

# The Ardmoreite

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## Take Two Academy donates handmade quilts to CASA

By Drew Butler  
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The students at Take Two Academy have had a busy year. On top of their usual studies, they have also been learning life skills such as cooking, sewing and even quilting. On Thursday morning, their hard work was put to good use when they gave 10 quilts to CASA of Southern Oklahoma.

CASA works with children in the foster system by assigning a volunteer advocate to each child placed in foster care. The advocate works with the child, the court system, the foster family, and the original family to help ensure the child's best interests are being met.

The quilts are given out to children as they enter into foster care.

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Representatives from CASA of Southern Oklahoma were on hand at Take Two Academy on Thursday morning to receive quilts made by the students. The quilts will be given out to children in the foster care system.  
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## Good Shepherd recognized among state's top nonprofits

Ardmore clinic receives Health Services Award at ONE Awards



It was a banner evening for Good Shepherd Clinic, which was named among the top nonprofits in the state as the recipient of the Health Services Award at ONE Awards in Tulsa on April 22. Chief Executive Officer Teresa Myers accepted the award on behalf of the clinic. Photo provided

By Michael Pineda  
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The growth Good Shepherd Community Clinic has experienced since it began as a free clinic in 1996 is almost unbelievable.

It is not, however, unnoticed.

The clinic was named the winner of the Health Services Award at the Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence Awards, which took place April 22 at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa. Ardmore's clinic was named the winner in a category that included finalists Grand Mental Health in Nowata and Transition House in Norman.

"This is our third nomination, but our first finalist category and first win," Chief Executive Officer Teresa Myers said.

A group traveled to Tulsa to represent Good Shepherd at the award presentation. Included in the group was clinic Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael Carnahan, who remarked to Myers, "This is really a big deal."

The ONE Awards Selection Commission chose 21 organizations as the finalists to be honored out of more than 21,000 nonprofits within the State of Oklahoma. There were seven nonprofits chosen in their category of service and one nonprofit, Scissortail

Park, which was selected as the overall winner.

Chief Operations Officer Elena Segroves described listening to the descriptions of the finalists in the different award categories and the multiple counties they served.

"We are just in one place, how can we," Segroves thought. "And they say, 'And the winner is, The Good Shepherd Community Clinic,' and we are like, 'What.' So, it was so exciting."

Segroves said everyone at the table jumped up out of their seats. Myers recalled being on the stage and could not believe it when Good Shepherd was announced as the winner.

"Just to see that people notice what we do," Segroves said. "Those people have never heard of us, and they took the time to research, based on our website, the services we provide."

"To do their homework and feel like this little clinic is making a difference. They are doing the big things in a small place."

The small place has experienced significant growth over the last five years as it works to meet demands within the community of Ardmore.

"There is a 2,500% growth over the last five years," Myers said. "We started as a free clinic in the mid-90's. We became a community health center



Good Shepherd Clinic Chief Executive Officer Teresa Myers accepts Health Services Award at ONE Awards in Tulsa on April 22. The ONE Awards recognize the top nonprofits in the state. Photo provided

in 2019 and since that time, we were roughly around a \$2 million budget and had 30 employees. And then, we have 95 employees and around a \$12 million budget now."

Good Shepherd has medical, dental and pharmaceutical services that those in need can utilize. It consists of the 12th Street Health Center, BLOOM, a women's health clinic on Walnut Drive that opened last year. There is also the

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## Events line up to visit Ardmore

ATA awards five incentive requests

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As spring jumps into full bloom, Ardmore will play host to a number of events that will pack the hotels and restaurants.

The Ardmore Tourism Authority approved five incentive requests for events at Regional Park and the Hardy Murphy Coliseum.

The biggest incentive approved was for the OK-TX Shootout, a softball tournament at Regional Park that will take place over the course of three weekends. It is returning for the 22nd year in a row and will receive \$2,500 for each weekend.

A request was also approved for the Oklahoma Showdown, a softball tournament that will also return to Ardmore. The authority authorized a \$1,000

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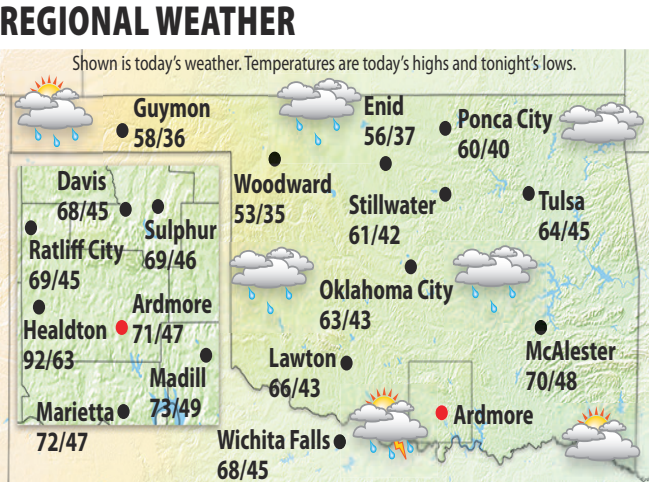


FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ARDMORE

TODAY	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUE.
A shower and t-storm	A shower and t-storm	Mostly sunny and warmer	Clearing	Sun through high clouds
71 47	68 43	76 48	75 49	73 53
RF: 72/37	RF: 66/40	RF: 81/44	RF: 80/45	RF: 72/51

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Temperature	
High/low	61/50
Normal high/low	77/56
Last year high/low	72/43
Record high	84 (2016)
Record low	43 (2022)
Precipitation (in inches)	
Wednesday	1.40
Month to date	2.08
Normal month to date	2.72
Year to date	10.16
Normal year to date	9.58
Last year to date	6.75
Wind	
Average wind speed	9 mph
Highest wind gust	24 mph
Relative humidity	
Average	90%

THE REGION

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Altus	61/42/t	74/46/s
Broken Arrow	65/46/sh	69/48/c
Dallas	78/51/t	69/51/t
Denton	76/50/t	68/48/t
Enid	56/37/r	71/43/s
Fort Worth	75/49/t	68/50/t
Gainesville	72/48/t	67/47/t
Guymon	58/36/sh	74/42/s
Lawton	66/43/t	70/47/pc
McAlester	70/48/c	67/45/c
Muskogee	69/49/c	67/43/c
Norman	65/43/sh	69/47/c
Oklahoma City	63/43/sh	67/47/pc
Ponca City	60/40/r	72/45/pc
Shawnee	64/44/sh	69/47/c
Sherman	75/49/t	67/47/t
Stillwater	61/42/r	71/47/pc
Tahlequah	70/48/c	69/40/c
Tulsa	64/45/sh	70/48/c
Wichita Falls	68/45/t	72/49/pc

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Fishing Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

**Arbuckle:** April 25. Elevation is 1 ft. above normal, water temperature 65°F and clear. (USACE Lake Level) Largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass fair on plastic baits around creek channels, shallows, and shorelines. Crappie fair on hair jigs, small lures, and tube jigs around flats, shallows, and shorelines. Blue, channel, and flathead catfish slow on cut bait and shad around creek channels and shallows. Report submitted by Casey Young, game warden stationed in Murray County.

**Blue River:** April 25. Elevation is normal, water temperature 67°F and clear. (USGS Lake Level) Largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass good on grubs, jerk baits, plastic baits, spinnerbaits, and tube jigs around creek channels, river channel, rocks, shallows, and weed beds. Channel catfish good on dough bait, stinkbait, and worms around river channel and rocks. Bluegill, green, and redear sunfish good on in-line spinnerbaits and worms around rocks, shallows, shorelines, and weed beds. Report submitted by Ethan Lovelace, biologist at the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area.

**Murray:** April 25. Elevation is 2 ft. below normal, water temperature 63°F and clear. Largemouth and smallmouth bass slow on Alabama rigs, in-line spinnerbaits,



Cord Smith of Cheyenne, OK caught the new state record redear sunfish. The fish weighed in at 2 pounds 5.6 ounces and was 13.5 inches long.

jigs, and lipless baits around brush structure, main lake, points, riprap, and rocks. White bass slow on crankbaits, jigs, and lipless baits around creek channels and main lake. Report submitted by Jaylen Flynn, game warden stationed in Carter County.

**Texoma:** April 21. Elevation is normal, water temperature 64°F and clear. (USACE Lake Level) Striped bass good on live shad around channels, main lake, and points. Blue, channel, and flathead catfish fair on chicken liver, cut

bait, and live shad around channels, coves, docks, and points. Crappie fair on grubs, jigs, and live shad around brush structure, coves, docks, and standing timber. Comments: Fishing this week has been good. Striper have been good this week on the north part of the lake. Catfish are biting live shad really well near ledges and channels. Crappie are biting on jigs and minnows near brush piles Report submitted by Garrett Beam, game warden stationed in Bryan County.

Springtime demand snowballs for native plants

Sub-Group launches non-profit to boost Oklahoma’s native plant market

By Kelly Bostian for the Oklahoma Ecology Project

April showers or not, Oklahomans expect to have flowers in May, but it’s not petunias and pansies they want this spring.

These days Okies want native flowers and plants, but supply is not keeping up with demand.

“It’s been crazy,” said Marilyn Stewart owner of Wild Things Nursery. Based near Seminole, her operation packs up trucks and travels to native plant sales events. Two of the first shows in April, in Sand Springs and Jenks, revealed the snowballing demand for native plants is rolling stronger and stronger.

“People were there at 7:15 (a.m.) and it didn’t open until 8. We completely sold out in Sand Springs and I think in Jenks we came home with like six plants... When we started 21 years ago people were like ‘huh, what?’ Now everyone has questions and wants to jump in,” she said.

Oklahoma has one more big native plants event this spring, the Tulsa Audubon Society’s Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour and Native Plant Sale, the weekend of May 20-21, she said.

The demand goes far beyond weekend shows, however. Supply is not keeping up with demands from landscapers who are designing with native plants and struggling to find any stock.

“What we really need are more native plant growers,” Stewart said. “People want native plants and they talk to their landscaper, who designs something, and then nobody can find the native plants they need.”

To that end, Stewart said she is part of a fledgling non-profit called Oklahoma Native Network, formed for now under the umbrella of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society. The group of nursery owners, horticulturists, and landscapers wants to create a group that continues to promote the use of native plants but especially promotes the business of propagating those plants.



An eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly pulls nectar from goat’s beard sunflowers, an easily grown popular Oklahoma native flower for garden and prairie projects. Kelly J Bostian/KJB Outdoors

Early visions are to grow the non-profit similar to “Grow Native!” a native plant marketing and education program of the Missouri Prairie Foundation that has been in operation there for more than 20 years, she said.

“We want to find ways to get funding to help support some of the growers when they’re getting started and serve as a link between landscapers and what the growers have available. You have a landscaper and they need 800 little bluestem (grasses)? That’s not something our nursery could do,” she said.

A selection of some native plants is available at many nurseries, but only a few statewide dedicate a majority of their work to native stocks, she said.

“We need someone like a Greenleaf Nursery (in Park Hill) or a Sanders (in Broken Arrow) to get into it,” she said.

Conversation with people who want the plants leads Sanders to say some are concerned about pollinators, “everyone wants milkweed,” but the idea of helping wildlife and birds, fostering healthy soils, and the idea of growing native plants appeals to a broad range, she said.

Public pollinator gardens and examples like Tulsa’s Gathering Place, landscaped with native grasses and flowers, help feed the interest. “Nature’s Best Hope” author Doug Tallamy tells people they can make a difference in their own backyard.

Likewise, author Benjamin Vogt and his “Prairie Up,” inspires home gardeners to look for plants native to their homes, Stewart said.

“New young homeowners come to us and they have boxwood hedges and Bermuda grass lawns and that’s not what they want anymore. They want something new,” she said.

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society website is one source people can look to for information on where to find native plants, she said. Okies for Monarchs also lists resources for finding native plants and seeds on its website, including Johnston Seed Company of Enid, which sells regional wildflower seed mixes designed in cooperation with Okies for Monarchs.

Asked to list five great native plants beginners might want to plant, Stewart pointed to the asters, sunflowers, goldenrods and mountain mint families, and of course milkweeds. She cautioned, however, that even though milkweed is a perennial it can be picky about where it wants to establish itself.

“I love all native plants and we have 2700 different native plants in Oklahoma, so there’s a lot to choose from,” she said.

Kelly Bostian is an independent writer working for the Oklahoma Ecology Project, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to in-depth reporting about environmental issues for Oklahomans.



# Arrest made in domestic incident

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A domestic incident early Tuesday morning led to the arrest of a man facing multiple charges in Chickasaw Tribal Court. Camontrez McCarroll was taken into custody pending charges of domestic abuse, assault and battery, first degree burglary and interfering with an emergency call and transported to Marshall County Jail.

Ardmore Police Capt. Claude Henry said officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Park St. SE around 2:30 a.m. in regard to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers noticed a male subject in front of the residence they had been dispatched to. The man unsuccessfully attempted to flee on foot. He was identified at McCarroll after he was apprehended. Officers also discovered a BB gun McCarroll had possesses

just prior to being taken into custody. The reporting party indicated McCarroll and another female were having a verbal altercation outside and ran into her house attempting to get away from McCarroll. McCarroll kicked the reporting party’s door in and entered the residence. He noticed the reporting party talking on her cell phone and struck her in the face. She responded by using

pepper spray on McCarroll, who exited the residence. The reporting party also indicated McCarroll had assaulted his girlfriend. Officers made contact with the victim and noticed visible injuries to her face. The victim refused to cooperate with the investigation. McCarroll was taken into custody and transported to Marshall County by officers with the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police.

## CASA

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“As many people know, when kids come into foster care, maybe they don’t have anything,” said CASA Executive Director Amy Martens. “When we get an advocate on a case, we like to let them pick out a quilt for the child and take it to them. It’s something they can have of their own that maybe they didn’t get to come with from their previous home. If they get moved from their foster home for any reason, they then get to take their quilt with them.” Take Two got involved in making quilts through the help of volunteer Carolyn Eye. Eye herself got involved with both CASA and Take Two because of her membership in the Arbuckle Sunrise Rotary Club. “Rotary had one of the

people with CASA come in and speak a couple years ago, and they mentioned that they had a lady who would make them quilts,” Eye said. “She wasn’t able to do them anymore, and I thought to myself this is something that I could do. So I started doing 10 a year. This will be my third year making them.” Her work with Rotary got her into contact with Take Two when she took over their student of the month program. “I got to talking with one of the teachers here, and I asked her what these kids need,” Eye said. “She told me that she didn’t think any of them know how to cook, and I said I know how to cook. Then she said I don’t think any of them know about sewing, and I said I know about sewing. “So for the majority of the year I’ve been teaching

cooking on Tuesday, sewing on Wednesday and quilting on Thursday to the same class. So I’ve really got to know these kids.” The students refer to Eye as ‘Miss Carolyn,’ and Take Two Executive Director Stephanie Hacker said they love their time with her. “The students just enjoy every moment that they have with Miss Carolyn,” Hacker said. “They really love her and interacting with her. They’re enthusiastic about learning, and I’m really proud of their efforts and their excitement in learning these life skills. It’s very important that they learn that in the educational setting.” The students were quite excited about the quilt project, as some of them have experience within the foster system. In fact, Hacker, who previously worked for 23 years with DHS and is

a CASA volunteer herself, said one of the graduating seniors this year was her very first ‘CASA baby’ that she worked with. “Take Two is an alternative school for any kids who might be at risk of not completing their high school education, basically for reasons out of their control,” Hacker said. “This includes removal from the home, homelessness, or their parents are incarcerated.” Eye agreed that the project seemed to hit home for many of the students. “I asked them if they knew what CASA was, and I think three of them raised their hands,” she said. “I explained what it was for those who didn’t, and you could just see the expression on their face change. It really got them excited about doing this project. They think about these little kids, and they knew

what those kids might be feeling.” They also enjoyed their time getting the quilts together. “I made the tops, and the class tied them all,” Eye said. “If you have ever seen teenage boys with fingers the size of sausages trying to thread a needle, it’s something else! But they stuck with it, and I’m just so proud of them. They really did a good job.” While these 10 quilts will help, they are not nearly enough to give every foster child a quilt. Eye would like to see that change. “I would encourage any other groups – especially youth groups – to take up this project,” she said. “It’s a very simple project, and I would certainly be willing to come in and teach them how to do this. It would only take a day. Then we could give even more than CASA.”

