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**Swine flu case
was not proved**
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In town today

Exhibits
New: Brady Commons Art Gallery, University Craft Center staff exhibit, multi-media art, 2 to 10 p.m. Empty Frame Gallery, Stephens College Art Students, 1 to 5 p.m. Columbia College Art Center Gallery, mixed-media prints and drawings, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Library, paintings and ceramics by Clara A. Bullard and George Gougeon and acrylic paintings by Steve Popkes, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. See Sunday Vibrations for continuing exhibit schedules.

Friday

10 a.m. Santa Claus to arrive by helicopter, Parkade Plaza.
Exhibits
Same as Thursday.
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Taxpayers can protest overcharge

By Donna House
Missourian staff writer

Boone County property taxpayers can legally protest a five-cent overcharge in their 1976 property taxes, County Collector George Parker said Wednesday.

Because of an error made in the county clerk's office, the average Boone County homeowner is being overcharged \$1.20 on a home with a market value of \$25,000.

County Clerk Murry Glascock set the

1976 tax rate at 21 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to pay off Boone County Hospital bonds, but an employee in his office incorrectly typed the tax rate at 26 cents.

The Missourian incorrectly reported Wednesday morning that the average homeowner is being overcharged by \$42 in property taxes on a home valued at \$25,000.

Under Missouri law, a taxpayer can take legal action against the property tax overcharge by paying his taxes under protest, Parker said.

Any taxpayer who wants to pay a tax under protest must file a written statement with the collector at the time taxes are paid, Parker said. This statement should include the grounds on which the taxpayer is basing his protest and any other facts, statutes or laws "on which he relies in protesting the whole or part of any taxes," he said.

Parker said the collector is required to hold taxes paid under protest in a separate fund until the legal protest has been completed.

Within 90 days after filing a protest,

the taxpayer must file a lawsuit against the county collector in Circuit Court, Parker said. "If the taxpayer fails to file legal action within 90 days, the protest is considered void," and the collector can distribute the funds to the proper officials.

However, if the taxpayer files a lawsuit against the collector and wins his case in court, the county is required to reimburse the taxpayer for those taxes which were paid in protest, Parker said.

Presiding Judge James Butcher has

said the county will not issue new tax bills this year but plans to lower the tax rate next year to account for the error.

Parker said that taxpayers should not try to deduct the 5-cent tax overcharge from their tax payments because his office will not accept payments for less than the full amount of the tax bill as sent to the taxpayer.

"Unless we receive some legal notice that says things have changed in regard to the tax rate, we cannot reduce or change the taxes that are owed in any way," Parker said.

Insight Infighting could cause GOP demise

Conservatives hope
to strengthen hand;
Connally makes push

By Warren Weaver Jr.
N. Y. Times Service

WASHINGTON — In the wake of the 1976 elections, political professionals of all persuasions see the Republican party as fighting for survival, perhaps closer to extinction than ever before in its 122-year history.

Most of its national leaders are viewed as either defeated, discredited or too old for any claim on future political influence. The no longer Grand Old Party has lost the White House, barely preserved apparently irreducible minorities in Congress and clings to governorships in 13 of 50 states, many of them small and politically impotent.

Less than a quarter of American voters are willing to identify themselves as Republicans. Within these declining ranks, the party faces an identity crisis of alarming proportions; there seems to be less agreement than ever on the role the party should play, other than simply as an alternative to the Democrats.

Faced with this dismal prospect, the Republicans appear to be heading for an internal struggle that could divide their liberal, moderate and conservative wings so irreconcilably as to reduce the constituency of the surviving leadership almost to invisibility.

This assessment, reached reluctantly by professionals in both parties, is disputed — as to the future if not the present — by those conservative Republicans who believe they can put together an effective new coalition if they are given control. Ronald Reagan said pointedly last week he would even accept a new name for the party.

The announcement Monday by Mary Louise Smith that she would resign as Republican national chairman in mid-January precipitated a contest for the post that appeared likely to narrow down to these blocs:

—Supporters of Reagan during his 1976 primary challenge to President Ford, who believe they have earned an opportunity to demonstrate leadership. Their candidate for the chairmanship will probably not be the former California governor but someone closely identified with his cause.

—Backers of John B. Connally, the former Democratic governor of Texas turned Republican. He said Monday he was not a candidate, but his description of the ideal chairman seemed to fit him as well as his hand-tailored suits, and his friends were reported to be making calls on his behalf.

—The beleaguered minority of Republicans who used to accept the liberal label but now style themselves moderates. They are already organizing an effort to block what they regard as the "capture" of party (See MODERATES, page 14A)



Coach Al Onofrio
On the job, as usual

Mary Bradford

Onofrio Unanimous vote backs him for another year

By Davis Lunay and Dave Eichenauer
Missourian sports writers

"Somewhere in this world there is a place for the honest man," said Jack Keith, a member of the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

The man, he said, is Al Onofrio. The place, at least for another year, is at the helm of the Missouri football program.

The official announcement came Wednesday morning from Chancellor Herbert Schoaling.

Reading from a prepared text, Schoaling said he "was pleased the athletic director and the committee put a program that reflects integrity, honesty and player welfare above 'win at any costs'."

The terms and length of Onofrio's contract will be set by the committee at a later meeting.

"The unanimous vote of the athletic committee is a strong and enthusiastic endorsement of Onofrio," Schoaling said. "We believe Al Onofrio has a football program that reflects the highest ideals of intercollegiate athletics and the Missouri tradition in which we all take great pride."

