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Governor Laura Kelly Announces URBN Partnership to Create Up to 2,000 Jobs and Approximately \$350 Million Kansas Investment *Urban Outfitters Inc. to build 880,000-square-foot distribution center*

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced that Urban Outfitters’ Inc. (URBN) new 880,000-square-foot omni-channel distribution center will be located on ancillary land at Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County. The partnership between the State of Kansas and Philadelphia-based URBN will create up to 2,000 new jobs and invest approximately \$350 million in Kansas over several years.

“I’m excited to announce our new partnership with URBN and to welcome them to Kansas,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “This is a transformational project for our state, bringing a new, high-profile corporate partner and as many as 2,000 good-paying jobs. This was a true collaboration to generate an economic development success story that will deliver benefits in Wyandotte County and beyond in our state.”

URBN cited Kansas’ central location, transportation infrastructure and skilled workforce as key factors in choosing Kansas for its distribution operation, acknowledging the location as critical to its distribution network.

The Governor praised the efforts of the Kansas Department of Commerce in securing this move and reiterated the importance of focusing on economic development efforts during Kansas’ growth and recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Rebuilding our economic development efforts has been one of my administration’s top priorities, and it’s good that we did,” Governor Kelly said. “Our path to economic recovery will be through the investments we make to our economic development, infrastructure, education, and health care. Our new foundation will encourage more companies like URBN to bring their business to Kansas.”

Commerce Secretary David Toland said URBN is an ideal fit for Kansas.

“This project not only reflects the type of company our state is poised to recruit, it’s also a testament to how we want to work,” Secretary David Toland said. “Like the creative folks at URBN, our team was constantly thinking outside the box, considering many angles, remaining flexible, collaborating and putting

great minds together to make this work.”

“URBN is incredibly excited for the opportunity to become a part of the Kansas community,” URBN Chief Development Officer Dave Ziel said. “Our priorities in identifying the home for our new omni-channel distribution center focused on people, and it was the quality of the local workforce and the commitment of their representatives in the state that convinced us this is the right place to be. This facility will enable us to support continued digital growth at all our brands, and it will allow us to reach our digital customers faster and more efficiently than ever before. As the center of our distribution network this facility makes Kansas a home for us for the long-term, and we look forward to building relationships across the state as we grow together.”

“This decision to locate URBN’s new distribution center in Wyandotte County was months in the making, and I’m pleased they selected Kansas to be their new home,” U.S. Senator Jerry Moran

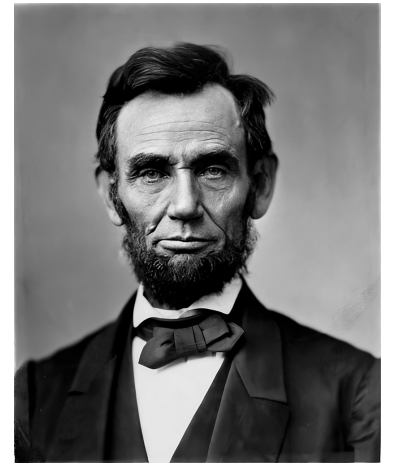
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Oligarchy or Democracy?

By Dr. Jim Haas

The November 3 General Election is when we get to make America’s history by choosing what kind of country we want to be a part of. In an interview with journalist Bill Moyers (at BillMoyers.com), Boston College historian Heather Cox Richardson suggests that what’s at stake is the proper use of government and that we have two broad choices: (1) is our government to “protect property, so that people can accumulate more and more of it and thereby get the power and the education and the connections to ... direct society in a way that’s [theoretically] good for all of us” or (2) is government to “protect equality before the law” and to guarantee that “all people are created equal and have equal access to resources and to opportunity.”



That’s a stark difference between a government run by the rich and powerful making policies that might—or might not—be “good for all of us” or a government, as Lincoln put it, “of the people, by the people, and for the people” making policies to benefit everyone as equitably as possible. Unless we’re among the small number of the rich and powerful, that should be an easy choice come election time. It’s a choice between oligarchy and democracy.