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incentive, on par with prior awards. An incentive of \$500 was awarded to Britney Hill for a one-day benefit tournament at Regional Park. The award will go toward covering fees to use the fields. The benefit, which is designed to become an annual event, will raise funds for medical equipment denied by insurance. An amount of \$1,500 was awarded to Barry Burk Productions for the 38th Annual Barry Burk Jr. Calf Roping, which will take place over Memorial Day weekend. A total of \$1,000 was awarded to James Watson for the Watson Team Roping

World Series. The event is this weekend in addition to a weekend during the fall. Hardy Murphy Coliseum General Manager Jeff Storms said the event will bring 2,000 teams. For the year, Storms said this week’s futurity is bigger than last year’s event, which took place in June. There are 200 stalls filled on the first night compared to 140 during the event’s peak night last year. In other actions: The ATA approved an agreement with Amanda Mullins to provide legal services. Mullins is taking the place of Debbie Sterkel and will receive \$200 an hour in compensation in addition to expenses. The Goddard Center

Art Studios will host a shrimp boil at 6 p.m. May 20. The event will feature an evening of food, music and ambience. Participants will also receive a set of handcrafted pottery. Also among upcoming events is the OU Harpist Ensemble at 4 p.m., May 7 at the First Presbyterian Church. In terms of immediate events, the Bradshaw Center will host the opera Der Rosenkavalier with a meal beginning at 10:55 a.m. and the opera at 11:55 p.m. Main Street Depot reported a great turnout with 120 people showing up for its fundraiser last weekend. On June 3, there will be a health extravaganza from 9 to noon at Depot Park

hosted with TSET. A music and food festival will follow from noon to 7 p.m. The Ardmore Convention Center is drawing closer to the hiring of a new

general manager. Interim General Manager Marthanna Donald said two candidates have been interviewed and a decision will hopefully be made soon.

Robust landscape work has also taken place at the facility to spruce up the grounds. Plans are in the works to replace the sign along with the flags on top of the building.

## GOOD SHEPHERD

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Walnut Health Center, which was purchased in 2020. Myers said Good Shepherd has also taken over operations for MEEP (Medical Equipment Assistance Program) last year. “We are still averaging about 400 new patients a quarter,” she said. “We saw 9,685 individual unique patients last year at 28,000 visits.” Good Shepherd is also making plans for the future with additional property in its portfolio and programs to address needs within the community. “There are super exciting plans for growth,” Myers said. For more information about Good Shepherd and the services it provides, visit [www.buildinghealthypeople.org](http://www.buildinghealthypeople.org).

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# Obituaries

## JOHN EDWARD SPROUSE, JR.

Funeral services for John Edward Sprouse, Jr., 70, will be Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Centennial Chapel with Reverend Jerry Witt officiating. Burial will be at the Duncan Municipal Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. with the assistance of Travis Baker, Jeremy Baker, James Cook, Tim Willis, Cody Wyman and Nate Mims.

A time of visitation and support for the family will be held Friday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 till 7:00 p.m.

John was born November 26, 1952 in Duncan, the son of the late John Edward Sprouse Sr., and Wanda Lee Burke Sprouse. He passed away on April 26, 2023 at his residence surrounded by his family.

He graduated from Duncan High School, class of 71. He and the former Dolores Miranda Mann were married December 4, 1970 in Duncan.

John retired from ExxonMobil where he worked as a pipeline mechanic. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #25 AF & AM; and enjoyed collecting toy cars and going to the auction. He coached his girls softball and soccer teams when they were growing up. He loved to work on cars, and was a master shade tree mechanic.

He is survived by his wife Miranda; daughters, DeLeica Baker and Zabrina Cook; his brother Burl Sprouse and sisters, Wanda Willis, Patricia Stiles, and Sue Stufflebeam; eleven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Honorary bearers will be Don Willis, Casey Willis, Cory Stufflebeam, David Stiles, Luke Moore, and John “Shaggy” House.

Services are entrusted to Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home and Crematory, where words of comfort for the family may be sent online at [www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com](http://www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com).



## MICHELLE ENOLA HARMAN

It is with great sadness we announce the unexpected passing of Michelle Enola Harman. Michelle was born in Meigs, Ohio on July 19th, 1959, and passed away in Ardmore, OK on April 19th, 2023. Michelle was preceded in death by her husband Greg Noland, and her parents Michael and Carol Harman.

Michelle lived a full life in her 63 years travelling the world with many stories to share. One day, Michelle and her friend, Lynn, decided they were tired of the cold in Ohio, so they loaded up in a VW Bug and moved to Phoenix, AZ. While in Phoenix, Michelle met the love of her life, Greg Noland. They welcomed a son, Kyl Noland, in 1993. Michelle took great care of Greg during his chronic illness and never left his side until his passing in 2021. Michelle attended her beloved Ohio State University prior to following her passion completing her Registered Nursing Degree at East Central University in Oklahoma. Michelle spent many years at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore where she worked tirelessly to care for those that needed her.

Left to cherish her memory are many including the light in her eyes, Kyl Noland. Also, her Noland family, Dortha Noland, Jeff and Lisa Noland, and Julie and Bob McLachlan. Her Harman family, Jeff and Patty Harman, Donald and Debbie Harman and James Harman all of Ohio. Nieces and nephews including Ashley Thompson, Tyler Harman, Clayton Harman, Steve Harman, Brandon Noland, Kristyn Noland, Kacey Irlando and Aidan McLachlan.

Michelle always had a smile on her face and her laughter was contagious. We can all hear it now.

Michelle loved the beach so there is no doubt that she and Greg are walking hand in hand. Until we meet again Lady.

A celebration of Michelle’s life will be held Monday, May 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Centennial Chapel of Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home with Chaplain Aaron Alvarez officiating.

Cremation-With-Care provided by Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home and Crematory where online condolences for the family may be left at [www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com](http://www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com).



# Ardmore native named in Top 100 Women to Know Across North America

## OCCC Marketing and Public Relations

Oklahoma City, OK - (April 27, 2023) – Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Mautra Staley Jones, President of OCCC, has been named one of the 100 Women to Know in North America by KNOW Women. Know Women is a prestigious national organization celebrating exceptional female leaders and visionaries across various industries.

This accolade recognizes Dr. Jones’ outstanding achievements in higher education, unwavering commitment to the community, and transformative leadership at OCCC. Dr. Jones has dedicated her career to empowering students, supporting faculty, and driving positive change in Oklahoma City and beyond.

Since taking the helm at OCCC in 2022, Dr. Jones has championed innovative



Dr. Mautra Staley Jones

academic programs, led initiatives to foster achievement gaps, and fostered collaborations with local and national businesses and organizations to create new opportunities for students and the community.

“It is a tremendous honor to be named one of the 100 Women to Know in North America by KNOW Women,” said Dr. Jones. “I am grateful for the recognition and am inspired by the talented and powerful women honored. This recognition reflects the dedication of the entire OCCC campus community in providing

quality education and opportunities for our students.”

Under Dr. Jones’ leadership, OCCC has experienced significant growth, including expanded online and hybrid courses, increased workforce training programs and grants, and enhanced campus facilities. Furthermore, Dr. Jones’ tireless efforts have positioned OCCC as a nationwide leader in higher education.

The “100 Women to Know in America” list by KNOW Women highlights women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, professional accomplishments, and contributions to their communities.

The 100 Women to KNOW Across America Award was presented this week at the Annual KNOW Women Summit in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Jones was also recently named Oklahoma’s Most Admired CEO for public companies by The Journal Record.

# Jerry Springer, politician turned TV ringmaster, dies at 79

## By Dan Sewell

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jerry Springer, the onetime mayor and news anchor whose namesake TV show featured a three-ring circus of dysfunctional guests willing to bare all — sometimes literally — as they brawled and hurled obscenities before a raucous audience, died Thursday at 79.

At its peak, “The Jerry Springer Show” was a ratings powerhouse and a U.S. cultural pariah, synonymous with lurid drama. Known for chair-throwing and bleep-filled arguments, the daytime talk show was a favorite American guilty pleasure over its 27-year run, at one point topping Oprah Winfrey’s show.

Springer called it “escapist entertainment,” while others saw the show as contributing to a dumbing-down decline in American social values.

“Jerry’s ability to connect with people was at the heart of his success in everything he tried whether that was politics, broadcasting or just joking with people on the street who wanted a photo or a word,” said Jene Galvin, a family spokesperson and friend of Springer’s since 1970, in a statement. “He’s irreplaceable and his loss hurts immensely, but memories of his intellect, heart and humor will live on.”

Springer died peacefully at home in suburban Chicago after a brief illness, the statement said.

On his Twitter profile, Springer jokingly declared himself as “Talk show host, ringmaster of civilization’s end.” He also often had told people, tongue in cheek, that his wish for them was “may you never be on my show.”

After more than 4,000 episodes, the show ended in 2018, never straying from its core salaciousness: Some of its last episodes had such titles as “Stripper Sex Turned Me Straight,” “Stop Pimpin’ My Twin Sister,” and “Hooking Up With My Therapist.”

In a “Too Hot For TV” video released as his daily show neared 7 million viewers in the late 1990s, Springer offered a defense against disgust.

“Look, television does not and must not create values, it’s merely a picture of all that’s out there — the good, the bad, the ugly,” Springer said, adding: “Believe this: The politicians and companies that seek to control what each of us may watch are a far greater danger to America and our treasured freedom than any of our guests ever were or could be.”

He also contended that the



Talk show host Jerry Springer speaks in New York on April 15, 2010. *Richard Drew*

people on his show volunteered to be subjected to whatever ridicule or humiliation awaited them.

Gerald Norman Springer was born Feb. 13, 1944, in a London underground railway station being used as a bomb shelter. His parents, Richard and Margot, were German Jews who fled to England during the Holocaust, in which other relatives were killed in Nazi gas chambers. They arrived in the United States when their son was 5 and settled in the Queens borough of New York City, where Springer got his first Yankees baseball gear on his way to becoming a lifelong fan.

He studied political science at Tulane University and got a law degree from Northwestern University. He was active in politics much of his adult life, mulling a run for governor of Ohio as recently as 2017.

He entered the arena as an aide in Robert F. Kennedy’s ill-fated 1968 presidential campaign. Springer, working for a Cincinnati law firm, ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1970 before being elected to city council in 1971.

In 1974 — in what The Cincinnati Enquirer reported as “an abrupt move that shook Cincinnati’s political community” — Springer resigned. He cited “very personal family considerations,” but what he didn’t mention was a vice probe involving prostitution. In a subsequent admission that could have been the basis for one of his future shows, Springer said he had paid prostitutes with personal checks.

Then 30, he had married Micki Velton the previous year. The couple had a daughter, Katie, and divorced in 1994.

Springer quickly bounced back politically, winning a council seat in 1975 and serving as mayor in 1977. He later became a local television politics reporter with popular evening commentaries. He and co-anchor Norma Rashid

eventually helped build NBC affiliate WLWT-TV’s broadcast into the Cincinnati market’s top-rated news show.

Springer began his talk show in 1991 with more of a traditional format, but after he left WLWT in 1993, it got a sleazy makeover.

TV Guide ranked it No. 1 on a list of “Worst Shows in the History of Television,” but it was ratings gold. It made Springer a celebrity who would go on to host a liberal radio talk show and “America’s Got Talent,” star in a movie called “Ringmaster,” and compete on “Dancing With the Stars.”

“With all the joking I do with the show, I’m fully aware and thank God every day that my life has taken this incredible turn because of this silly show,” Springer told Cincinnati Enquirer media reporter John Kiesewetter in 2011.

Well in advance of Donald Trump’s political rise from reality TV stardom, Springer mulled a Senate run in 2003 that he surmised could draw on “non-traditional voters,” people “who believe most politics are bull.”

“I connect with a whole bunch of people who probably connect more to me right now than to a traditional politician,” Springer told the AP at the time. He opposed the war on Iraq and favored expanding public health-care, but ultimately did not run.

Springer also spoke often of the country he came to age 5 as “a beacon of light for the rest of world.”

“I have no other motivation but to say I love this country,” Springer said to a Democratic gathering in 2003.

Springer hosted a nationally syndicated “Judge Jerry” show in 2019 and continued to speak out on whatever was on his mind in a podcast, but his power to shock had dimmed in the new era of reality television and combative cable TV talk shows.



# Beautiful blooms



The Garden Tender team were hard at work Thursday morning as they added some seasonal color to the raised planter beds in downtown Ardmore. The Garden Tender partners with the Ardmore Beautification Council to keep our city looking beautiful. *Julie Thomas/The Ardmoreite*

# Dickson Public Schools hires new principals

The Ardmoreite

Dickson Public Schools will have a new look in its campus administration offices next school year.

The school board recently approved the hiring of principals for both the high school and middle school.

Taking over at the high school will be Jelana Aaron, who will bring 21 years of teaching, curriculum development and administrative experience in Ardmore City Schools, Richardson ISD, Plano ISD and Dallas ISD. Aaron also taught English courses at Murray State College for 10 years.

She is a National Board Certified Teacher and has spent several summers as an AP Essay Reader for the AP Language Exam. Aaron earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from East Central University, where she was the first recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Zack Gadberry has been tabbed to serve as the middle school principal. He is no stranger to Dickson students, having served as the Agricultural Educational Instructor for the past 10 years. He is a certified A.L.I.C.E. instructor and PrePARED educator in addition to a professional auctioneer and ring-man.

Gadberry has been in education for 14 years. He earned



Jelana Aaron Photo provided



Zack Gadberry Photo provided

an associate's degree in animal science from Eastern Oklahoma State College, a bachelor's degree in animal science and agricultural education from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Southern Nazarene University.

# Cole inducted into National Service Hall of Fame

Cole Press Office

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Cole (OK-04), Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was inducted into the National Service Hall of Fame by Voices for National Service yesterday evening for his longstanding support of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors.

"I am greatly honored to be inducted into the National Service Hall of Fame by Voices for National Service," said Cole. "From helping disadvantaged youth, responding to natural disasters, improving health services and much more, most Americans' lives have been touched by those who selflessly donate their time and resources to serve for National Service organizations. Because of this, I understand the importance of championing and providing the resources for these programs to continue serving our communities and recruiting members."

