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McCASKILL TO RELEASE COLLEGE ASSAULT POLL



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Colleges that say they have no problem with sexual assault are either "lying or denying or incompetent," Sen. Claire McCaskill says.

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Soaring statistics prompt debate, legislative push.

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WASHINGTON • As soon as this week, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., intends to release the results of her survey of how 450 colleges and universities treat sexual assault, and she hopes to introduce bipartisan legislation on the topic later this summer.

The legislation will attempt to address a complex, layered problem that has turned into a national discussion on how often such assaults

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Colleges, police struggle for confidentiality, justice.

take place compared with how often they are reported, and how the offense is adjudicated by colleges and the police.

Last week, the Washington Post, after surveying college crime statistics, reported that there were 3,900 reports of forcible sex offenses on campuses around the country in 2012, a 50 percent increase from 2009. But the newspaper cautioned that the numbers include allegations of incidents that did not result in prosecutions or convictions.

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Former U.S. Sen. Dixon dies at 86



Illinois politician served for four decades.

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Alan J. Dixon, who was elected Belleville police magistrate when he was 21 and stayed in public life until age 65 when voters retired him after two terms in the U.S. Senate, has died.

Sen. Dixon, who would have turned 87 today, died Sunday (July 6, 2014) at his home in Fairview Heights, his son Jeffrey Dixon said. Sen. Dixon had been hospitalized recently for heart problems, but his condition had improved and he had returned home.

Sen. Dixon served in the U.S. Senate from 1981 to 1993. He also had a long career in state politics, serving in the Illinois House, Illinois Senate and as the state's treasurer and secretary of state.

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A growing concern

Early diagnosis of Marfan Syndrome can save young athletes.



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Brooke Pulliam (right), 14, an incoming ninth-grader, plays kickball at summer enrichment classes at Riverbend School in Pacific last week. Brooke was born with Marfan Syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects connective tissue and has made her grow tall and thin.



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Isaiah Austin's Marfan Syndrome blocked his potential NBA career.

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Brooke Pulliam, 14, wants to have a T-shirt made that would read, "Yes, I'm tall!" and "No, I don't play basketball." ¶ Already 6 feet tall, the Gray Summit teen gets the remark and question often. But the very reason she has all the makings for a star basketball player could also end her life early if she plays the sport.

Brooke has Marfan syndrome, which many are hearing about for the first time after Baylor standout Isaiah Austin was diagnosed with the genetic disorder just days before reaching his dream of having his name called in last month's NBA draft.

Austin's story is helping raise awareness about the syndrome, which advocates hope will save lives. Early diagnosis, modifying physical activity and treatment can greatly improve outcomes, with normal life expectancy.

Marfan syndrome affects the body's connective tissues, which hold cells, organs and tissues together. They are also important in the the body's growth and development. Some characteristics are evident: tall and thin, long fingers and toes, flat feet, curved spine and flexible joints. But other more dangerous features are harder to detect, such as heart, lung and eye problems.

Problems often surface with the aorta, the main blood vessel carrying blood from the heart. The aorta can become enlarged, which means it's at risk of rupture. "Like a balloon if it

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Brooke Pulliam compares hand sizes with her mother, Dawn Pulliam, at their home in Gray Summit last week. Both have Marfan Syndrome.

Forest Park recovers leafy peace

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ST. LOUIS • On the morning after the holiday revelry, the tennis players returned to the courts, the duffers to the links and the automobiles to Government, Concourse and McKinley drives.

Slowly but surely, Forest Park reclaimed itself after three days of concerts, fireworks, and food that marked the first time in more than 30 years that St. Louis has celebrated Independence Day at a venue other than the grounds of the Gateway Arch.

"It worked beautifully, a goose-bump experience," said Julie Hauser, spokeswoman for Fair St. Louis, the nonprofit forced by a major Arch grounds renovation to move the annual event to the 1,371-acre jewel of the St. Louis city park system.

Fair St. Louis estimated that 250,000 celebrants visited Forest Park over the three days.

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Violent holiday weekend in St. Louis leaves at least 3 dead.

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