Richardson traces the fortunes of men with fortunes from pre-Civil War Southern plantation owners who directed a society ruled by—and for—white men to the post-war extension of white male supremacy to the West by cattle barons, farmers, and mine owners with little concern for Native Americans, Mexican Americans, or for the many Blacks who saw opportunity in the West but were literally white-washed out of ruling-class Western mythology. Nearly one-third of cowboys were Black, but we didn’t see them in Western movies, a fact brilliantly satirized in Mel Brooks’s 1974 comedy classic *Blazing Saddles* where the arrival of a mild-mannered Black sheriff panics the all-white residents of a frontier town. Blacks and Hispanics are also absent from the West in most schoolbooks.

Rule by the rich was the rule during the late 19th century Gilded Age when six Western states were hurriedly admitted to the Union in 12 months to preserve the Electoral College majority of white supremacist men of property. The old Confederate ideology had conquered the West and stacked the deck in Presidential elections. It still does.

The pendulum swung toward democracy with FDR’s popular New Deal that helped ordinary people weather the Great Depression, but the urge for oligarchy returned with Reagan’s distrust of government. He and other conservatives opposed unions as threats to the wealthy’s economic power; opposed safety, environmental, and other regulations as costly restrictions on their freedom to profit; and opposed taxes as taking their money to spend on those who didn’t earn it and didn’t deserve it.

Deregulation, low taxes, and the “privatization” of public services like schools, transportation, and the post office became goals for conservatives who see protection of their wealth and influence as government’s chief purpose. Public services belong to all of us, so, except for the military, the propertied class isn’t interested.

The alternate view is that government belongs to all of us equally and that the welfare of the community takes precedence over private advantage. The whole point of democratic government is to be a people’s union to promote the common good. Bill Moyers said the rich can “buy more yachts than the rest of us, but we can’t allow them to buy more democracy.” They’ve been buying more for decades. We can stop it in November.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



I am using Mr. Ed's email page because I can't get into mine. Don't know why. Was having trouble with my cell phone too and had to take it where we bought it to have it straightened out. Then when I went to do my articles this evening, my Gmail page is messed up. so "walla" here I am on Mr. Ed's. What a day, what a week, what a month, what a year this has been. I feel like I am on an out of control roller coaster.

Guess what? We went to McDonald's today for the first time in 5 or 6 years. It happened to be pretty good. I got a crispy chicken sandwich and couldn't believe how tasty it was. We went to Big Q's the other night and each got a small sandwich. I got turkey and Mr. Ed got pork. It was weird in there. Rusty waited on us and of course had on his mask. We took ours off so we could eat and there wasn't anything at all on any of the tables. He brought our sauce in a disposable container. The tables were several feet apart and there wasn't anything out at all on any of them. Gary was in the back doing the preparations of the food. Very bare looking. The waitress and I spoke, thru our masks of course, about being in a different dimension. Strange, strange, strange. One of our neighbors' kids has that coronavirus. Bless his heart, don't know where he got it but has to be quarantined for 14 days. Gosh darn it, why does this stuff have to happen? Everyone I know tries to be careful but there is always someone out there that doesn't give a hoot. I remember when other viruses broke out when I was younger but nothing like this. We were banned from swimming pools, the movies, but didn't have to wear masks. They came up with vaccines pretty quickly and we had to

get shots. After the flood of '51, we took typhoid shots. Polio shots became available, and of course those iron lungs were manufactured pretty rapidly. But now, they are talking about the middle of next year. We still went to school and played with our neighborhood kids and all.

I, like a lot of people, am going through most of our belongings and purging. Going to have a sale really soon. We have a very nice dining room set we are going to sell, a grandfather clock, a futon, lots and lots of knick-knacks, you name it, might have it. Mr. Ed isn't going to drive anymore so the 2003 Mercury SUV is going too. Whew, I am doing this all by myself because Mr. Ed's health isn't all that good. I am the designated driver. lol. By the way, we are still looking for a house that will fit our needs. In Turner, Turner proper, maybe Morris, Maple Hill, we drive around every time we are out. Really need the laundry facilities on the level where there are no stairs. Our current yard is too big for us to handle. Loved it when we moved here in '99. But we are 21 years older now. Know what I mean?