"Representative Cole is a remarkable public servant with an impressive legacy of commitment to country and community, who

understands the value of service both in the communities served and in the lives of those who step forward to serve," said AnnMaura Connolly, President, Voices for National Service. "As a leader in the House of Representatives, he has cosponsored legislation to expand and strengthen AmeriCorps, and supported increased funding for the critical work of the agency. It's our distinct honor to induct Rep. Cole into the Voices for National Service Hall of Fame."

From fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2023 during Cole's leadership of the House Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for funding the Corporation for National Community Service, AmeriCorps State and National Grants received a 66.08 percent funding increase, the National Civilian Community Corps received a 25.78 percent funding increase and the National Senior Service Corps received a 17.22 percent funding increase.

Cole also co-led the CORPS Act in the 117th Congress, which would have increased the number

of AmeriCorps positions available to assist in the COVID-19 pandemic recovery by increasing living stipends and allowing more Americans to serve through fiscal year 2024.

Annually, approximately 3,500 members of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors are serving in Oklahoma, responding to the state's most immediate and critical needs. They are serving at more than 500 locations across the state including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, veterans facilities and other local nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations. The AmeriCorps agency has invested more than \$12.1 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions in Oklahoma, working hand in hand with local partners to empower individuals to help communities tackle their toughest challenges. Through this public-private partnership, every \$1 Congress invests in AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors returns more than \$17 in benefits to our country.



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# BUSINESS

## US economy grew at weak 1.1% rate in Q1 in sign of slowdown

By Paul Wiseman  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy slowed sharply from January through March, decelerating to just a 1.1% annual pace as higher interest rates hammered the housing market and businesses reduced their inventories.

Thursday’s estimate from the Commerce Department showed that the nation’s gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of economic output — weakened after growing 3.2% from July through September and 2.6% from October through December.

But consumer spending, which accounts for about 70% of U.S. economic activity, remained resilient, growing at a 3.7% annual pace, the fastest such rate in nearly two years. Spending on goods, in particular, was solid: It rose at its fastest pace since the second quarter of 2021.

Economists had been expecting overall GDP to grow at a 1.9% pace in the January-March quarter. Behind much of the quarter’s weakness was a sharp reduction in business inventories, which subtracted roughly 2.3 percentage points from overall growth. Companies typically slash their inventories when they anticipate a coming downturn.

The economy’s slowdown reflects the impact of the Federal Reserve’s aggressive drive to tame inflation, with nine interest rate hikes over the past year. The surge in borrowing

costs is expected to send the economy into a recession sometime this year. Though inflation has steadily eased from the four-decade high it reached last year, it remains far above the Fed’s 2% target.

The housing market, which is especially vulnerable to higher loan rates, has been battered. And many banks have tightened their lending standards since the failure last month of two major U.S. banks, making it even harder to borrow to buy a house or a car or to expand a business.

“The economy had less forward momentum at the start of this year than previously thought,” Andrew Hunter of Capital Economics wrote in a research note. “We continue to expect the drag from higher interest rates and tightening credit conditions to push the economy into a mild recession soon.

Many economists say the cumulative impact of the Fed’s rate hikes has yet to be fully felt. Still, the central bank’s policymakers are aiming for a so-called soft landing: Cooling growth enough to curb inflation yet not so much as to send the world’s largest economy tumbling into a recession.

There is widespread skepticism that the Fed will succeed. An economic model used by the Conference Board, a business research group, puts the probability of a U.S. recession over the next year at 99%.

The Conference Board’s recession-probability gauge had hung around zero from September 2020, as the

economy rebounded explosively from the COVID-19 recession, until March 2022, when the Fed started raising rates to fight inflation.

Thursday’s GDP report was the first of three estimates the Commerce Department will make of growth in the January-March quarter. Economists expect growth to further weaken in the current April-June quarter — to just a 0.3% annual pace, according to the latest survey by the data firm FactSet.

A key question is whether — and by how much — consumer spending will weaken. Retail sales had enjoyed a strong start in January, aided by warmer-than-expected weather and bigger Social Security checks. But in February and again in March, retail sales tumbled, suggesting that consumers were tiring as the first quarter of the year came to an end.

Even so, some economists were impressed that spending has held up as well as it has even after nine Fed rate hikes have led to higher costs for loans ranging from mortgages and auto purchases to credit cards and corporate borrowing.

“The focus is on the weak top-line (GDP) number, but the economy remains resilient,” said Robert Frick, an economist at Navy Federal Credit Union. “Businesses have underestimated both consumer buying and business buying.”

The worst fears of a 2008-style financial crisis have eased over the past



A steel worker inspects a 155 mm M795 artillery projectile during the manufacturing process at the Scranton Army Ammunition Plant in Scranton, Pa., Thursday, April 13, 2023. On Thursday, the Commerce Department issues its first of three estimates of how the U.S. economy performed in the first quarter of 2023. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

month. But lingering credit cutbacks, which were mentioned in the Fed’s survey this month of regional economies, is likely to hobble growth.

Political risks are growing, too. Congressional Republicans are threatening to let the federal government default on its debts, by refusing to raise the statutory limit on what it can borrow, if Democrats and President Joe Biden fail to agree to spending restrictions and cuts. A first-ever default on the federal debt would shatter the market for U.S. Treasuries — the world’s biggest — and possibly cause a global financial crisis.

The global backdrop is also looking bleaker. The International Monetary Fund this month downgraded its forecast for worldwide economic growth, citing rising interest rates around the world, financial uncertainty and chronic inflation.

American exporters could suffer as a consequence.

Still, the U.S. economy has surprised before. Recession fears rose early last year after GDP had shrunk for two straight quarters. But the economy roared back in the second half of 2022, powered by surprisingly sturdy consumer spending.

A strong job market has given Americans the confidence and financial wherewithal to keep shopping: 2021 and 2022 were the two best years for job creation on record. And hiring has remained strong so far this year, though it has decelerated from January to February and then to March.

The jobs report for April, which the government will issue on May 5, is expected to show that employers added a decent but still-lower total of 185,000 jobs this month, according to a survey of forecasters by FactSet.

## Powerful new obesity drug poised to upend weight loss care

By Jonel Aleccia  
AP Health Writer

As a growing number of overweight Americans clamor for Ozempic and Wegovy — drugs touted by celebrities and on TikTok to pare pounds — an even more powerful obesity medicine is poised to upend treatment.

Tirzepatide, an Eli Lilly and Co. drug approved to treat type 2 diabetes under the brand name Mounjaro, helped people with the disease who were overweight or had obesity lose up to 16% of their body weight, or more than 34 pounds, over nearly 17 months, the company said on Thursday.

The late-stage study of the drug for weight loss adds to earlier evidence that similar participants without diabetes lost up to 22% of their body weight over that period with weekly injections of the drug. For a typical patient on the highest dose, that meant shedding more than 50 pounds.

Having diabetes makes it notoriously difficult to lose weight, said Dr. Nadia Ahmad, Lilly’s medical director of obesity clinical development, which means the recent results are especially significant. “We have not seen this degree of weight reduction,” she said.

Based on the new results, which have not yet been published in full, company officials said they will finalize an application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration



This combination of photos provided by Matthew Barlow shows him in November 2022, left, and April 2023 in California. Barlow, a 48-year-old health technology executive, said he has lost more than 100 pounds since November by using the drug Mounjaro and changing his diet. (Courtesy Matthew Barlow via AP)

for fast-track approval to sell tirzepatide for chronic weight management. A decision could come later this year. A company spokeswoman would not confirm whether the drug would be marketed for weight loss in the U.S. under a different brand name.

If approved for weight loss, tirzepatide could become the most effective drug to date in an arsenal of medications that are transforming the treatment of obesity, which affects more than 4 in 10 American adults and is linked to dozens of diseases that can lead to disability or death.

“If everybody who had obesity in this country lost 20% of their body weight, we would be taking patients off all of these medications for reflux, for diabetes, for hypertension,” said Dr. Caroline Apovian, a director of the Center for Weight Management and Wellness at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. “We would not be sending patients for stent replacement.”

Industry analysts predict that tirzepatide could become one of the top-selling drugs ever, with annual sales topping \$50 billion. It is expected to outpace

Novo Nordisk’s Ozempic — a diabetes drug used so commonly to shed pounds that comedian Jimmy Kimmel joked about it at the Oscars — and Wegovy, a version of the drug also known as semaglutide approved for weight loss in 2021. Together, those drugs made nearly \$10 billion in 2022, with prescriptions continuing to soar, company reports show.

In separate trials, tirzepatide has resulted in greater weight loss than semaglutide, whose users shed about 15% of their body weight over 16 months. A head-to-head trial comparing the two drugs is planned.

Mounjaro was first approved to treat diabetes last year. Since then, thousands of patients have obtained the drug from doctors and telehealth providers who prescribed it “off-label” to help them slim down.

In California, Matthew Barlow, a 48-year-old health technology executive, said he has lost more than 100 pounds since November by using Mounjaro and changing his diet.

“Psychologically, you don’t want to eat,” said Barlow. “Now I can eat two bites of a dessert and be satisfied.”

Rather than relying solely on diet, exercise and willpower to reduce weight, tirzepatide and other new drugs target the digestive and chemical pathways that underlie obesity, suppressing appetite and blunting cravings for food.

“They have entirely changed the landscape,”

said Dr. Amy Rothberg, a University of Michigan endocrinologist who directs a virtual weight loss and diabetes program.

Research has shown that with diet and exercise alone, about a third of people will lose 5% or more of their body weight, said Dr. Louis Aronne, director of the Comprehensive Weight Control Center at Weill Cornell Medicine. In the latest tirzepatide trial, more than 86% of patients using the highest dose of the drug lost at least 5% of their body weight. More than half on that dose lost at least 15%, the company said.

The obesity medications help overcome a biological mechanism that kicks in when people diet, triggering a coordinated effort by the body to prevent weight loss.

“That is a real physical phenomenon,” Aronne said. “There are a number of hormones that respond to reduced calorie intake.”

Ozempic and Wegovy are two versions of semaglutide. That drug mimics a key gut hormone, known as GLP-1, that is activated after people eat, boosting the release of insulin and slowing release of sugar from the liver. It delays digestion and reduces appetite, making people feel full longer.

Tirzepatide is the first drug that uses the action of two hormones, GLP-1 and GIP, for greater effects. It also targets the chemical signals sent from the gut to the brain, curbing cravings and

thoughts of food.

Though the drugs appear safe, they can cause side effects, some serious. Most common reactions include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, constipation and stomach pain. Some users have developed pancreatitis or inflammation of the pancreas, others have had gallbladder problems. Mounjaro’s product description warns that it could cause thyroid tumors, including cancer.

There are other downsides: Versions of semaglutide have been on the market for several years, but the long-term effects of taking drugs that override human metabolism are not yet clear. Early evidence suggests that when people stop taking the medications, they gain the weight back.

Plus, the medications are expensive — and in recent months, hard to get because of intermittent shortages. Wegovy is priced at about \$1,300 a month. Mounjaro used for diabetes starts at about \$1,000 per month.

Apovian said that only about 20% to 30% of patients with private insurance in her practice find the medications are covered. Some insurers who previously paid for the drugs are enacting new rules, requiring six months of documented lifestyle changes or a certain amount of weight loss for continued coverage. Medicare is largely prohibited from paying for weight-loss drugs, though there have been efforts by drugmakers and advocates for Congress to change that.



# Guardisman spoke of ‘murder,’ may still possess secrets: US

By Alanna Durkin Richer, Eric Tucker and Tara Copp  
Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts Air National guardsman accused of leaking highly classified military documents kept an arsenal of guns, talked of “violence and murder” on a social media platform and an “assassination van,” prosecutors wrote before Thursday’s hearing for 21-year-old Jack Teixeira.

The court filings raise new questions about why Teixeira had such a high security clearance and access to some of the nation’s most classified secrets. They said he may still have material that hasn’t been released, which could be of “tremendous value to hostile nation states that could offer him safe harbor and attempt to facilitate his escape from the United States.”

Teixeira entered his detention hearing in Worcester on Thursday in orange prison garb, smiling at his father in the front row. His handcuffs were removed before he sat down.

One possibility is that the judge could order Teixeira to be confined at his father’s home while awaiting trial, if not held in jail. Under questioning at the hearing, his father, Jack Michael Teixeira, said he was aware that if his son were to violate conditions of release or home confinement, he’d have to report him. The elder Teixeira said he owns firearms but no longer has any in his home.

Nadine Pellegrini, chief of national security division in the Massachusetts U.S. attorney’s office, told the judge the information prosecutors submitted to the court about the defendant’s threatening words and behavior “is not speculation, it is not hyperbole, nor is it the creation of a caricature. It is based on what we know to date ... directly based upon the words and actions of this defendant.”

Late Wednesday, the Air Force announced it suspended the commander of the 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron where Teixeira worked and the administrative commander “overseeing the support for the unit mobilized under federal orders,” pending further investigation.



A judge is expected to hear arguments Thursday, April 27, over whether Massachusetts Air National Guardsman Jack Teixeira, accused of leaking highly classified military documents about the Ukraine war and other issues, should remain in jail while he awaits trial. (Margaret Small via AP, File)

It also temporarily removed each leader’s access to classified systems and information.

Court papers urging a federal judge to keep Teixeira in custody detailed a troubling history going back to high school, where he was suspended when a classmate overheard him discussing Molotov cocktails and other weapons as well as racial threats. More recently, prosecutors said, he used his government computer to research past mass shootings and standoffs with federal agents.

He remains a grave threat to national security and a flight risk, prosecutors wrote, and investigators are still trying to determine whether he kept any physical or digital copies of classified information, including files that haven’t already surfaced publicly.

“There simply is no condition or combination of conditions that can ensure the Defendant will not further disclose additional information still in his knowledge or possession,” prosecutors wrote. “The damage the Defendant has already caused to the U.S. national security is immense. The damage the Defendant is still capable of causing is extraordinary.”

Teixeira has been in jail since his arrest earlier this month on charges stemming from the greatest known intelligence leak in years.

Teixeira has been charged under

the Espionage Act with unauthorized retention and transmission of classified national defense information. He has not yet entered a plea.

His lawyers are urging the judge to release him from jail, arguing in court papers filed Thursday that appropriate conditions can be set even if the court finds him to be a flight risk — such as confinement at his father’s home and location monitoring.

The defense said Teixeira no longer has access to any top-secret information and accused prosecutors of providing “little more than speculation that a foreign adversary will seduce Mr. Teixeira and orchestrate his clandestine escape from the United States.”

“The government’s allegations ... offer no support that Mr. Teixeira currently, or ever, intended any information purportedly to the private social media server to be widely disseminated,” they wrote. “Thus, its argument that Mr. Teixeira will continue to release information or destroy evidence if not detained rings hollow.”

He is accused of distributing highly classified documents about top national security issues in a chat room on Discord, a social media platform that started as a hangout for gamers. The leak stunned military officials, sparked an international uproar and raised fresh questions about America’s ability to safeguard its secrets.

The leaked documents appear to detail U.S. and NATO aid to Ukraine and U.S. intelligence assessments regarding U.S. allies that could strain ties with those nations. Some show real-time details from February and March of Ukraine’s and Russia’s battlefield positions and precise numbers of battlefield gear lost and newly flowing into Ukraine from its allies.

