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SPORTS DAILY
 MU will be counting on its seniors when the Tigers take on Kansas in their final home game of the season today. | B1



FYI
 Book Club pick "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" is a worldwide best-seller, but it's not for everyone. | C1



ROYALS TRAINING CAMP
 Pitcher Zack Greinke was back in Cy Young form on Friday, registering three strikeouts and retiring nine of 10 hitters. | B1

TODAY'S WEATHER: LOW 39, HIGH 58. MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS. | B12

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NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART PICKS ITS NEXT DIRECTOR



FRED BLOCHER | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

The new director of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Julián Zugazagoitia, was introduced on Friday. He'll take over when Marc F. Wilson retires June 1 and try to reverse the downward trend in the museum's attendance.

'He'll bring a new dimension'

Meet Julián Zugazagoitia, who comes to the museum with a reputation for successful community outreach.

By ALICE THORSON and STEVE PAUL
 The Kansas City Star

In announcing a new director on Friday, trustees of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art appeared to have gone global and local at the same time.

At 46, Julián Zugazagoitia, who will become the Nelson's director and CEO in September, is a scholar with an international background. And in his most recent job, as director of El Museo del Barrio in New York, he built a reputation for programming exhibits and events that reached out to local communities, especially those not often served by museums.

Born in Mexico City and educated at the Sorbonne, Zugazagoitia has been director of the Barrio museum since 2002. Before that he was executive assistant to the director at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, where he helped organize the big "Brazil: Body and Soul" exhibition. In 2002 he was a curator of the 25th Sao Paulo Biennale in Brazil.

Zugazagoitia (pronounced SZU-ga-sa-GOY-tee-yah) began discussions with the nine-member Nelson search committee in January.

The group was impressed, said Sarah Rowland, chair of the board of trustees, by his "vision and engagement with art and his passion for art as a factor for bringing people together."

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"You guys are in for a treat ... He is a powerhouse in every respect. Julián has this amazing ability to bring people together. He has this openness that attracts supporters of every kind."

New York artist Pablo Helguera

@ Zugazagoitia once hosted an art salon in a limousine as participants drank champagne. Go to KansasCity.com to see a video of that project, as well as an interview with Zugazagoitia.

New 'downer drinks' offer calm in a bottle

But the emergence of relaxation beverages gives rise to concerns from health officials.

By RICK MONTGOMERY
 The Kansas City Star

At the 7-Eleven in Brookside, one of the latest entries in the beverage wars sits behind a refrigerator door between the beer and soda sections.

Appropriate, given the product.

Drank is a sweet, purplish potion touted to deliver "extreme relaxation" this side of liquor. On shelves it tends to be crowded out by the enemy — rows upon shiny rows of energy drinks.

The new beverage category some call "downer drinks" raises a cultural question only the marketplace can answer: In stressful times, are we more in want of mid-

day jolts of caffeine or non-alcoholic tonics that mellow us? Or both — one to battle the other?

Close to the cashier, a box of 2-ounce shots of iChill — laced with melatonin and valerian root — reveals another problem for the calm-in-a-bottle niche. The warning label hardly sets minds at ease:

"Do not take if you are pregnant or nursing. Do not take if you are under age 12. If you have any known allergies or are

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Anti-energy drinks for now are hard to find on local shelves, but at least 20 brands can be bought online.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

KANSAS BUDGET CRISIS Pavement projects slashed

ROADWAY REPAIRS CUT OUT BY STATE

Nearly all highway repair work into 2011 is eliminated, but schools avert cutbacks.

By DAVID KLEPPER and BRAD COOPER
 The Kansas City Star

TOPEKA | Kansas motorists will have to get used to more potholes and cracked highway pavement — they're the latest price for patching the gaping holes in the state's budget.

Gov. Mark Parkinson on Friday canceled nearly all state highway repair projects for the next year, part of an \$85 million plan to balance the current year's budget.

But he avoided any additional cutbacks for schools, social services and public safety programs, areas that Parkinson said can't withstand further reductions.

The canceled road projects total \$28 million for the current fiscal year and \$59 million next year. In all, \$267 million worth of highway work for this year has been canceled or postponed.

After figures are adjusted for inflation, Kansas now spends less on highway construction than it did in the 1970s.

"Considering the winter that we've had,

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BUSINESS

Jobs picture reveals a rise in part-timers

Unemployment rate for the month of February remains stable and is better than expected at 9.7 percent.

By DIANE STAFFORD
 The Kansas City Star

Part time, not by choice. Half a million U.S. workers joined that group in February, the biggest change in the monthly jobs report released Friday, which left the unemployment rate at 9.7 percent.

The involuntary part-timers are caught in between — working, but less than they want because they can't find full-time work or because their jobs were pared to part-time hours.

"I've been doing part-time work, and it's been fun, but my preference would be full time," said Jenell Loschke of Kansas City, whose previous

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