Well peeps, guess I will sign off and get myself in gear. have another big day tomorrow. Gotta go thru a lot more drawers, closets, rooms and etc. Take care. I want you here next time I write my Sudsy Soapbox to all of you. I do miss all of you. If you need anything, let me know, I probably have it. lol. lvy a all. Pleeeeee be careful, K? Your little ol' gal from Argentine. Sue "We are all manufacturers, making good, making trouble or making excuses." *Apples of Gold*

Did You Vote?

By: Sue Reich

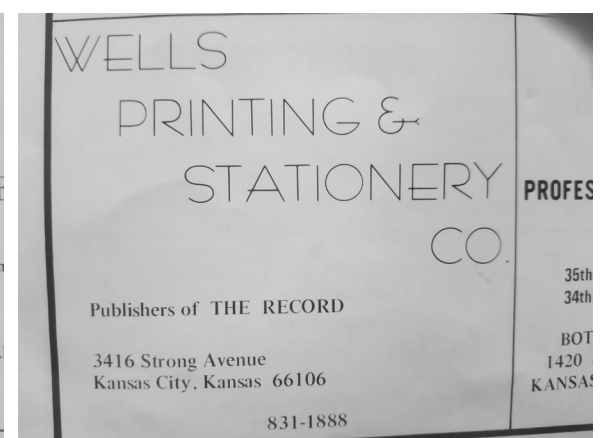
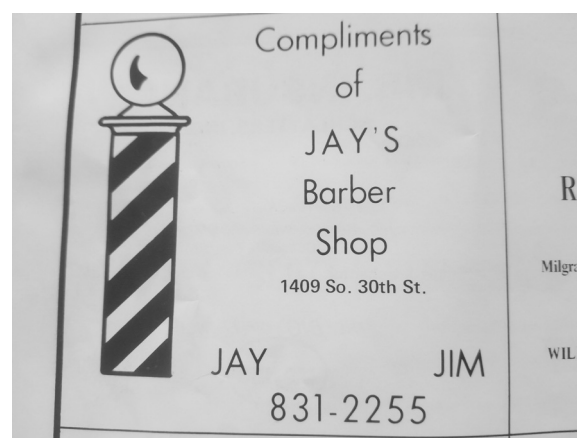
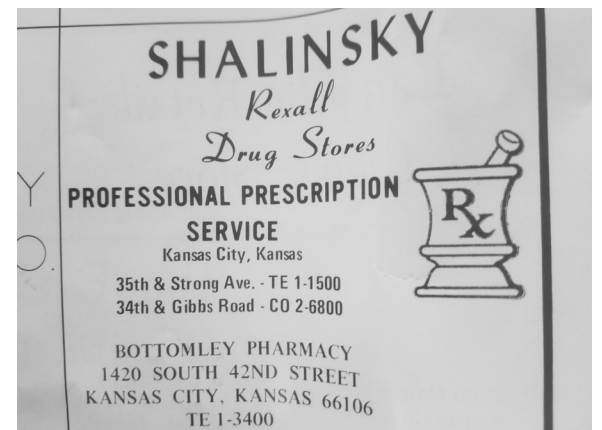
Well, we went to a different voting station to do our patriotic deed and voted for those who ran, some lost, it was sure different. I felt like we were incognito with our masks on and using our own special pen. All the booths were spread out and the vote counting machine was way down in a corner of the gym. The parking was horrendous, and I had park a ways away. Mr. Ed stayed inside the foyer while I went to get the

van so he wouldn't have to walk too far. Went to the Dr. today to get a handicap tag so he wouldn't have to walk too far anywhere. I wasn't too happy about one of the people that won again. We have had children murdered and the person that won doesn't seem

to get the ball rolling to find the murderer of one teenage boy that was murdered in a laundromat on Maple Hill. It has been almost two years nothing yet. So, I wonder what is going to be done about little Olivia. Her memorial has really grown where she was

partially buried. Sometimes I wonder if voting is really the thing to do. Seems to be the same ol', same ol'. Oh well, this world is getting so crazy, I don't know if it matters or not. Anyway, hope everyone voted whether your pick won or not. We tried, right?

An Advertising Blast from The Past



OBITUARY

Fidel (Wowie) Saucedo



Fidel (Wowie) Saucedo, 83, of Kansas City, KS passed away July 20, 2020.