Prosecutors wrote that Teixeira, who owned multiple guns, repeatedly had “detailed and troubling discussions about violence and murder” on the platform where authorities say he shared the documents. In February, he told another person that he was tempted to make a minivan into an “assassination van,” prosecutors wrote.

The Justice Department’s filing

outlines a pattern of troubling behavior that officials say began well before he entered the military and continued in recent months, even as his position afforded him access to government secrets.

In 2018, prosecutors allege, Teixeira was suspended after a classmate “overheard him make remarks about weapons, including Molotov cocktails, guns at the school, and racial threats.” His initial application for a firearms identification card that same year was denied due to police department concerns over those remarks.

He applied again over the next two years, and cited in his 2020 application after joining the Guard “his position of trust in the United States government as a reason he could be trusted to possess a firearm,” prosecutors wrote.

The Justice Department said that it has also learned through its investigation that Teixeira in July used his government computer to look up a series of U.S. mass shootings and government standoffs, including the terms “Ruby Ridge,” “Las Vegas shooting,” “Mandalay Bay shooting,” “Uvalde” and “Buffalo tops shooting” — an apparent reference to the 2022 racist mass shooting at a Buffalo supermarket.

The searches of mass shootings on a government computer should have triggered the computer to generate an immediate referral to security, which could have then led to a more in-depth review of Teixeira’s file, according to Dan Meyer, a lawyer who specializes in military, federal employment and security clearance issues. The Air Force’s investigation will probably discover whether a referral was generated — and whether security officers did anything with the information.

Teixeira’s lawyers noted that he has no criminal history and would have no access to guns if he was released. The incident at his high school was “thoroughly investigated” and he was allowed to come back after a few days and a professional psychological evaluation, they wrote. That investigation was “fully known and vetted ” by the Air National Guard before he enlisted and when he obtained his top secret security clearance, they said.



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# ODDS & ENDS

## ‘Mojave Max’ tortoise emerges in Vegas; latest since 2000

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A desert tortoise that is the focus of schoolchild predictions and local lore about the start of spring has emerged from its winter burrow at a nature preserve in Las Vegas, officials said Tuesday.

Mojave Max’s appearance above ground with a burrow-mate at 3:40 p.m. Monday at the Springs Preserve marked the latest date since an annual watch contest began in 2000 for the critter compared locally with Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania. Phil’s handlers said Feb. 2 that their groundhog predicted their spring wouldn’t arrive until April.

In Las Vegas, where the threatened species’ reptilian winter rest is called brumation, the earliest a Mojave Max has emerged since 2000 was a little before noon on Feb. 14, 2005. The latest had been April 17, 2012.

Three male tortoises have borne the moniker Mojave Max. Today’s Max is marked with a radio transmitting device attached to his shell. The tortoise seen with Mojave Max on Monday does not have a name.

Biologists at the Springs Preserve think this year’s exceptionally cold



In this image provided by the Clark County Desert Conservation Program taken from a video monitor, Mojave Max, top, and another desert tortoise emerge from their burrow, Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Desert Preserve in Las Vegas. Officials in Nevada say the emergence was the latest since 2000 for the critter compared locally with Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania. Biologists in Las Vegas think a wet and cold winter kept the soil temperature cool at the tortoise’s burrow longer this year. (Clark County Desert Conservation Program via AP) AP

winter that brought frequent rain and abundant snow to mountains in the West also kept the desert surface cool later into the spring, preserve spokesman Tom Bradley Jr. said Tuesday.

“It’s taken longer for the soil in the burrow to warm,” Bradley said.

“Once it finally warmed up, Max came out.”

The desert tortoise is considered a keystone species and an indicator of the health of a fragile desert ecosystem.

The habits and habitat of Mojave Max are studied by children at

Clark County public and private schools, where officials say more than 4,200 students in grades K-5 entered this year’s contest to guess the day the tortoise would emerge. Officials said a winner of the 23rd annual contest will be announced soon.

## German court: naked landlord doesn’t justify lower rent

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A German court said Wednesday that a landlord sunbathing naked in the courtyard of his building wasn’t a reason for his tenants to reduce their rental payments.

The case involved a building in an upmarket residential district of Frankfurt, which included an office floor, rented by a human resources

company. The company withheld rent because it objected, among other things, to the landlord’s naked sunbathing. In response, the landlord sued.

The Frankfurt state court rejected the company’s reasoning, finding that “the usability of the rented property was not impaired by the plaintiff sunning himself naked in the courtyard.”

It said in a statement that it

couldn’t see an “inadmissible, deliberately improper effect on the property.”

Judges were ruling on an appeal against a lower court decision that went in the landlord’s favor, and the tenant had only limited success overall. They found that the tenant had been entitled to reduce rental payments for three months only because of noisy construction work in the neighborhood.

The court said that the spot where the landlord sunbathed could only be seen from the rented office by leaning far out of the window.

It also said the tenant failed to prove that he took the stairs to the courtyard unclothed. “On the contrary, the plaintiff stated credibly that he always wore a bathrobe which he only took off just before the sun lounger,” it said.



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# SPORTS



Dallas’ Roope Hintz, center, celebrates with teammates. Hintz has an NHL-leading 11 points through the first five games against the Minnesota Wild. (Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press)

## Is Vegas big enough for 3 pro teams?

Mark Anderson  
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas will become the smallest TV market in Major League Baseball if the Oakland Athletics relocate, and it will by far be the tiniest to be home to three major professional sports franchises.

But Las Vegas is unlike probably any other market, as the presence of the NFL’s Raiders and NHL’s Golden Knights have shown.

The city doesn’t just rely on the local populace to pack its sports venues, but also draws heavily on the nearly 40 million tourists who visit annually. That doesn’t mean the A’s would be an automatic success at the turnstile like the Knights and Raiders, but the club and MLB see that visitor count as an enormous advantage.

“It’s a smaller market in terms of households and so forth, but I think it is clearly the fastest-growing market and clearly on the ascension in terms of interest from fans all over the country,” said David Carter, sports business professor at the University of Southern California. “So (the A’s) will certainly benefit from a lift to their brand from being in that market.”

The A’s have purchased 49 acres of land close to the Las Vegas Strip for a retractable-roof stadium that will seat up to 35,000 fans. The club still hopes to secure \$500 million in public financing, so there is still significant work to be done before the A’s can officially announce they are moving.

“I’m excited because I know they’re going to do well,” North Las Vegas resident Bryan Hernandez said last week outside T-Mobile Arena before a

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## High-scoring Hintz has ‘got everything’ for playoff Stars

Stephen Hawkins  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Roope Hintz has the size, speed and shot that Dallas Stars teammate Max Domi says makes him pretty much the perfect hockey player. “I’m sure most hockey fans have played some form of NHL EA Sports or whatever it is, and he’s kind of the guy you’d probably try and create,” Domi said. “He’s got everything. He’s got speed, he’s got size, he’s got a great hockey IQ, very competitive and a lot more. Unbelievable shot, too.”

Hintz is certainly putting up video game-like numbers in the first-round series against the Minnesota Wild. The 6-foot-3 top-line

winger’s NHL-leading 11 points (four goals, seven assists) through five games are already the most for a Dallas Stars player in a single playoff series.

After a hat trick and an assist in Game 2, Hintz now has consecutive three-assist games. He helped on six consecutive goals for the Stars in Games 4 and 5, both wins, which put them ahead in the best-of-seven series for the first time. Game 6, a potential clincher for Dallas, is Friday night in Minnesota.

“He reminds me a little bit of (Florida captain) Aleksander Barkov where, you know, no one really talks about him, but he’s an elite player in this league,” Dallas coach Pete DeBoer

said. “He’s got the whole package: power, speed, finesse, coachable, team guy, defensively good. Just an all-around player.”

A Finland native who was a second-round pick in the 2015 draft, Hintz has been nearly a point-a-game player the past three seasons with 190 points in 194 regular-season games. He had 37 goals and 38 assists in 73 games this season. Even when hampered by a lingering groin injury throughout the 2020-21 season, Hintz had 43 points in 41 games.

Joe Pavelski has been missing from the Stars’ top line while in concussion protocol since a big hit in Game 1 on April 17. Hintz and Tyler Seguin (four power-play goals) have certainly

stepped up in his absence.

DeBoer said that the 38-year-old Pavelski would skate in practice Thursday and was planning to travel with the team for Game 6.

“I would call him a game-time decision right now,” DeBoer said.

In his Game 2 hat trick, the 26-year-old Hintz became the first NHL player since 2015 with a short-handed, power-play and even-strength goal in the same playoff game. His breakaway short-hander on the Stars’ first shot put them ahead to stay in a 7-3 win, when he scored in all three periods and they evened the series after losing the opener in double overtime.

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## Holgorsen, Houston prepare for move to Big 12

Stephen Hawkins  
AP Sports Writer

Houston coach Dana Holgorsen has been in the Big 12 before, and again is preparing a team for its debut season in the conference.

Before Holgorsen went to Houston — one of four schools that will officially become new Big 12 members on July 1 — he was West Virginia’s coach when the Mountaineers were part of the conference’s last composition change in 2012. WVU and TCU then joined a Big 12 slimmed to 10 teams after Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas A&M all departed over a two-year period.

The Big 12 will have 14 teams

this fall, with BYU, Cincinnati, Houston and UCF coming in a year before Oklahoma and Texas, the league’s only current members with national titles, make their move to the Southeastern Conference.

“We all need to coach better, we all need to coach harder, we need to recruit harder. We need to get better players in here,” Holgorsen said after the end of spring practice, when he said Houston had only a portion of the roster it will take into the Big 12.

Holgorsen, who’s going into his fifth year with Houston, has already added transfers from other Big 12 schools. Edge rusher David Ugwoegbu played in 51 games at Oklahoma the past

four seasons, and former Texas Tech quarterback Donovan Smith could be their starter this fall.

UCF coach Gus Malzahn and new Cincinnati coach Scott Satterfield were previously Power Five head coaches at other schools, and BYU’s Kalani Sitake was a Pac-12 assistant before taking over at his alma mater in 2016. Houston, Cincinnati and UCF are leaving the American Athletic Conference, and BYU is giving up its football independence.

Malzahn took Auburn to the 2013 national championship game. He also has several assistants who worked in P5

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Houston’s Dana Holgorsen has a history in the Big 12 as he was West Virginia’s coach when the Mountaineers were part of the conference’s last composition change in 2012. (AP File Photo)



Ime Udoka was introduced as Houston’s new coach Wednesday. (AP File Photo)

## Udoka looks for fresh start with Rockets

Kristie Rieken  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Ime Udoka is everything the Houston Rockets were looking for in a coach, and owner Tilman Fertitta insists they aren’t concerned about the behavior that led to his year-long suspension from the Boston Celtics.

Udoka was introduced as Houston’s new coach Wednesday after serving a

suspension this season following the disclosure of an inappropriate relationship with a female staffer.

“The NBA told me that they felt very comfortable with Ime becoming the coach of the Houston Rockets,” Fertitta said. “And so that made me feel really good after a lengthy, lengthy conversation.”

When asked about the opinion of some fans who don’t think Udoka deserves

a second chance after what happened in Boston, Fertitta forcefully defended his new hire.

“They’re not a good Christian person if somebody thinks that,” he said. “We’re a forgiving society and everybody makes mistakes. And some things maybe we shouldn’t forgive people for but, but I think what happened in his personal situation is definitely something we forgive for.”

Udoka didn’t provide specifics of what happened in Boston but said he’s remorseful for what he did. He said he spent the last year working to become a better person and mending his relationship with his 11-year-old son Kez.

“Having that time off and really a full understanding of how many people you impact by a poor decision,

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# Knicks show toughness, togetherness in overpowering Cavs

Tom Withers  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — While their only All-Star was back in the locker room getting treatment on his injured ankle, the New York Knicks barely missed a beat.

They didn't panic or blink. They went to work.

As has been the case for much of this season, the adversity only made this hardened group from New York even tougher.

"Whoever's on the floor for us is going to play their heart out and give everything they have," said Knicks forward RJ Barrett, playing with confidence and finally up to expectations. "It's called a team."

And the Knicks were the superior one — by far — in rolling over the Cleveland Cavaliers in five games and advancing to the second round of the NBA playoffs for just the second time since 2000, when Jeff Van Gundy was their coach.

New York, which has spent years stuck in mediocrity or worse, closed out the series with an impressive 106-95 win on Wednesday night.

Jalen Brunson scored 23 points, adding an exclamation point to his first series for the



New York's Jalen Brunson talks with Cleveland's Darius Garland after the Knicks won the series on Wednesday night. (Phil Long/Associated Press)

Knicks, and Barrett added 21. Mitchell Robinson was a monster on the backboards with 18 rebounds — 11 offensive — and New York got major contributions from reserves Immanuel Quickley (17 points) and Obi Toppin (12).

Despite losing Julius Randle late in the first half when he aggravated a sprained left ankle that's bothered him for weeks, the Knicks landed the final body blows to put away the inexperienced Cavs, who will spend the offseason healing from physical and psychological bruises inflicted upon them.

This series was supposed to be close, and wasn't.

New York came in as underdogs. The Knicks left as top dogs.

They dominated the Cavs

in every conceivable way, but especially with a punishing, physical brand of ball New York coach Tom Thibodeau has made his career calling card.

Like the city that never sleeps, these New Yorkers were tireless.

"The way this team plays resonates with all our fans," Thibodeau said. "They play hard, they play smart, and they play together, and if you do that in New York it's always recognized. ... There's still a lot of work to be done. We have a lot of areas to improve upon, so we're looking forward to the next challenge."

Next is a matchup with the Miami Heat, who stunned the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks in five games. The Knicks will

host Game 1 on Sunday inside Madison Square Garden, which quivered with sound last weekend and shook the Cavs.

There's never been any love lost between the Heat and Knicks, fierce playoff rivals who met several times in the late 1990s and most recently in 2012. New York won the season series 3-1.

Randle's injury could be a concern.

New York's leading scorer was finally moving and cutting the way he was before he initially rolled his ankle last month, forcing him to miss the final five games of the regular season. His status was in question before the Cleveland series, but he was clearly not the same and Thibodeau benched him for the fourth quarter in Game 4.

When he limped off before halftime in Game 5, it briefly appeared the Knicks might be going home up 3-2.

But Brunson, who outplayed Cavs star Donovan Mitchell for the second straight postseason, kept New York composed and Toppin replaced Randle and scored his dozen, which included a couple thunderous dunks.

"Next-man-up mentality," Brunson said.

After the game, Brunson

proudly wore a T-shirt with New York legend John Starks dunking on the front. The 26-year-old grew up around the Knicks as his father, Rick, played three of his eight seasons in New York.

This meant a little more to Brunson, who has been everything the Knicks could have hoped when they signed him last summer.

He was the best player on the floor in the series, but that didn't stop Knicks super sub Josh Hart from hitting him with some playful jabs.

"He's undersized. Overrated. Overpaid," joked Hart, whose acquisition at the trade deadline gave New York some needed depth.

"He's a star player. He showed that last year in the playoffs. He showed that this whole season, and he's continuing to show it, continuing to prove people wrong, and none of us in that locker room or in that front office or coaching staff is surprised by how he's playing."

Hart reached across the table toward Brunson, who was also his teammate at Villanova.

"You're an All-Star," Hart said, playfully.

"Don't touch me," Brunson said.

The Cavs couldn't.

