

MLB's out of touch All-Star move loses a Cardinals fan

Regarding "MLB moves All-Star Game to Denver's Coors Field" (April 7): The misguided decision by Major League Baseball to move the All-Star Game out of Georgia due to politics is one step too far.

The decision violates my belief that our country's election laws should protect the integrity of voting while ensuring citizens are freely given the opportunity to vote without undue hardship or inequitable challenges. I believe Georgia's new election law does both of these things.

Because of the league's decision, I will abstain from attending my beloved Cardinals games or in any way support Major League Baseball. The league's leadership has lost its connection to this part of the fan base.

Dennis Donahue • Olivette

To succeed, democracy must protect the right to vote

Regarding Kathleen Parker's column "In Georgia, Republicans keep the Big Lie alive" (April 6): Even Gov. Brian Kemp's signing ceremony for this anachronistic voter suppression law was a totally un-American gesture of contempt because it prominently excluded all but a small band of white



Kemp

men.

President Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Thus, there is no place for insensitivity to the successful functioning of our democratic republic and its people's absolute right to vote.

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Not expanding Medicaid would hurt rural voters the most

Regarding "After rejecting Medicaid expansion, Missouri Republicans look to spend cash elsewhere" (April 7): Now that the Missouri Legislature has refused to expand Medicaid, who do they think they are hurting most? We all know their motivation, but the facts are that rural America is more dependent on Medicaid than urban or overall America.

Women's Health Services Program, the state family planning program through Medicaid. These women are among our most vulnerable and deserve access to birth control.

Birth control is basic health care. Among sexually active women aged 15-44, 99% have used a contraceptive method other than natural family planning. Family planning is also a federally required Medicaid benefit. Wieland's amendment would put Missouri Medicaid out of compliance with federal law.

This effort to restrict access to health care that Missourians voted for is being prioritized over proactive measures to improve access to birth control and infant/maternal health. Missouri has among the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the nation, especially in communities of color. Our legislators should be focused on solving this problem, not making it worse.

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Society requires an ID for everything. Why not to vote?

Regarding "Missouri House Republicans push through legislation requiring voters to present a photo ID" (March 25): Can anyone show me someone who does not have a photo identification? People must have one to get Social Security, Medicare, welfare, liquor and cigarettes, as well as showing one for a doctor's visit. I guess these people have never seen a doctor.

I don't believe it's possible to even get a coronavirus vaccine without a photo identification. These people-without-IDs do not exist.

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Everyone is equal, regardless of race or appearance

Regarding "How to help Asian Americans under attack" (March 22): This past year, more than 3,800 hate crimes against Asians have been reported. That made me think: What difference does a person's appearance or race make? Is humanity as kind as we pretend it to be?

Hate crimes against Asian people have increased, fueled by the coronavirus pandemic. Research shows that one of the main causes is misinformation and prejudice. However, there are easy ways