He was the first of six children born to Luz Pacheco Saucedo and Fidel G. Saucedo on February 22, 1937 in Argentine, Kansas.

He graduated from Argentine High School. After graduation he joined the Air Force. He received an honorable discharge four years later. After leaving the Air Force, he worked at Fort Leavenworth, as a technician, till he retired.

He was a talented all-around athlete. He played in 3&2 baseball league and later played in Ban Johnson Baseball League. He got the nickname "Wowie", because sometimes he would hit the ball so far that people would say "w-o-w-eeee".

Later he played softball for the Argentine Eagles. While playing for the Eagles he played in many Mexican-American tournaments in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. In these tournaments he received the MVP award several times and made many friends. His love of baseball was passed on

to his children and grandchildren.

He was installed commander for the Argentine Eagles Post 213 in 1975 and held this position for many years. He worked very hard maintaining the Eagles Nest field and the building.

He married Rosa Rios and they had two daughters. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother Johnny.

He is survived by: Daughters, Pam Saucedo, Margaret (Doug) Begeman, and son Michael Griffith, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Siblings: Rick (Teresa) Saucedo, Ralph (Sally) Saucedo, Sister Fidel Marie Saucedo and Emily (Diego) Segui. Beloved Tio Loney Saucedo, aunts: Tina Abarca, Lala Martin, and Beatrice Robles. He was dearly loved by all his cousins, nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one-by-one, the chain will link again. Say hi to Mom, Pop and Johnny. Vaya con Dios Wowie and may you rest in peace. We love you and will miss you.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Be sure to stop by the Turner Community Garden's Market sales every Saturday from 9-12. But, the crew has been known to stay until 2 pm. The tomatoes are aplenty along with other various vegetables. Volunteers harvested over 60 pounds of peaches to sell and we have acquired sweet corn. I ate some corn the other day and it was the best. I cannot forget to add that honey is also available. Stop by for some friendly conversation and Turner's best produce.

I mentioned a few weeks ago I was watching some

K State Horticulture programs on Zoom. Well, K State has upped their programming and is now producing a weekly webinar series on Wednesdays from 12-1. I have been going on the internet to K State Garden Hour Webinar Series to find the registration form for each of the classes. The upcoming August ones are August 19, "Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe" and August 26, "Planting and Overseeding Your Tall Fescue Lawn". These webinars are all recorded and can be reached on the horticulture website. If you cannot find them, the extension office should be able to help. As soon as the listings are out for September, I will pass them along.

Wyandotte County K State Research & Extension is offering a live, on-line Extension Master Gardener Basic training, beginning September 3 and ending on December 17. The training will be held weekly on Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm. Two in-person trainings in addition to the Zoom trainings may be held with dates to be

determined. The goal is to offer EMG basic training while also respecting the health and wellness of Kansas citizens. The website to complete and submit an application and make payment (due August 26, 2020) is <https://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu> or check out the Wyandotte County Master Gardener Facebook page for more details.

I just finished a new book by Karen Robards called "The Black Swan of Paris." It takes place in 1943 Paris, France involving espionage, romance, and intrigue. I cannot explain why the forties hold such a fascination for me, I guess it has something a little to do with what was going on about the time I was born. A few years ago, Ken Burns produced a documentary series on World War II called "The War". We have been watching reruns now being shown on one of the PBS channels.

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AAA Finds Active Driving Assistance Systems

Do Less to Assist Drivers and More to Interfere

New automotive engineering research finds 73% of performance issues were related to lane centering

AAA automotive researchers found that over the course of 4,000 miles of real-world driving, vehicles equipped with active driving assistance systems experienced some type of issue every 8 miles, on average. Researchers noted instances of trouble with the systems keeping the vehicles tested in their lane and coming too close to other vehicles or guardrails. AAA also found that active

driving assistance systems, those that combine vehicle acceleration with braking and steering, often disengage with little notice—almost instantly handing control back to the driver. A dangerous scenario if a driver has become disengaged from the driving task or has become too dependent on the system. AAA recommends manufacturers increase the scope of testing for active driving assistance systems

and limit their rollout until functionality is improved to provide a more consistent and safer driver experience.