## Heat rally for win in OT, eliminate top-seeded Bucks

Steve Megargee  
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jimmy Butler was an extraordinary playmaker while leading the Miami Heat to one of the most stunning first-round play-off upsets in NBA history.

It turns out he also was a heck of a play caller.

Butler scored 42 points and the Heat staged a second straight stunning fourth-quarter rally before winning 128-126 in overtime on Wednesday night in Game 5 to eliminate the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks.

"We're a resilient group," Butler said. "We stick together through everything."

The Heat advanced to a second-round series with the fifth-seeded New York Knicks, who completed



Miami's Jimmy Butler finished with 42 points Wednesday as the Heat eliminated the Bucks from the playoffs. (Jeffrey Phelps/Associated Press)

their 4-1 series win over the Cleveland Cavaliers earlier Wednesday. Game 1 is Sunday in New York.

Miami, which had to win a play-in

game with Chicago just to get to the first round, became the sixth No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 seed. The last time it happened was in 2012, when a Philadelphia 76ers team featuring current Bucks guard Jrue Holiday capitalized on Derrick Rose's knee injury to beat the top-seeded Chicago Bulls.

Two nights after outscoring the Bucks 30-13 in the final six minutes of a 119-115 victory in Miami, the Heat came back from a 16-point, fourth-quarter deficit and tied the game on Butler's layup with half a second left in regulation.

The Heat trailed 118-116 with 2.1 seconds left and called a timeout when coach Erik Spoelstra drew up a play. Butler didn't like what he saw and spoke up about it. Spoelstra then changed his mind and set up the tying

play, which had Gabe Vincent throwing an inbounds pass to Butler, who was waiting underneath the basket to force overtime.

"We've practiced variations of that play with a bunch of different guys," Spoelstra said. "I was going to do a different version of it. He just said, 'No, let me be that guy.' I just said, 'OK, but what if we can't get that pass.' He said, 'I'll get it. Don't worry about it.'"

Butler delivered, as he did this entire series. He averaged 37.6 points, including a 56-point effort in Game 4.

"He's desperate and urgent and maniacal and sometimes psychotic about the will to try to win," Spoelstra said. "He'll make everybody in the building feel it. That's why he is us and we are him. That's the way we operate as well."

### NBA ROUNDUP

## Morant, Grizzlies beat Lakers to stave off elimination

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Grizzlies' stars finally played well together in the same game, and Desmond Bane already is planning to be back for another tipoff Sunday in Memphis.

Even with Game 6 looming Friday night in Los Angeles, where the Grizzlies have yet to win this season or in this series.

Bane had 33 points and 10 rebounds, two-time All-Star Ja Morant added 31 points and 10 boards, and the Grizzlies staved off elimination Wednesday night, beating the Lakers 116-99 to force their first-round Western Conference series back to Los Angeles.

"I said it out there, and I'll say it again," Bane said. "We are going to be back for a Game 7 in front of the best fans in the NBA."

Morant missed Memphis' last Game 6 a year ago in the Western semifinals, a series-ending loss in Golden State. Asked what it will take for the Grizzlies to return for another game, Morant had a short answer.

"Me being a leader and, you know, being ready for this pedestal everybody got me on," said Morant, who signed a five-year, supermax contract last summer.

Jaren Jackson Jr., the NBA Defensive Player of the Year, had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the

Grizzlies, who improved to 5-0 in Game 5s played in Memphis and cut the seventh-seeded Lakers' series lead to 3-2. Memphis earned a second straight No. 2 seed by posting the NBA's best home record at 35-

"Obviously it was a win or go home situation," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said.

LeBron James started 1 of 7 from the field but finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. It was a modest follow-up after the 38-year-old played 45 minutes in Monday night's overtime win in Los Angeles and became the oldest player in NBA history to post at least 20 points and 20 rebounds in his 270th playoff game.

This time, James played 37 minutes and was the first starter coach Darvin Ham pulled with the Grizzlies in control.

"He and I made eye contact," Ham said. "We had a nonverbal discussion. It was time. We're going to need him big on Friday."

James said he doesn't know how he'll feel Friday night now that this series has a game every other night with travel on the off day.

"I'll take care of the body," James said. "Try to get as much sleep as I can. Seeing how fast the body can recover and get ready for Friday."

Anthony Davis led the Lakers with 31 points and 19 rebounds. Austin Reaves had 17 points and D'Angelo Russell scored 11.

The Lakers tried to rally with a 20-7 run in the fourth. They couldn't get closer than 12, the last on a putback by Davis with 2:52 left. Memphis answered with eight straight that got fans chanting "Whoop That Trick" with about 90 seconds left.

"That run at the end of the third, kind of got away from us," said Davis, who promised he'll be ready to play 48 minutes if needed in Game 6.

### Warriors take 3-2 series lead

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With the hostile crowd roaring and Sacramento making a big push, the Golden State Warriors did what they have done so often over their dynasty.

They silenced a crowd and came away with a back-breaking road win.

Stephen Curry scored 31 points, Draymond Green had his highest-scoring game in more than five years and the Warriors earned the first road win of their series against Sacramento, beating the Kings 123-116 Wednesday night to take a 3-2 lead.

The Warriors won a road game for the NBA-record 28th straight playoff series, encompassing the entire era of Curry, Green and Klay Thompson.

"The experience that they've had over the last decade playing in a lot of big games, it's definitely helpful,"

coach Steve Kerr said. "I thought they did a great job tonight of staying poised down the stretch when Sacramento made their run and really made some big plays in the last five minutes to seal it."

Green had 21 points and seven assists in his first game back in Sacramento since getting ejected and later suspended for stepping on Domantas Sabonis' chest in a Game 2 loss.

Golden State now can try to wrap up the series with a fourth straight win at home on Friday night.

"I think this team has really grown together," Green said. "Every year, that team has to grow together. This year took longer than we normally like. ... it's starting to go well for us."

The defending champion Warriors showed off their road mettle that had been missing so often this season. Golden State won only 11 games away from home in the regular season and lost the first two games in Sacramento before pulling this one out.

"This is a different team than what we had all year," Kerr said. "What happened in November and December and January on the road has nothing to do right now. This is the team we're looking at, is a team that won a championship last year and won a ton of road playoff games. Our guys know how to do it and got it done tonight."



# DIGEST



Dear Abby  
Jeanne Phillips

## Siblings take different approaches toward mother

**DEAR ABBY:** Our mom just turned 100, and she is in good health. I threw a big birthday celebration to honor this amazing woman. My brother and I were adopted as infants. She gave us a fabulous childhood, and we grew up to be responsible adults.

My brother, who's retired, lives 6 miles from Mom, but he never goes to see her or offers any type of help he is capable of doing. He thinks a daily phone call is enough. He didn't even show up to her birthday party. I live 40 miles from Mom. I leave early for work to spend time with her each morning.

My brother and I do not talk, so how do I get the point across that he needs to spend TIME with her? If I mention it to Mom, she constantly makes excuses for his behavior. What can I do? -- FRUSTRATED SISTER IN ARIZONA

**DEAR SISTER:** Although you and your brother were raised by the same woman, you are two different individuals. The pattern of how your brother treats Mom has been established, and because there is little time left, it isn't likely to change. You cannot control his behavior, so quit making it your problem. You are a dutiful and loving daughter. Leave it at that.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have recently retired after 40 years of working. My wife, who still works, thinks I should get up every morning and take her to work. We live in a big city where crime happens, so she doesn't want to take the bus. Uber and Lyft are strangers to her.

I tried teaching her to drive -- even bought her a car -- but she'd rather I take her. It's a 40-mile round trip. The traffic is crazy at that time. If I refuse, there are usually hard feelings. I don't want to do it every morning only to have to pick her up in the evening at major traffic time. What can I do? -- UNENTHUSED CHAUFFEUR

**DEAR CHAUFFEUR:** Uber and Lyft and more expensive than they used to be. Even if your wife were willing to drive herself, the cost of the vehicle, insurance and fuel would cost a bundle. Encourage her to ask if she could rideshare with a co-worker and repay the person for the gas. Even if it didn't happen every day, it might relieve some of the stress on you. Also, if she would be willing to take a bus to and from work on the lightest ridership day, it might make driving her more palatable. It's worth a try.

**DEAR ABBY:** I became "friends" with a woman recently who constantly feels the need to put me down. She criticizes my house decor, my hair, my makeup, etc. WHO DOES THIS? I like to build other women up. I no longer feel good being around her, but she's part of my larger circle. Please tell me how to handle this. -- HURT AND ANGRY IN THE NORTHEAST

**DEAR HURT AND ANGRY:** In my experience, people who can't resist the urge to "improve" those around them with "helpful" criticism are insecure and trying to make themselves feel superior. The next time it happens, tell her that when you think you need her opinion, you will ASK for it. Then, to the extent you can, avoid her.

## BRIDGE

### Test your play

By FRANK STEWART  
Tribune Content Agency

This week's deals treated declarer's proper management of the trump suit. To test yourself, cover today's East-West cards. You play at four hearts — as good a game contract as any. West leads the ten of trumps. How do you play?

The actual declarer won the first trump with the king and took the A-Q. When West discarded, South couldn't afford to concede the fourth trump since the defenders would run the diamonds. So South started the clubs, but East ruffed the third club, and the defense took three diamonds and also got a spade. Down two.

#### WINNERS

South has plenty of winners: three high trumps, five clubs in dummy and the A-K of spades. All he must do is take them. To keep control in case of a 4-2 trump break, South can let West's ten of trumps win.

If West shifts to a diamond, and East takes the A-Q and leads a third diamond, South ruffs in dummy, cashes the king of trumps, leads a spade to his ace and draws trumps. He has the rest.

Did you duck the first trump?

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 8 6 ♥ K 5 2  
♦ 8 4 ♣ A K Q J 3. You open one club, and your partner responds one

heart. North in today's deal raised to two hearts with this hand. Do you agree with that call?

**ANSWER:** I agree, though many players would have tried two clubs. Auctions are smoother when a trump suit is suggested early. Here, if partner continues with 2NT, you will bid three clubs to sign off. One result means nothing, but North-South did reach the only makeable game.

North dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 8 6  
♥ K 5 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A K Q J 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 5 4  
♥ 10 9  
♦ K 10 7 6 2  
♣ 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 3  
♥ A Q 7 4  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ 10 8 5

North 1 ♣  
East Pass  
South 1 ♥  
West Pass  
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 10

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

# First reactions to 'The Flash,' starring Ezra Miller

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The words "impressive" and "awesome" were common refrains from a group of entertainment reporters who were among the first to see the upcoming DC superhero movie "The Flash."

Warner Bros. screened the film for the first time at CinemaCon Tuesday for theater owners, exhibitors and reporters attending the annual trade show and industry conference.

Reviews are embargoed until a later date — the film, the studio said, is not completely finished — but viewers were able to post reactions on social media as soon as the credits rolled.

Brian Welk of Indiewire wrote that "it played very well," pointing out that there were more than a few screams and gasps in the packed theater.

Film critic Jordan Hoffman tweeted that it was, "far more madcap than I expected. Really nailed what reading a 5-issue crossover comic book is like. Tons of Ezra Miller being zany and time paradox stuff. Nerds will lose their minds at the ending."

"The Playlist's" Greg Ellwood wrote that it was "very good" and that Miller was "great," while Scott Mantz went a step further declaring that it's "one of the very best DC movies, a perfect blend of action, heart & humor."

Erik Davis, of Fandango, wrote on Twitter that it is "tremendous" and that it is "without a doubt among the best superhero films ever made. An all-timer. Inventive storytelling, FANTASTIC action sequences, great cast. SO MANY nerdy details."

Jason Guerrasio, of Business Insider, had a more tempered reaction, writing that it is "def not the best superhero movie ever made ... but it's an impressive DC movie with lots of emotion and loads of surprises."

"The Flash," directed by Andy Muschietti, is one of the studio's biggest films of the year. In the film, Barry Allen uses his superpowers to go back in time in an attempt to change the past and save his parents. But things go awry and he finds himself stuck in a very different reality where Michael Shannon's General Zod is back and Batman is not the Batman he knows (Ben Affleck's version). Widely available trailers have already revealed that the new Batman he encounters is Michael Keaton's version.

After the box office disappointment of "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" earlier this year, the hope is that "The Flash," which reportedly carries a \$200 million budget, will reach blockbuster heights when it opens



Andy Muschietti, left, director of the upcoming film "The Flash," discusses the film alongside Peter Safran, co-chairman and CEO of DC Studios, during the Warner Bros. Pictures presentation at CinemaCon 2023, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO)

in theaters on June 16.

The long-planned standalone about The Flash/Barry Allen has also been the subject of much discussion because of its star Ezra Miller, who made headlines last year for a string of arrests and erratic behavior.

Miller was arrested twice last year in Hawaii, for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar and then for second-degree assault. The parents of 18-year-old Tokata Iron Eyes, a Native American activist, last year filed a protection order against Miller, accusing the actor of grooming their child and other inappropriate behavior with her as a minor from the age of 12. Tokata Iron Eyes has disputed that.

Miller, who identifies as non-binary and goes by they/them pronouns, said last year that they were seeking mental health treatment.

The development of a standalone Flash movie has been in the works for almost 10 years. In one plan, announced at Comic Con in 2014, an Ezra Miller Flash movie would have hit theaters in 2018. Muschietti wouldn't even be attached to direct until 2019.

Warner Bros. has, throughout Miller's personal troubles and the shelving of "Batgirl," remained steadfast in its plans to release the "The Flash."

And though plans are already underway for a new future for DC Studios, "The Flash" has been one that the new regime of James Gunn and Peter Safran have seemed particularly excited about. Gunn said it was, "One of the best superhero films I've ever seen." And Warner Bros. Discovery president and CEO David Zaslav even boasted that Tom Cruise saw and loved the film so much that he called Muschietti himself to congratulate him.

## TODAY

Today is the 118th day of 2023 and the 40th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1789, a mutiny broke out on the British trade ship Bounty.

In 1945, Italian partisans executed dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress by firing squad.

In 1952, the United States ended its occupation of Japan. In 1965, U.S. troops began an occupation of the Dominican Republic in an effort to thwart the establishment of a communist regime.

In 1994, CIA officer and analyst Aldrich Ames pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union and Russia.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** James Monroe (1758-1831), fifth U.S. president; Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954), actor; Oskar Schindler (1908-1974), businessman; Harper Lee (1926-2016), author; Ann-Margret (1941- ), singer/actress; Bruno Kirby (1949-2006), actor; Jay Leno (1950- ), comedian/TV personality; Elena Kagan (1960- ), U.S. Supreme Court justice; L'Wren Scott (1964-2014), model/fashion designer; John Daly (1966- ), golfer; Bridget Moynahan (1971- ), actress; Jorge Garcia (1973- ), actor; Penelope Cruz (1974- ), actress; Jessica Alba (1981- ), actress.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Aldrich Ames made \$4.6 million selling CIA secrets to the KGB from 1985 to 1993.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1967, Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the U.S. Army and was stripped of his heavyweight boxing title.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for." -- Harper Lee, "To Kill a Mockingbird"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 937 -- weeks on the Billboard 200 chart for Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," the most for any album in history. The album debuted on the chart, then known as the Billboard Top LPs and Tapes, on this day in 1973.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter moon (April 27) and full moon (May 5).