It was, above his coaching record (24 wins, 34 losses in six seasons) and 1976 season performance (6 wins, 5 losses), the integrity of the Missouri football program that swayed the committee in Onofrio's favor during the five hours of

deliberation Tuesday night.

"It was a very, very tough decision," said Keith, one of the four alumni on the committee. "But when it came right down to the nitty gritty, it is obvious that Al Onofrio is good for the University."

"The decision was the consensus of the group," said committee member Nancy Werst, an instructor in the Health and Physical Education Department. "I thought that the different factions in the committee complemented each other very well. The student members' opinion was actively sought and we are all very proud of them."

Charles Noel, a committee member from Macon, said the committee was concerned with maintaining the fine tradition of the Missouri football program.

"Onofrio's integrity and the fact that it has taken 40 years to get the program to this point of respectability were weighed very heavily," Noel said. "We would rather be 6-5 — not that that is what we want — and go with Al, than bring someone new in who would bring Missouri a 9-2 record and 95 allegations."

"We are not saying Al is the only honest coach in the country but we do know what he has done in the past. We know of times in the past when we have had recruits come to Missouri and then say they came here because we didn't

offer them a new car or something.

The members of the committee said that it was difficult to put the emotions of the 41-14 loss to Kansas behind them, so soon after the game.

"I think it would be hard to deny that we wouldn't have fired Al right after the game Saturday if we would have met. I am just glad the committee could put their emotions behind them during the evaluation," Noel said.

The meeting Tuesday night included what Noel called "some tough questioning of both sides of the issue." He said committee members reviewed letters and phone calls each received prior to the meeting. Ms. Werst said the expressions were overwhelmingly in Onofrio's favor.

Ms. Werst, a first-year member of the committee, said the close ties of the football program with the University were influential in the decision to retain Onofrio.

"I felt and I'm sure many of the other members felt that the football team is an arm of the University. The primary goal of the University in addition to education is the promotion of integrity and honesty. Since we felt that the team was a good portrait of these qualities there was not a need for a change in the program."

"Whether Missouri wins or loses, we feel we have won with Onofrio."

Young adults need second swine flu shot

By Kathy Batts
Missourian staff writer

Persons between the ages of 18 and 24 will need a second swine flu vaccination to be adequately protected, Columbia health director Mike Sanford said Wednesday.

Field trials conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service show that persons 24 years of age and younger do not get enough antibody protection

from one dose of vaccine.

"The immunity response in the human body develops with age," Sanford said. "The response is not fully developed until the age of 25."

Sanford said the city is considering holding an another mass inoculation clinic, similar to the clinics held two weeks ago, but no decision has been reached yet. Sanford added that if another clinic were held, 18- to 24-year-olds probably would not be inoculated

in a separate clinic.

Sanford said he doesn't know how many 18- to 24-year-olds in Boone County have had swine flu vaccine.

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"but I suspect a substantial number were vaccinated at Hearn's (Nov 15-16)."

Missouri requested 12 million additional doses of the vaccine Tuesday

after officials at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta "partially" confirmed the case of swine flu contracted by a Concordia man who recovered from the disease in mid-October.

A secretary for the swine flu program in Jefferson City said Wednesday that 500,000 doses were expected to arrive in the capital today. She said the state has not been told when the remainder of the requested doses will arrive.

A team of investigators from the disease control center has been sent to Missouri as a result of the Concordia case. It is the first reported case of swine flu since a soldier died from the disease in Fort Dix, N.J., last February.

Sanford said the Concordia case "will generate some interest in (the inoculation program) in the short-run but I don't know how long-lived it will be."

Turkey bones make good dressing

Skeletal fashions durable, wrinkle-free

By Greg Salerno
Missourian staff writer

After the Thanksgiving meal, most turkey carcasses find their way into the trash can; a few are fed to the dog, while others are made into soup.

But Gloria Newbill, Sedalia, has some novel ideas about the skeletal remains, like making a dress from turkey bones.

The dress took only two hours to assemble, but nearly six months to prepare. Mrs. Newbill got the idea for the dress while she was an employee of the Swift Meat Co., Sedalia.

She got the bones from Swift and began cleaning them. "It took a lot to get the bones clean. Each one of those bones has been boiled for at least two hours. And I cleaned them with Purex, Pine-sol, ammonia — all that stuff," she says.

After the bones were cleaned, Mrs. Newbill drilled holes in each bone and laced the "dresses" together with nylon fishing line. "I holed up in the bedroom and didn't come out until the dress was finished," she says.

Mrs. Newbill also has made accessories for her turkey outfit. She

has a pair of wishbone earrings and, when her hair is longer, leg bones for her head-piece. She also has ideas for other odd fashions.

"Next I'm going to make a hat and coat from clothesline rope," she says.

She doesn't make these fashions as a joke; she wears them.

"Oh, I've worn the bone dress to work a couple of times and I wore it to go shopping downtown once," Mrs. Newbill works as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell.

"When the photographer came to take my picture for the company paper," she says, "one girl said, 'I've worked here 14 years and no one has ever taken my picture.' I just told her, 'Why, honey, you never wore a bone dress before.'"

Mrs. Newbill has given several fashion shows for Sedalia area clubs and church groups and is currently nominated for the Outstanding Young Woman of Sedalia.

The turkey bone dress is easy to care for, according to Mrs. Newbill. "All I do is brush it down from time to time. It lasts longer than the clothes I buy at the store."



Gloria Newbill
A dressmaker with a turkey touch

Donna Holman

No paper Friday

The Columbia Missourian will not be published Friday so that staff members may spend Thanksgiving Day with their families. Regular publication will resume Saturday.