Active driving assistance, classified as Level 2 driving automation on a scale of six (0-5) created by the SAE International, are advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) that provide the highest level of automated vehicle technology available to the public today. This means for a majority of drivers, their first or only interaction with vehicle automation is through these types of systems, which according to AAA, are far from 100% reliable.

“AAA has repeatedly found that active driving assistance systems do not perform consistently, especially in real-world scenarios,” said Greg Brannon, director of automotive engineering and industry relations. “Manufacturers need to work toward more dependable technology, including improving lane keeping assistance and providing more adequate alerts.”

AAA tested the functionality of active driving assistance systems in real-world conditions and in a closed-course setting to determine how well they responded to common driving scenarios. On public roadways, nearly three-quarters (73%) of errors involved instances of lane departure or erratic lane position. While AAA’s closed-course testing found that the systems performed mostly as expected, they were particularly challenged when approaching a simulated disabled vehicle.

When encountering this test scenario, in aggregate, a collision occurred 66% of the time and the average impact speed was 25 mph.

“Active driving assistance systems are designed to assist the driver and help make the roads safer, but the fact is, these systems are in the early stages of their development,” added Brannon. “With the number of issues we experienced in testing, it is unclear how these systems enhance the driving experience in their current form. In the long run, a bad experience with current technology may set back public acceptance of more fully automated vehicles in the future.”

AAA’s 2020 automated vehicle survey found that only one in ten drivers (12%) would trust riding in a self-driving car. To increase consumer confidence in future automated vehicles, it is important that car manufacturers perfect functionality as much as possible—like active driving assistance systems available now—before deployment in a larger fleet of vehicles. AAA has met with industry leaders to provide insight from the testing experience and recommendations for improvement. The insights are also shared with AAA members and the public to inform their driving experiences and vehicle purchase decisions.

Methodology

AAA conducted closed-course testing and naturalistic driving in partnership with the Automobile Club of

Southern California’s Automotive Research Center and AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah’s GoMomentum Proving Grounds. Using a defined set of criteria, AAA selected the following vehicles for testing: 2019 BMW X7 with “Active Driving Assistant Professional”, 2019 Cadillac CT6 with “Super Cruise™”, 2019 Ford Edge with “Ford Co-Pilot360™”, 2020 Kia Telluride with “Highway Driving Assist” and 2020 Subaru Outback with “EyeSight®” and were sourced from the manufacturer or directly from dealer inventory. The 2019 Cadillac CT6 and the 2019 Ford Edge were evaluated only within naturalistic environments. For specific methodology regarding testing equipment, closed-course test scenarios and naturalistic routes, please refer to the full report here.

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(R-Kan.) said. “This partnership will bring good-paying jobs to our state and be beneficial for both URBN and the Kansas economy. I’m confident more businesses will continue to partner with our state as we work to bring more jobs and industries to Kansas.”

“I’m thrilled to welcome Urban Outfitters to Kansas, and I’m glad that they selected Wyandotte County as the location for their new distribution center,” Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03) said. “Our region is strategically positioned in America’s heartland as a major transportation hub, so this decision makes all the sense in the world. This partnership will bring thousands of jobs and much needed investments to our community, and in turn benefit our entire state. I look forward to working with Urban Outfitters to ensure it is a smooth transition.”

The Department of Commerce worked closely with KC SmartPort, the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Wyandotte County Economic Development Council and Unified Government of Wyandotte County.

“We are excited to welcome URBN to Wyandotte County, reaffirming our role in attracting new development and investment to the region,” Dave Alvey, Mayor/CEO of the Wyandotte County, Kansas City, KS said. “URBN’s community-centric mission, with a continued commitment to reducing employment barriers, good wages and benefits,

and local and minority hiring preferences sets them apart. While our region continues to feel the economic impact of COVID, it is new investment and economic development efforts like this that will allow our community to rebound quicker by creating new jobs, additional revenue, and future growth.”

“We have been proud to be a part of Wyandotte County and Kansas City for two decades,” Lesa Kennedy, Executive Vice Chair, NASCAR said. “We know URBN will be a great community partner and we look forward to working with their team to create an outstanding facility that will generate opportunity for years to come.”