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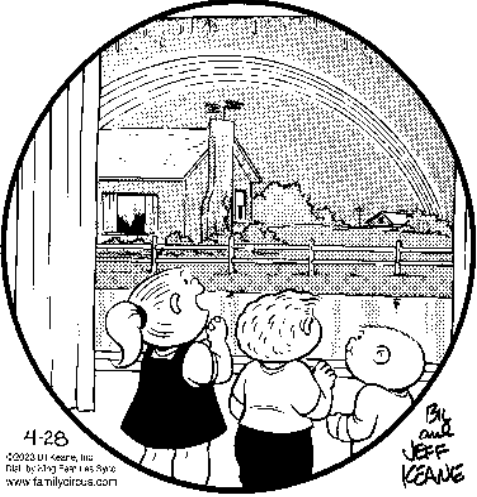


MARMADUKE Brad Anderson



"New...world...record...for...five...miles."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I'm glad God thought up rainbows."

BABY BLUES Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



## Meryl Streep wins Spain's Princess of Asturias award

MADRID (AP) — Meryl Streep has won one of Spain's most prestigious awards in the arts for her long career of acting excellence, the jury of the Princess of Asturias awards said Wednesday.

The jury said that in her nearly five decades on screen, Streep has "developed a brilliant career that given life to full and complex feminine characters which inspire reflection and a critical spirit in the spectator."

The 73-year-old actor has won multiple accolades, including three Oscars for her work in "Kramer vs. Kramer," "Sophie's Choice" and "The Iron Lady."

The 50,000-euro (\$55,000) award is one of eight prizes covering the arts, communication, science and other areas that are handed out annually by the foundation named for Spanish Crown Princess Leonor.

Flamenco musical artists Carmen Linares and María Pagés won the arts



Actress Meryl Streep poses for photographers upon her arrival at the premiere of the film 'The Laundromat' at the 76th edition of the Venice Film Festival, Venice, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019. Meryl Streep has won one of Spain's most prestigious awards in the arts for her long career of acting excellence, the jury of the Princess of Asturias awards said Wednesday. (PHOTO BY JOEL C RYAN/INVISION/AP, FILE)

award last year. Other past winners include English director Peter Brook, and American directors Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola.

The prizes are among the most prestigious in the Spanish-speaking world. The awards ceremony takes place each October in the northern Spanish city of Oviedo.

### ASTROGRAPH

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Stop thinking about change and do whatever it takes to get the ball rolling. Focus on your surroundings and make them more inviting. How you live represents who you are. Organize your life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Someone will lead you astray if you are too trusting. Listen carefully and decide what's true or false. Set a budget for home improvement projects that create a safe and friendly environment.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Gather information, talk with experts and devise a plan that fits into your schedule and budget. Emotional situations will arise that will make it difficult for you to confide or work alongside someone.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Get the lowdown before you share your thoughts and feelings. You'll make a mistake if you are too quick to act. Make plans with someone who lifts your spirits, and you'll gain valuable perspective.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Put your health and personal well-being first. Don't let work-related stress wear you down. Curb bad habits and implement a healthier lifestyle. Distance yourself from indulgent people.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Deal with problems before they become something you can't manage. Set the record straight and do whatever it takes to keep the peace. A creative opportunity will lift your spirits.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep your emotions contained. Consistency will be necessary in situations involving partners. Engage in events that take your mind off work. An exciting opportunity will develop.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't gamble or take a financial risk. Avoid big-ticket items and spending to make an impression. Use charm, not cash, to win hearts and praise. Don't believe

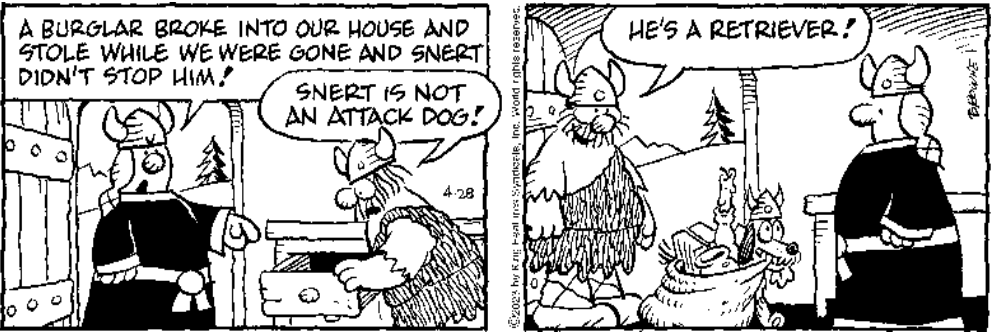
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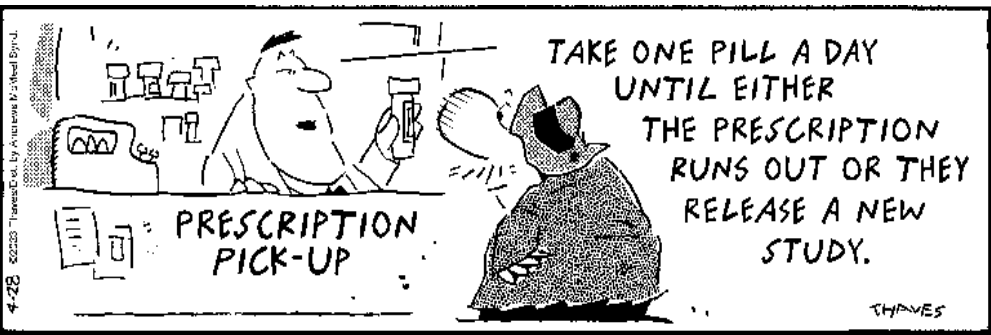
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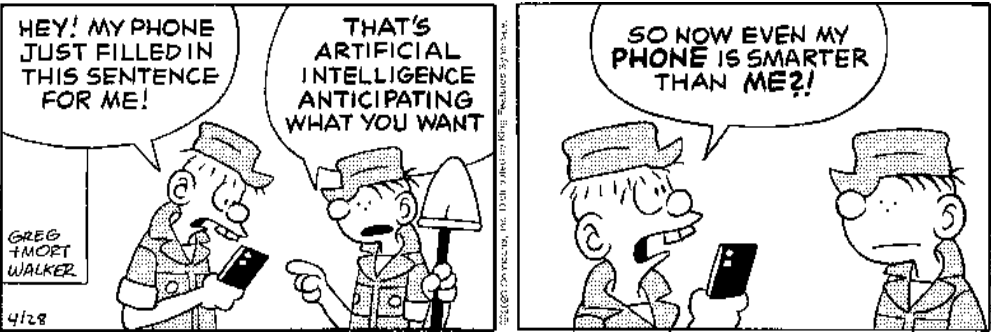
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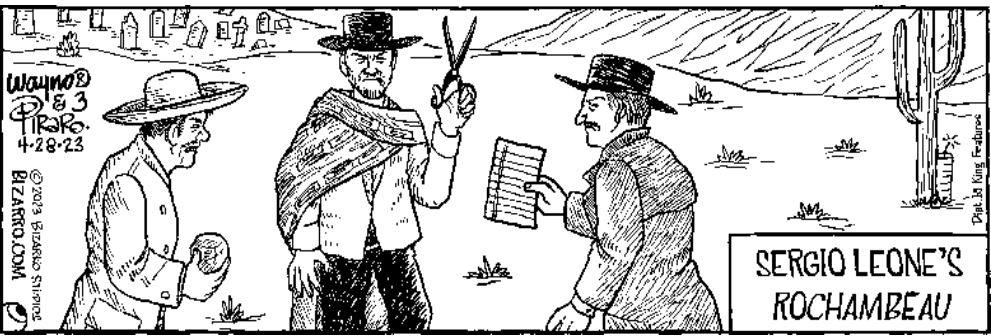
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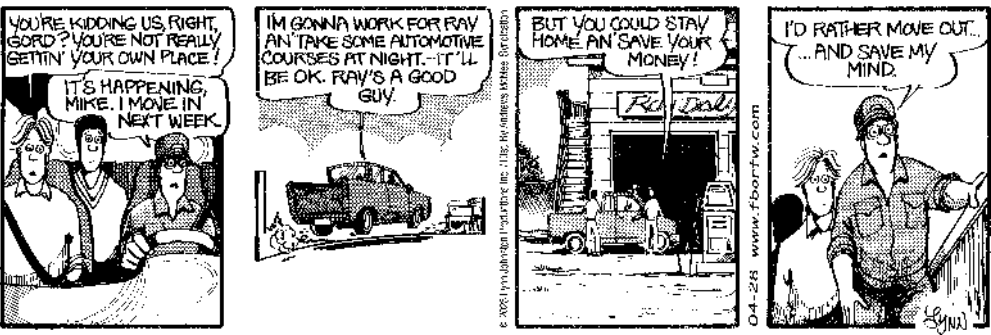
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take care of work-related responsibilities before you move on to fun and games. Consider what's important to you and arrange to spend quality time with a loved one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Communi-

cation problems are apparent. Be mindful of your words. A kind gesture will get you much further than will harsh criticism. Choose peace and love over discord.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Handle money, medical and legal matters quickly. Trust your instincts, ask questions

and verify information to ensure you get what you need. Honesty is the best policy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Keep a low profile; if you are too outspoken, you'll offend a loved one. Prioritize health, fitness and a nutritious diet. A kind gesture will be appreciated.



FAITH CALENDAR

First Baptist Church

Services and study opportunities Sunday at First Baptist Church include sanctuary services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fusion services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening services are at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Extended Session activities are available for infants through 3-years-old during all services.

Throughout the week:  
Tuesday:  
· Learning Center at 9 a.m. in the Nursery  
· Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Women starting at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday:  
· Wednesday Sunday School at 5:30 p.m. in Adult Annex, Room 1B  
· Pastor’s Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.  
· Crossover for Youth at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Building  
· Interstate Kids Wednesday nights 6-7:30 p.m. (for pre-k through 4th grade)  
· Merge (preteen ministry) Wednesday’s 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
· Adult Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Main Building Sanctuary.  
· Instrumental Ensemble rehears-al at 7 p.m. in the Main Building Sanctuary.  
· The Well (18-20 somethings Worship) Brady Chapel  
· Discipleship classes starting September 15 at 6 p.m.  
Thursday:  
· Learning Center at 9 a.m. in the Nursery.  
Saturday:  
· Downtown Mission at 5 p.m. in the Special Ministries Building  
FBC is located at 225 1st Ave. SW. Dr. Alton Fannin serves as pastor. More information about the church can be obtained by calling (580) 223-1473 or online at [www.fbccardmore.org](http://www.fbccardmore.org).

First Christian Church

Study and worship begins at 9 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church with a “Coffee Fellowship.” Sunday School for all ages follows at 9:30. “The Church at Worship” is at 10:40 a.m. Information about the church can

be found online at [fccardmore.com](http://fccardmore.com).

First Methodist Church Ardmore

Sundays:  
Traditional Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
EPIC Worship 11:05 a.m.  
Monday  
\* Bright Beginnings at 8 a.m.  
· Cude Clothes Closet at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
\* Bright Beginnings at 8 a.m.  
Wednesday  
\* Bright Beginnings at 8 a.m.  
· Cude Clothes Closet at 9 a.m.  
· Wednesday Morning Lunch Ministry at 9 a.m.  
· Elijah Morning Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday  
\* Bright Beginnings at 8 a.m.  
\* Ladies MahJong at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
\* Bright Beginnings at 8 a.m.  
First Methodist Church Ardmore is located at 501 W. Main Street in Ardmore. For more information call (580) 223-5390.

Northwest Baptist Church

1609 Robison St. - (580) 223-1691  
Sundays:  
Bible Study for all ages at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship service - 11 a.m.  
Livestream is available on Facebook group  
“Northwest Baptist Church of Ardmore”  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Youth Bible Study, and Children’s Bible Study

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church

Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in-person and on live stream from website.  
The Rev. Mike Stephenson serves as Rector.  
Pre-K thru 5th grade Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
The church is located at 516 McLish St.  
To ask questions call (580) 226-2191 or email [stpasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stpasecretary@gmail.com).  
Live Stream found at: <http://st-philipsardmore.org/streaming-worship.html>

St. Mary Catholic Church

Throughout the week  
Monday

• No Mass  
Tuesday  
• English Mass at 7:15 a.m.  
Wednesday  
• English Mass at noon  
Thursday  
• Spanish Mass at 6 p.m.  
• Adoration after Mass  
Friday  
• English Mass at noon  
Saturday  
• Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday  
• Spanish Mass at 8 a.m.  
• English Mass at 10:45 a.m.  
Confession times:  
• Saturday 4:30-5 p.m.  
• Tuesday after 7:15 a.m. Mass  
• Thursday after 6 p.m. Mass

The church is located at 125 E St. SW with Rev. Kevin Ratterman officiating.  
For more information, please call (580) 223-0231.

House of Faith

2227 Springdale RD Ardmore, Okla.  
Pastor Terry Ray (580) 465-9017  
• Services; Sunday 10 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service begins at 10:50 a.m. and includes Children’s Church  
Evening Worship Service begins at 6 p.m.  
Music includes traditional, con-temporary, gospel, and Southern gospel.  
Nursery is provided for all services.  
Wednesday schedule begins at 6 p.m. for Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Bible Study for Youth and Adults and small group Prayer time.  
Wednesday Worship begins at 7 p.m.  
Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity offers Van Service for Sunday School and Wednesday night. Call the church office at (580) 223-9553  
Trinity Web site- [trinitybaptistardmore.com](http://trinitybaptistardmore.com)  
Pastor: Terry Tolbert  
Associate Pastor/Youth: Evan Jolliff  
Music Leader: Gary Word

Trinity Baptist is located at 320 North Washington.

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Worship services begin each Saturday with a sermon by Pastor Bailey Schmidt at 10:55 a.m. Sabbath School with Bible Study begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch potluck follows services on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, with break-fast potluck at 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month.  
Throughout the week:  
Sunday  
• Revival Prayer at 7 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Tuesday  
• Advent Belief Study and Bible Memorization starts at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, led by Pastor Bailey Schmidt.  
Wednesday  
• Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.  
• Prophecy Seminar starts at 7 p.m. and is led by Brenda Schnell, a thorough Bible scholar.  
• Sharing Basket is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Located at 610 L St. NW, the Sharing Basket provides free clothing and bedding supplies.  
To ask questions call (580) 226-2487.

The church is located at 829 Locust St.

The Sanctuary

The Sanctuary opens Sunday at 10 a.m. with graded classes, followed by worship service at 11:15 a.m. Prayer rooms are available Sunday evening starting at 6 p.m. with eve-ning worship at 6:30 p.m.  
During the week  
Wednesday  
• The Word Examined at 7 p.m.  
Pastor Allen Dorries serves the church.  
The Sanctuary is located at 905 N. Rockford Road.  
To ask questions call (580) 223-8119 or (580) 226-0564.

