless -- and more unfit than ever for the Presidency.

David Rohde, The New Yorker

Some of what was in Trump's possession is mind-boggling! Whenever you leave government, you just can't take it with you.

Javed Ari, Senior official, National Security Council during the Trump years

The group of thirty FBI agents arrived at Mar a Lago at 10AM on August 8th. They called ahead and informed the Secret Service that they had a search warrant as it was discovered that Trump still possessed many, unreturned highly classified documents. All three criminal laws cited in the warrant are from title 18 of the United States Code. None of the laws that were cited hinged on whether any of the materials was deemed to be unclassified. Each carries penalties for the unauthorized removal and retention of government documents.

The Hill, is the source.

I'm sure it was a revelation for the FBI agents who attended

that meeting at Mar a Lago in June, that there was apparently surveillance coverage outside the room that would indicate who was having access to that room, how often people were going in, and what the traffic looked like. That became a very important point for them and that would explain they subpoenaed the coverage. When it was viewed they saw something that alarmed them. They also received information from at least one witness who indicated that more classified material remained at the residence.

Andrew McCabe, Former Deputy Director of the FBI, from New York Times article by Maggie Haberman

It's really him saying that he owns material that really belongs to the people of the United States. Trump claimed to have "declassified" everything -- That's B.S. There's no magic declassification! And anyway, Merrick Garland was very careful in the three statutes that were cited to cite laws that did not depend on whether they were classified or not. It was material that would be highly damaging to the Country if they were released or possessed by someone without authority to possess it in insecure circumstances. So, it's really a Slam-dunk" case, the Attorney General seems to be building against the former president.

Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law School, Constitutional Law Professor

Pat A. Cipollone and Patrick F. Philbin, the former White House Counsel and his Top

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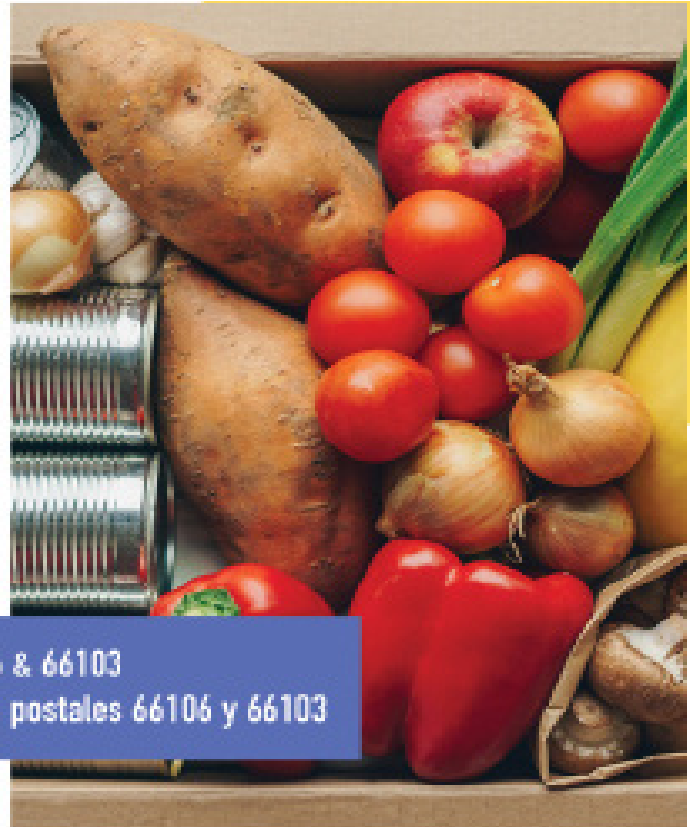


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