“This is an exciting opportunity in Hillwood’s partnership with NASCAR and with URBN,” Ross Perot, Chairman of Perot Companies and Hillwood said. “Kansas’ workforce and infrastructure make it an ideal location for URBN’s new fulfillment center, and we look forward to working with them to develop their new state-of-the-art facility.”

“URBN’s selection of Kansas City is significant, and our region’s central location, robust infrastructure and access to a skilled workforce position the company for continued growth,” Tim Cowden, president and CEO, Kansas City Area Development Council said. “As a company that is socially conscious and has a mission to ‘do better every day,’ the presence of URBN will be a strong addition to our business community as we all continue to ensure KC is a welcoming, equitable and collaborative place to live and work.”



200802-N-PQ548-0012 ATLANTIC OCEAN (Aug. 2, 2020) Gunner’s Mate 3rd Class Corrin Abellar, from Kansas City, Kansas, shoots the line during a fueling-at-sea aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), in the Atlantic Ocean, August 2, 2020. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Strike Group is conducting operations in U.S. 6th fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Isaac Champlain/Released)

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Guest Editorial

Covid-19 Rages Out of Control, Over 138,000 Deaths in the United States

By: Tom Valverde

The Coronavirus Pandemic has caused so much, pain and misery to so many Americans; its death toll is now in excess of 138,000 dead Americans. And the devastation to all the families who have lost a loved one, and in some families, have lost multiple loved ones, is incomprehensible, and so sad to think about. And on this day, there were over 70,000 new Covid-19 cases. In spite of all of this, President Trump is seemingly oblivious of all of these facts, as he responds to the question, "Is the U.S. losing

the war against the Pandemic? Trump replies, "No, we're winning the war, we're going to be fine, over a period of time. But, unfortunately, we had this plague sent in from China. They should have stopped it!" Plagues aren't things that can simply be stopped, as we see here in the U.S. Mr. President, have you been able to stop the plague here in the U.S.? How is it that Trump believes that China should have stopped it? Maybe, President Xi, should just come out and say, "China has the Coronavirus Pandemic, all under control!"

This seems to work for Trump! Except for those who have fallen victim to one or more, of Trump's 19,000+++ lies and misleading claims. It's like nothing this country has ever had to endure. Trump lives in a world of his own reality, that only takes from the actual, those facts and thoughts which mesh with his own! This is why, President Trump has no problem with the notion of having all students return to school, this Fall. Small classrooms, with little to no ventilation, is the perfect situation for another surge in Covid-19 infections. And Trump has not offered states, the 10s of \$Billions, they will absolutely require, for all the PPE that every school will need, on a daily basis. The president is literally sending students and teachers, and their families to their deaths. This is a reality, that Trump simply refuses

to accept. Trump has an apparent disregard for the Nation's students, teachers and their families. Typical of the chaos and outright cruelty of President Trump, he has "threatened to cut off federal funding, if they don't comply and just when school districts will most need the support!" More unsettling news was reported by the *Washington*

Post: "Trump makes himself out to be a "victim" and complains in private, about the pandemic hurting him... "Trump often launches into a monologue, placing himself at the center of the Nation's turmoil." "Trump has cast himself in the starring role of the blameless victim of a deadly pandemic, of a stalled economy, and of deep-seated racial unrest. All of which happened to him, rather than the country. "This explains his lack of empathy for the families of the deceased; it's all just about him, and his woes. Trump forgets that he is the president, and that this having to deal with many problems, comes with the office. Trump is his own worst enemy, and the country's second biggest concern, with dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic being the Nation's chief concern. Time and Providence will tell! Stay vigilant, stay safe, and observe all CDC, and Health Department recommendations.

Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

Summertime is always a great time to enjoy the company of friends and family, and this week's tasty treat will be a hit, at your next gathering.

For best results, plan to make these delicious bar or appetizers, three or four days in advance. They are the Best!