Mary Niblack Baptist Church

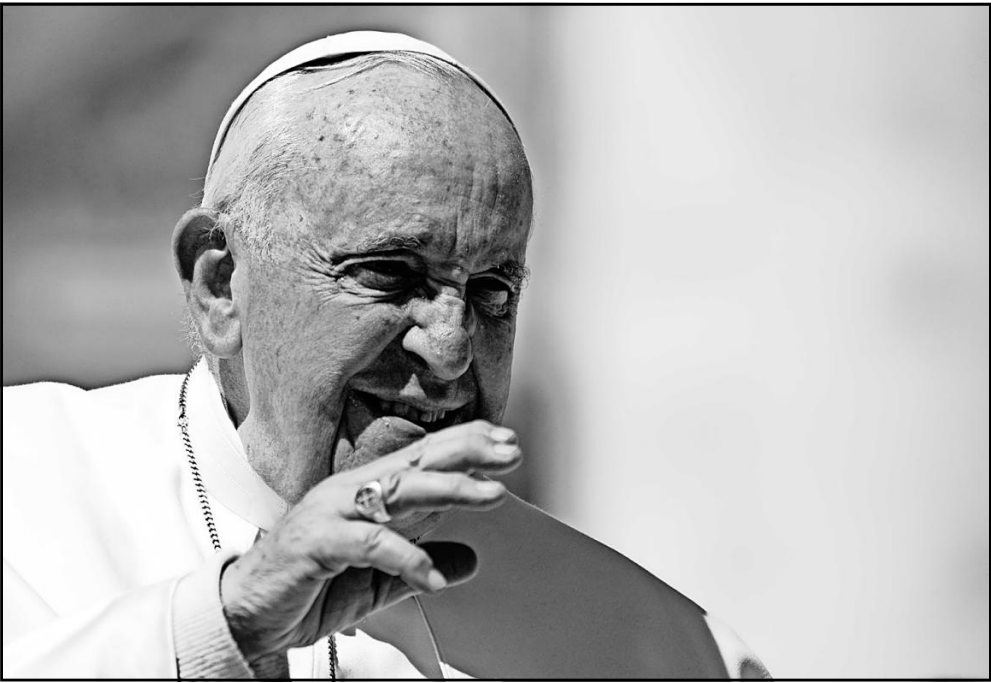
Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. followed by Worship services at 11 a.m.; Wednesday evening service begins at 6:30 p.m. Mary Niblack Baptist Church is located at 898 Mary Niblack Road in Ardmore.

Pope allows women to vote at upcoming bishops’ meeting

By Nicole Winfield

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has decided to give women the right to vote at an upcoming meeting of bishops, an historic reform that reflects his hopes to give women greater decision-making responsibilities and laypeople more say in the life of the Catholic Church.  
Francis approved changes to the norms governing the Synod of Bishops, a Vatican body that gathers the world’s bishops together for periodic meetings, following years of demands by women to have the right to vote.  
The Vatican on Wednesday published the modifications he approved, which emphasize his vision for the lay faithful taking on a greater role in church affairs that have long been left to clerics, bishops and cardinals.  
Catholic women’s groups that have long criticized the Vatican for treating women as second-class citizens immediately praised the move as historic in the 2,000-year life of the church.  
“This is a significant crack in the stained glass ceiling, and the result of sustained advocacy, activism and the witness” of a campaign of Catholic women’s groups demand-ing the right to vote, said Kate McElwee of the Women’s Ordination Conference, which advocates for women priests.  
Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s meetings that modernized the church, popes have summoned the world’s bishops to Rome for a few weeks at a time to debate particular topics. At the end of the meetings, the bishops vote on specific proposals and put them to the



Pope Francis leaves at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday, April 26, 2023. AP

pope, who then produces a document taking their views into account.  
Until now, the only people who could vote were men. But under the new changes, five religious sisters will join five priests as voting representatives for religious orders. In addition, Francis has decided to appoint 70 non-bishop members of the synod and has asked that half of them be women. They too will have a vote.  
The aim is also to include young people among these 70 non-bishop members, who will be proposed by regional blocs, with Francis making a final decision.  
“It’s an important change, it’s not a revolution,” said Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, a top organizer of the synod.  
The next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 4-29, is focused on the very topic of making the church more reflective

of, and responsive to, the laity, a process known as “synodality” that Francis has championed for years.  
The October meeting has been preceded by an unprecedented two-year canvassing of the lay Catholic faithful about their vision for the church and how it can better respond to the needs of Catholics today.  
So far only one woman is known to be a voting member of that October meeting, Sister Nathalie Becquart, a French nun who is undersecretary in the Vatican’s Synod of Bishops office. When she was appointed to the position in 2021, she called Francis “brave” for having pushed the envelope on women’s participation.  
By the end of next month, seven regional blocs will propose 20 names apiece of non-bishop members to Francis, who will select 10 names apiece to bring the total to 70.

Cardinal Mario Grech, who is in charge of the synod, stressed that with the changes, some 21% of the gathered representatives at the October meeting will be non-bish-ops, with half of that group women.  
Acknowledging the unease with-in the hierarchy of Francis’ vision of inclusivity, he stressed that the synod itself would continue to have a majority of bishops calling the shots.  
“Change is normal in life and history,” Hollerich told reporters. “Sometimes there are revolutions in history, but revolutions have victims. We don’t want to have vic-tims,” he said, chuckling.  
Catholic Women’s Ordination, a British-based group that says it’s devoted to fighting misogyny in the church, welcomed the reform but asked for more.  
“CWO would want transparency, and lay people elected from dioces-es rather than chosen by the hierar-chy, but it is a start!” said the CWO’s Pat Brown.  
Hollerich declined to say how the female members of the meeting would be called, given that members have long been known as “synodal fathers.” Asked if they would be known as “synodal mothers,” he responded that it would be up to the women to decide.  
Francis has upheld the Catholic Church’s ban on ordaining women as priests, but has done more than any pope in recent time to give women greater say in decision-making roles in the church.  
He has appointed several women to high-ranking Vatican positions, though no women head any of the major Vatican offices or depart-ments, known as dicasteries.



# Pope to visit Hungary amid diverging views on war, migrants

By Justin Spike and  
Nicole Winfield

Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The spiritual priorities of Pope Francis will be on display during a trip this week to Hungary, where the populist government will seek to downplay its diverging views on matters like immigration and minority rights while focusing instead on points where it aligns with the pontiff.

Francis will meet with children with disabilities, refugees and those living in poverty on the three-day trip that begins Friday. He will also have an audience with Hungary's president and its nationalist prime minister, Viktor Orbán.

The visit will be a political boon for Orbán, whose contentious stances on migration, Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and LGBTQ+ rights stand in stark contrast with Francis' views of inclusion and acceptance for the marginalized and support for Kyiv during Moscow's war.

Yet the cardinal of Hungary's Roman Catholic Church, Peter Erdo, as well as other members of the Catholic community, expect the pope's visit to be a celebration of Christian unity, and that differences of opinion won't play a central role.

"When there is a papal Mass to which bishops and priests from different countries come in large numbers, there is a feeling that the whole church is present



Pope Francis arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday, April 26, 2023. (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

there," Erdo said in an interview with The Associated Press. "He's making a pastoral visit to us specifically out of love and attention to the Hungarian Catholic community and the Hungarian people ... and I think this is a great joy."

Speaking after an Easter Mass celebrated by Erdo in Budapest, Erzsebet Markus, a believer from the capital, said Francis spending three full days in the country was "very significant" for Hungarian Christians and for Hungary at large.

"I think that he's spending so much time here represents an appreciation for us and for the country," she said.

Francis is also scheduled to visit with members of Hungary's scientific and cultural sectors. On his final day, he plans to preside over a Sunday Mass on a square in central Budapest.

But the war in Ukraine will loom large as he meets with

some of the 35,000 Ukrainian refugees who have remained in Hungary after 2.5 million fled across the country's eastern borders early in the Russian invasion.

His trip is bringing Francis the closest he has traveled to the conflict in Ukraine. His itinerary includes a stop at a Greek Catholic church that has provided care for refugees. The Greek Catholic Church is one of the eastern rite Catholic churches that recognizes papal authority.

The stop is a nod to Kyiv, which has begged for a papal visit of solidarity ever since Russia invaded, and is watching from the side as Francis visits neighboring Hungary for the second time in as many years.

"We'll be just a few hundred kilometers from the border with Ukraine," Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni told reporters. "We can certainly expect words about his pain over this conflict and the search

for peace."

Francis has been supportive of Ukraine's plight following Russia's invasion — likening it to a 1930s genocide of Ukrainians blamed on Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. Orbán, meanwhile, has been lukewarm in his support for Hungary's eastern neighbor, refusing to supply Kyiv with weapons and threatening to veto European Union sanctions against Moscow.

Still, Orbán has cast his view of the war as being in line with the Vatican's, saying during a speech in February that his government and the papacy were the only powers in Europe advocating for peace in Ukraine.

Andras Mate-Toth, a theologian and scholar of religions at the University of Szeged in Hungary, said that while the views of the pope and the Hungarian government on refugees had seemed to be "diametrically opposed" in the past, there was not so much space between them on the war.

"On the issue of Russia's war of occupation in Ukraine, there seems to be no such diametric difference because the pope urges peace and the Hungarian government urges peace," Mate-Toth said.

Hungary's ambassador to the Holy See, Eduard Habsburg, acknowledged that the country remained highly dependent on Russian energy 14 months into the war, but said he believes that Orbán and Francis are of like

minds when it comes to the conflict.

"Orbán and the pope, both very clearly over the last month, several times, have asked for an immediate cease-fire and peace negotiations," Habsburg said.

Francis has already expressed his appreciation for the welcome Hungary has shown to Ukrainian refugees. During a 2022 meeting with Orbán at the Vatican, Francis gave the prime minister a medallion of St. Martin and said he chose it specifically to honor Hungary's reception of people fleeing the war.

Such appreciation wasn't necessarily on display when Francis visited Budapest in 2021 for a seven-hour visit to close out a Eucharistic Congress. Francis didn't stay on to actually visit Hungary, which some observers perceived as a snub meant to reflect his opposition to Orbán's tough line on migration.

In remarks delivered at his Sunday noon blessing from his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square in the Vatican, Francis addressed his upcoming trip to Hungary, touching on both the war and migration as themes that would play an elevated role during his visit.

"It will be an opportunity to embrace a church and a people so dear to me. It will also be a journey to the center of Europe, over which icy winds of war continue to blow, while the movements of so many people place urgent humanitarian issues on the agenda," Francis said.

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SS 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**Amazing Grace Church**  
1501 7th N.W.  
Sun. Children's Church 10:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Food & Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Service 7:00 p.m.

**Ardmore Indian Baptist Church**  
820 N. Washington  
SS 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed, 7:00 p.m.

**Ardmore Revival Center**  
617 P Street NE  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Thu. 7:00 p.m.

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
516 Maxwell  
SS 9:30 a.m.; Service 10:45 a.m.

**Baum Assembly of God**  
5 Miles North of Dickson On Hwy. 177  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Bethel Assembly of God**  
4420 W. Broadway  
SS 9:30 a.m.; Worshop 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Bethel Baptist**  
126 K St. NW  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
1515 Easley Drive  
Sun. Worshop 10:30 a.m.; Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**Blue Ribbon Missionary Baptist Church**  
971 Blue Ribbon Rd, Lone Grove  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. ; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

**Brook Baptist Church**  
3611 Brock Rd, Ardmore, OK  
SS 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

**Burneyville Baptist Church**  
Main Street #3 Burneyville  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Gene Autry  
SS 10 a.m.; Worshop 11:30 a.m.

**Calvary Christian Church of God**  
115 10th Ave NE  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 10:45 a.m.; Sun & Wed 6 p.m.

**Calvary Christian Fellowship**  
2201 Fourth NW  
SS 9 a.m.; Sun. Worshop 10 a.m.; Wed. Worshop 6:30 p.m.

**Centerpoint Bible Church**  
971 F SE, Ardmore  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Cheek Baptist Church**  
1 Mile West of Lone Grove  
5 1/4 Miles South on Cheek Road  
Sun. Worshop 10:50 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**Children of the King Independent Baptist Church**  
800 "D" Street SE  
SS 9:30 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Christ Community Church**  
2620 Mt. Washington Rd.  
SS 9:00 a.m.; Service 10:00 a.m.

**Church of Christ on Merrick Drive**  
1951 Merrick Drive  
Sun. Worshop 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; SS 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
4115 Prairie Valley Rd. NW  
Sacrament Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

**City on a Hill**  
9371 State Highway 199, Ardmore  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**Corinth Baptist Church**  
1018 N St. NE  
SS 9:30 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Mid-Week Prayer 6:30 p.m.

**Cross Roads Church**  
77 Fruit Street, Lone Grove, OK (Behind Farmer's Market)  
Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.

**Crystalrock Cathedral**  
2005 12th NW  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**East Main Street Church of Christ**  
920 E. Main St.  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
120 Veterans Blvd.  
Sun. Worshop 9:00 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Bible Study Sun 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Family Church**  
27 W. Broadway  
Sun. Worshop 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Faith Heritage Pentecostal Church of God**  
Lone Grove  
SS 10 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

**Faith Southern Baptist Church**  
On Hwy 199, 2-1/2 Mi. E of Ardmore (Old Hwy 70)  
SS 10 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m., Wed. 6:30 p.m.

**Falconhead Christian Fellowship**  
Burneyville, OK  
Sun. Service 8:00 a.m.

**Family of God**  
2712 Mt. Washington Road  
Sun. Worshop 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; SS 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Service 7 p.m.

**First Avenue Church of Christ**  
1012 First Ave. NW  
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SS 9:30 a.m.; Worshop 10:30 a.m. Wed., 7:00 p.m.

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SS9:30 a.m.; Worshop 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Vorshop 7 p.m.

**Lone Grove Church of Christ**  
Sun. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Service 10:20 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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**Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church**  
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**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
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**New Hope Free Will Baptist Church**  
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SS 10:00 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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**Northeast Baptist Church**  
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SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 11 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.

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2683 Red Cedar Rd.  
SS 9:45 a.m.; Worshop 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. Youth Services 7 p.m.

**Rawhide Cowboy Church of Carter County**  
1405 Gene Autry Rd  
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**John 15:7**



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*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*  
**John 3:5**

*There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*  
**1 Samuel 2:2**

*Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*  
**Luke 6:37**

*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*  
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# Bill prohibiting denial of state funds based solely on religion heads to Stitt’s desk

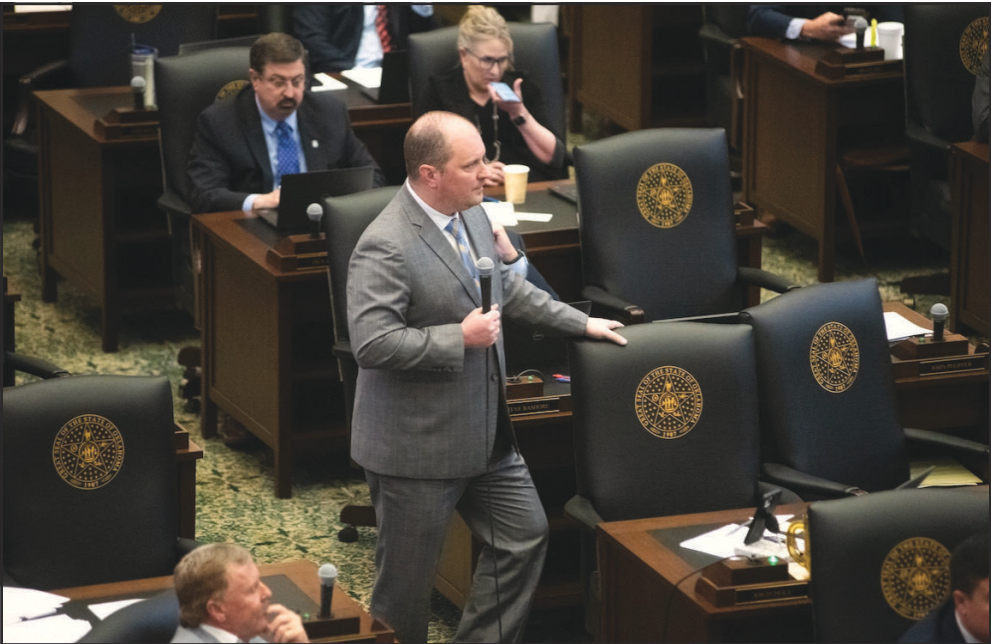
By Bennett Brinkman NonDoc.com

As the Catholic Diocese of Oklahoma considers revisions to its application for a state-authorized charter school, a bill prohibiting the denial of state funding or services based solely on religious affiliation has passed the Legislature and is awaiting Gov. Kevin Stitt’s signature.

