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Angela Bay Buchanan will present an illegal immigration seminar at 8 p.m. tonight. Read the full story at www.trumanindex.com



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No excuse Absentee (SB 95)
\$3,034,473
Early Voting (SB 21 and HB 59)
\$756,432

Carnahan proposes early voting

BY KELLY KIESEL
Staff Reporter

Two weeks might be added to the race to the polls. Legislators are reviewing Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's proposal to introduce early voting in Missouri.

Missouri's current voting law allows voters to turn in absentee ballots early if they explain why they cannot vote on Election Day, but the Early Voting Act would allow registered voters to go to their local election office and cast a ballot early without requiring an excuse. Currently it is undergoing hearings in the committees of the Missouri House of Representatives and Senate.

According to Carnahan's office, having No Excuse Absentee in the fiscal year of 2011 could cost over \$3 million. Changing to Early Voting could cost over \$700,000. These costs include the August Primary, the November General and the April Municipal Elections.

Ryan Hobart, spokesman for Carnahan, is working to help get Carnahan's proposal passed. Hobart said 35 other states currently have early voting laws. Only one of Missouri's eight neighboring state, Kentucky, does not have early voting.

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Too Talls Two closes, will rent out

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Staff Reporter

Too Talls Two is considering Kirkville's needs and getting a face-lift.

Last Thursday, owner Ken Page decided to close Too Talls' doors to the public and run it solely as a private events venue.

The building is undergoing renovations including adding approximately 36 mirrors to the walls of the bar, to prepare for the transition, Page said.

"We're wrapping the bar in mirrors because I think it will class it up a little bit more," Page said. "We're bringing in some new wood furniture. We're going to have it set up so we'll have all the tables and all the chairs for any event. We'll have the bar open for any event that requests it, and we will still have a doorman because we still have a liquor license."

The projector also will be set up and could be utilized during events like a business meeting for

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Candidate close-up

Three residents are campaigning for one spot on Kirkville City Council



Carolyn Chrisman

Education: BA in political science and MAE at Truman
Community Involvement: Kiwanis Club, Kirkville Planning and Zoning Commission, Adair County Historical Society member, American Legion Auxiliary member
Employment: Teaches World and American History at Kirkville Middle School



John Paul Schwarz

Education: BS and MAE at Truman
Community Involvement: Missouri State Teachers Association, former president of Kirkville Community Teachers Association
Employment: Taught 30 years with Kirkville R-3, taught one year in Cedar Rapids Lasalle, taught four years in Schuyler R-1



Sandy Richardson Slocum

Education: BA in psychology at Truman
Employment: Executive director of the Adair County Court Appointed Special Advocate, former deputy juvenile officer
Statement: "...I would apply my leadership skills to make good, common sense decisions for our community."

BY SARAH SCOTT
Staff Reporter

An hour before the Tuesday forum began, three City Council candidates calmly stood by their tables in the El Khadir Shrine Club.

Carolyn Chrisman, Sandy Slocum and John Schwarz are running for the Council position Jill McCord currently occupies. The forum was a chance for the three candidates to discuss the issues before the upcoming April 7 election and questions focused on Kirkville's economy.

Chrisman said she chose to run because she had a vested interest in Kirkville.

"I'm going to be here for the long haul, and I really want to be involved in making decisions that are going to affect Kirkville, decisions that will help Kirkville to succeed and prosper," Chrisman said.

Some specific issues she said she is interested in include adding awnings to downtown buildings, the DREAM initiative and Tax Increment Financing.

Chrisman explained her quali-



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Carolyn Chrisman and Sandy Richardson Slocum discuss city issues at the candidates forum Tuesday night.

fications in the opening statement. She said she is a local middle school teacher, she has been on the planning and zoning committee for almost two years, is on the Farmers' Market committee of the Kiwanis club and is a member of a local church.

"I feel all these things help me to understand Kirkville from many different aspects," Chrisman said. "From citizens who have been born and raised here to students who come here, I would

just like to be involved in that decision-making process to see it continue to stay a great place to live."

One issue candidates were questioned about is a quarter-cent sales tax that will be used to raise the salaries of city employees. Chrisman supports raising city employees' salaries, but said she does not think it is the right time for this sales tax to be implemented because city employees were given a \$1,500 cost-of-living stipend in December.

"I think having that in December, then turning around in April during these economic times and asking the citizens of Kirkville to then pay more money — I think [is something] that I just can't agree with," Chrisman said.

If the tax increase were put on the ballot next year, Chrisman said she would support it. She said that a possible alternative is to attract more businesses to Kirkville, which would stimulate economic development and increase sales tax revenue without having to raise taxes.

An audience-submitted question asked whether candidates supported adding an additional Tax Increment Financing district. Chrisman said her support would depend on whether or not the tax harmed the school district.

Another question candidates faced in the forum was how the Council could ease financial strain on its citizens. Chrisman said the Council could do so by not raising taxes, keeping business local and continuing to provide free activities for residents.

After the forum was over, Chrisman said she didn't get a

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The field at Stokes Stadium is still incomplete, with no firm end date in sight. The track also has sustained damage during the lengthy construction process.

Football field fiasco continues

End date for turf project at Stokes Stadium still unclear

BY JARED YOUNG
Staff Reporter

The turf is back on the field, but the completion clock for the turf project is running into overtime.

General Sports Venue is in charge of the Stokes Field renovations, and the company has

provided turf for several Div. I universities in the past, but GSV hired subcontractors to do the actual work at Truman.

University General Counsel Warren Wells, who is involved in the financial aspects of the turf project, said GSV has done high-quality work in the past and Truman is unfortunately part of the one project that hasn't gone smoothly.

"It has been a major headache, and it has been for the company too," Wells said. "They are dis-

appointed in some of the folks they've had on the ground here."

He said normally a contractor asks for partial payment as soon as certain aspects of a job are completed.

"We're not receiving money from the contractor, but we have withheld money," Wells said. "In fact, it's been a while since they submitted a pay request."

The contract originally stated that the project would reach substantial completion, the point at

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Sexual health for all

Columnist Brenna McDermott explains Free Condom Month



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Student smokers soon will be paying a high price



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"Jo Bros go 3D"

Jonas Brother bring sexy back in their new concert experience.



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