Tom's Mediterranean Style Olives

Ingredients:

- 1- 7 oz. can Ripe Olives, drained and Rinsed**
- 1- 7 oz. Jumbo Green Pitted Olives
- 1 jar Stuffed Green Olives with pimentos
- 1 Carrot, cut into 1/2" pieces, thinly slices
- 1 small Red Onion, sliced into thin rings*
- 1 c Cauliflower florets, cut in half or thirds
- 2 t Fresh Thyme leaves, coarsely chopped
- 2 sprigs Rosemary, with the needles removed
- 4-5 cloves Garlic, each cut into 1/8" thin slices
- 1/2 Lemon, rind finely grated, then juiced.
- 1/2 c Red Wine Vinegar
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Optional additions:

- 1 jar Pearl onions

*Use either the Red onion, or the Pearl onions, not both.

**Very important step, if not well rinsed, these will tint the oil.

- 1/2--1 t Red Pepper flakes*

Directions:

Layer the olives, carrot slices, cauliflower pieces, Rosemary, sliced garlic, grated lemon rind in a wide mouthed Mason jar. Repeat until just at the lip of the jar, then pour the red wine vinegar and then the Olive oil, to cover.

* Use this sparingly as the longer the jar sets, the more heat the pepper flakes will impart.

Chill for three days and shake occasionally.

Bring to room temperature when serving, but good cold as well!

Great to serve with cheese and crackers, with Cocktails, Salami or Summer sausage, and they are always a tasty hors d'oeuvre or snack! Divide into smaller jars to give at the Holidays. These will keep for three months so begin in mid-November for giving at Christmas.

Presentation always counts, so top with a piece of cotton fabric and tie a bow with Raffia or twine. So easy, so quick to make, and so scrumptious! A tasty treat indeed! Enjoy!

Biggest Quarterly GDP Drop in U.S. History!

By: Tom Valverde

Q2, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from April to June dropped a staggering 32.9%. This represents the biggest drop in economic activity that the U.S. economy has ever experienced. The drop had been earlier forecasted at 34.7%. So, Q2 is slightly better than what had been anticipated. To compare, Q1 fell 5% making Q2 plunge 27.9% larger. Scott Bauer, CEO Prosper Trading said, "prices for domestic purchases, which are a key inflation indicator, fell 1.5% in the second quarter, contrasted with the 1.4 increase in domestic prices in the first quarter."

Though the cause of the record drop in GDP is due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the National Bureau of Economic Research states that the current recession, began in February 2020, a month prior to the Pandemic declaration. Mr. Bauer, said "The U.S. Economy has never been through this sharp of a drop over such a short period of time--Not even during the Great Depression, or the Great Recession." "To compare, the worst quarter during the 2008 Financial Crisis, occurred in the last quarter when Q4 GDP was a negative, -8.4%. and the previous low mark for the US GDP was a 10% drop which occurred in Q1, 1958. Every day is something new for the U.S. economy. There is nothing "normal" going on, and conditions have created the greatest wealth gap, not seen since the 1930's. Corporations prosper, as well as those persons invested in them or in the stock market.

Economist, Ray Dalio sums up the current state of the U.S. economy and describes it as a non-market economy, as a political economy, and as it being a "new paradigm." Along with having to deal daily with the Covid-19 virus, now there are new economic rules to understand in order to live and thrive in the United States, in the 21st Century. Good luck, best wishes to all!

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MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn Construction will be having a REBID on 5 Scopes of Work for the Lee's Summit 2020 Bond Project. Mason Elementary Addition and Renovations is a phased project in Lee's Summit, MO.

1. 07 I – Firestopping
2. 09 H – Resilient Flooring & Carpet
3. 12 C – Blinds & Shades
4. 26 A – Electrical & Communications
5. 32 G – Landscaping & Irrigation

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 PM CST on August 20, 2020. Arrive with sealed Bids between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:59 PM. JE Dunn Construction Headquarters

1001 Locust Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

There will not be an in person bid opening. A Virtual Bid reading will be conducted. If you would like to view the virtual bid opening notify Tracey.Kraus@jedunn.com

No emailed bids are allowed. Do not mail in Bids to JE Dunn or the School District, this is Not acceptable. Contact Molly Lyons with any questions at molly.lyons@jedunn.com EOE, Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

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Passings:

By: Sue Reich

Wilford Brimley, age 85, passed away August 1, 2020. He was an actor. He played in Cocoon, the Natural & many others.



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