If Stitt signs it, SB 404 would change state statute so that “it shall be deemed a substantial burden to exclude any person or entity from participation in or receipt of governmental funds, benefits, programs, or exemptions based solely on the religious character or affiliation of the person or entity.”

The measure passed the House 64-27 on Monday, with seven Republicans joining 20 Democrats in opposition. Democrats argued the bill will allow state-funded religion.

The bill’s lead author, Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville), said she is



House Majority Floor Leader Jon Echols (R-OKC) presents SB 404 on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.  
Michael Duncan

confident the governor will sign the bill into law.

“I’m very gratified that we got it passed,” Daniels said. “I am absolutely confident that the governor will sign it.”

Both Daniels and the bill’s House author, Majority Floor Leader

Jon Echols (R-OKC), cited recent Supreme Court cases involving state funds going to religious schools for why the bill was needed.

“In recent years, there were three Supreme Court cases quite close together that all dealt with establishment of religion issues,” Daniels said. “And just incidentally, they were all involving schools — religious schools being denied certain benefits that were being offered to other schools. And basically, we updated [state statute] to say, ‘You can’t deny a benefit largely on the basis of the character of the person or the institution being religious.’”

Daniels said that the Catholic Diocese originally brought the idea for the bill to her.

Brett Farley, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Oklahoma, celebrated the bill’s passage on Tuesday.

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# Oklahoma lawmakers try for second year to expand pregnancy help

By Paul Monies  
Oklahoma Watch



Oklahoma lawmakers continue to be frustrated with a vendor hired to help pregnant women for expanded services under the state’s Choosing Childbirth Act.

The slow pace of getting money to nonprofit organizations that provide crisis pregnancy care means that almost \$8 million is sitting unused in a state account. Oklahoma’s abortion ban and the fallout from the U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down Roe v. Wade in June 2022 adds to the urgency to provide more flexibility under the state’s Choosing Childbirth Act.



Senate Bill 538 would let the Oklahoma State Department of Health send payments directly

Hope Outreach Parenting Ministry in Enid is among several nonprofits who got reimbursements from the Oklahoma Pregnancy Care Network under a state program that funds alternatives to abortion.

An internal audit of the network by the Oklahoma State Department of Health called into question the slow start by the vendor after the Legislature first approved funding in 2019.

(Courtesy of Billy Hefton /Enid News & Eagle)

to qualified organizations providing pregnancy care, including for mental health services and

transportation. It would leave an existing vendor in place, but allow for flexibility for more pregnancy services from additional vendors.

The bill’s author, Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, said it remains one of his personal priorities this session. The bill would need to pass on the House floor by Thursday’s deadline to stay alive. The proposal is similar to SB 1522, which failed at the same stage in last year’s session.

“We want to open that up and make sure money gets to go where it’s supposed to go,” Treat said last week in a media availability. “We’ve been dissatisfied with the progress of the current, third-party, private

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# Oklahoma lawmakers signal support for congressional term limits

By Keaton Ross  
*Oklahoma Watch*

When State Question 632 appeared before Oklahoma voters in 1990, they resoundingly said yes to 12-year term limits for state legislators.

More than three decades later, Oklahoma lawmakers are seeking similar constraints on U.S. Senators and Representatives. The state Senate last week passed House Joint Resolution 1032, which signals Oklahoma's support for limiting how long members of Congress are allowed to stay in office.

The process necessary to establish congressional term limits is somewhat complex. In the 1995 U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that states cannot impose requirements on their congressional delegation stricter than what's specified in the constitution, including term limits. Members of the U.S. House and Senate also don't have the power to unilaterally impose term limits on themselves.



Broad support is necessary for Congress or the states to commence establishing term limits. A two-thirds supermajority of Congress may pass a resolution that's forwarded to state legislatures for final approval. Article V of the Constitution gives states the power to call a convention on the issue if at least two-thirds signal support.

Whether through state legislatures or the constitutional convention process, at least 38 of 50 states would need to sign off on congressional term limits for the changes to take effect.

Action on the issue doesn't appear likely soon. Just five other states — Missouri, Florida, Alabama, West Virginia and Wisconsin — have passed similar single-subject applications for term limits, well short of the 34 necessary to call a convention.

Such a convention has never taken place. But momentum is building in other states to pass similar resolutions, according to U.S. Term Limits, the advocacy group pushing for



Legislators applaud during the Governor's State of the State speech at the Capitol on Feb. 6, 2023. (Whitney Bryen/Oklahoma Watch)

states to call a convention to establish term limits. The group, which argues lawmakers who stay in office longer are less effective and more beholden to special interests, cites outside polling showing that more than 70% of voters nationwide support congressional term limits.

Some groups fear there could be ramifications of establishing term limits and convening a constitutional convention of the states. Less

experienced members would lack policy experience and therefore rely more on lobbyists and special interest groups, according to the Brookings Institute think tank. No established federal rules limit a convention to one issue, meaning states could look to write new amendments outside of the usual process, according to the nonpartisan government watchdog group Common Cause.

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"Obviously, we're very happy that it passed," Farley said. "This is a bill that was inspired by Oklahoma faith leaders in the Catholic Conference to further implement protection for religious organizations."

Echols echoed a similar sentiment as he presented and defended the bill on the House floor.

"If I were if I were to replace the word religion (in the bill) with gender, or sex or race, this wouldn't even be controversial," Echols said.

The bill's passage comes as the Catholic church is currently revising an application to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board for a Catholic virtual charter school. Board members rejected the original application amid uncertainty about its legality and questions about its administrative setup.

Farley said SB 404 had been in the works long before the application, but he said the bill could clear up some constitutional questions of the legality of a religious charter school

in Oklahoma.

"This was a bill that was that was in the works and planned on long before any question related to a Catholic charter school was even on the radar," Farley said. "So any insinuation that the two things are connected is completely false. This bill was drafted long before [Attorney General Gentner] Drummond's opinion came out."

**Seven Republicans oppose bill**  
Though none of them debated against it Monday, seven Republicans voted with Democrats against the bill:

- Rep. Ty Burns (R-Pawnee)
- Rep. Ronny Johns (R-Ada)
- Rep. Cynthia Roe (R-Lindsay)
- Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh)
- Rep. John Talley (R-Stillwater)
- Rep. Mark Vancuren (R-Owasso)
- Rep. Josh West (R-Grove)

During debate, Democrats pointed to Article 2, Section 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution, which prohibits public money from going to religious institutions, as reason to vote against the bill.

"Please uphold the oath of

office that you took and the state Constitution and send a clear message that you support the will of people by voting no on this ridiculous bill," said Rep. Mickey Dollens (D-OKC).

Daniels and Farley both said recent Supreme Court cases had rendered that section of the Constitution unenforceable.

Other Democrats argued that if religious programs or schools receive state money because of the bill, then they should be subject to the same laws and regulations as other recipients of state money, such as public schools.

Echols said he would be in favor of attaching strings to public funding that goes to religious institutions, and he also pointed out that while his bill prohibits discrimination based solely on religion, it does not prohibit denying state funds for other reasons.

"I'm not saying, 'With money doesn't come strings,'" Echols said. "With money, should come strings."

**Private Catholic school settles federal claims**

In other news regarding Catholic

schools in Oklahoma, federal prosecutors announced earlier this week that Good Shepherd Catholic School in Oklahoma City has agreed to pay \$354,000 to settle claims "stemming from allegations that GSCS submitted false claims to TRICARE for services provided to students with autism."

"The United States alleges that from May 13, 2013, to December 20, 2016, GSCS knowingly submitted false or fraudulent claims to TRICARE for providing ABA services to TRICARE beneficiaries," according to a press release from the office of U.S. Attorney Robert Troester. "The claims were allegedly false or fraudulent because the ABA services were provided in a group setting and not on a one-on-one basis as required. To resolve the claims, GSCS agreed to pay \$354,000 to the United States."

The release said that GSCS — located on the Mercy Hospital campus on North Meridian Avenue in OKC — did not admit liability and the government did not make any concessions about the legitimacy of the claims owing to the settlement.

## Lawmakers

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administrator. I'm very passionate about making sure those dollars actually go where we want, so I'm watching that one closely."

The Health Department said the vendor, the Oklahoma Pregnancy Care Network, predicted it could help up to 10,000 pregnant women annually. Tracking data shows just 3,032 women have been helped from July 2020 to January 2023.

Lawmakers have also expressed

concerns about administrative expenses of the vendor to the religious-affiliated nonprofits providing services under the law. A snapshot of spending shows administrative expenses were 40% of the total expended in the past three years.

"With the regulatory environment we've created over abortion and birth, that money we've been putting aside for Choosing Childbirth needs to be disseminated out to crisis pregnancy centers all over the state," the bill's House author, Rep. Marcus McEntire, R-Duncan, said Tuesday. "Right now, those

funds are just dribbling out, and it should be more like a stream. They should be exhausting that money every year."

Part of the problem is that services need to be provided before the state reimburses under the Choosing Childbirth Act. Few of the nonprofits contracted with the vendor have the cash flow to provide those services up front.

An internal audit report last year by the Health Department showed the Oklahoma Pregnancy Care Network had some questionable administrative expenses and was

slow to provide help to eligible nonprofits. Its leaders at the time acknowledged the slow start but said it was at a "tipping point" and poised to grow exponentially across the state.


Madeline Craig, executive director for the Oklahoma Pregnancy Care Network, said the organization didn't see a need for the latest legislation.

"OPCN is on track to spend all \$3 million awarded under the contract, and current projections exceed the contracted amount for this (fiscal year)," Craig said Tuesday.

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IN THE DISTRICT  
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COUNTY IN THE STATE  
OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF MARY MAUD  
BESAW, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2022-128

**NOTICE OF HEAR-  
ING FINAL ACCOUNT,  
DETERMINATION OF**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**HEIRS, AND PETITION  
FOR DISTRIBUTION  
AND DISCHARGE**

Notice is hereby given  
that Koren Treeese, Per-  
sonal Representative of  
the Estate of Mary Maud  
Besaw, deceased, having  
on the 14th day of April,  
2023 filed in this Court  
her final account of the  
personal representative  
of said estate and petition  
for order allowing final  
account, determination  
of said estate and for final  
discharge of said personal  
representative, the hear-  
ing of the same has been  
fixed by the judge of said  
court for the 16th day of  
May, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock  
a.m., at the courtroom of  
the District Court of Car-  
ter County, County Court-  
house, Ardmore, Okla-  
homa, and all persons  
interested in said estate  
are notified then and there  
to appear and show cause,  
if any they have, why they  
said account should not be  
settled and allowed, said  
estate distributed, and the  
personal representative  
discharged.  
DATED this 14th day of  
April, 2023.  
DENNIS MORRIS  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

Approved as to form:  
Mark H. Colbert  
200 Stanley Street  
P.O. Box 2169  
Ardmore, OK 73402  
(580) 226-1911  
ATTORNEY FOR PER-  
SONAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVE

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**DISTRICT COURT OF  
CARTER COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE: The name of:  
Josslyn Gastineau  
CN-2023-52

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON CHANGE ON PE-  
TITION TO CHANGE**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Josslyn  
Gastineau has petitioned  
to change his/her name to  
Josslyn Carrillo.  
A hearing on said peti-  
tion hearing is set for 9:00  
o'clock A.M. on the 26th  
day of May, 2023, before  
Judge Morris at 9:00 A.M.  
o'clock in his/her court-  
room in the Carter Coun-  
ty Courthouse. Should  
you know of some reason  
why this change of name  
should not be allowed you  
must file a written pro-  
test in the above styled  
and numbered cause pri-  
or to the above date with  
the Clerk of this Court.  
Should you fail to do so,  
the petition for change of  
name will be granted as  
prayed.

Renee Bryant  
Court Clerk  
By: Lisa Long  
Deputy

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IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT FOR THE TWEN-  
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TRICT  
ARDMORE, CARTER  
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate  
of  
MARSHA ANNETTE NO-  
LAND,  
Deceased

Case No. PB-2023-62

**ORDER AND NOTICE  
FOR HEARING PETI-  
TION FOR PROBATE,  
APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVE, AND  
DETERMINATION OF  
HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
AND LEGATEES**

LORI MICHELLE HILLIS  
having filed herein a *Peti-  
tion* for probate of the  
estate of MARSHA AN-  
NETTE NOLAND, De-  
ceased, requesting that  
*Letters Testamentary* be is-  
sued to LORI MICHELLE  
HILLIS and that, for pur-  
poses of executing *Con-  
sents* and *Waivers*, the  
heirs-at-law, devisees, and  
legatees of the Decedent  
be determined.  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED  
that said *Petition* be and  
is hereby set for hearing  
in this Court in the Carter  
County Courthouse, Ard-  
more, Oklahoma, on the 23  
rd day of May, 2023, at 9:00  
o'clock a.m. in the court-  
room of the undersigned  
Judge, when and where  
all persons interested may  
appear and contest said  
*Petition*.  
IT IS FURTHER OR-  
DERED that notice be giv-  
en as required by law.  
WITNESS my hand this 21  
st day of April, 2023.

DENNIS MORRIS,  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

ALEXA STUMPF  
WHITE, OBA #33056  
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Ardmore, OK 73402  
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ATTORNEY FOR PETI-  
TIONER

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT OF CARTER  
COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate  
of  
JAMES B. WADE a/k/a  
JAMES BEESON WADE,  
deceased.

No. PB-2023-60

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION  
FOR ANCILLARY PRO-  
BATE OF FOREIGN  
WILL**

Notice is hereby given to  
all persons interested in  
the estate of JAMES B.  
WADE a/k/a JAMES BEE-  
SON WADE, Deceased,  
that on the 20th day of  
April, 2023, PHILLIP G.  
SHAFFER produced and  
filed in the District Court  
of Bryan County, Oklaho-  
ma, a certified copy of an  
instrument purporting to  
be the Last Will and Testa-  
ment of JAMES B. WADE  
a/k/a JAMES BEESON  
WADE, Deceased, and also  
filed in said Court his Pe-  
tition praying for the an-  
cillary probate of the Will  
and asking that Letters  
Testamentary be issued to  
him as Personal Representa-  
tive named in the Will.  
Pursuant to an Order of  
this Court issued on the  
20th day of April, 2023, no-  
tice is hereby given that on  
the 23rd day of May, 2023,  
at 9:00a.m., the Petition  
will be heard at the Dis-  
trict Courtroom, Carter  
County Courthouse, Ard-  
more, Oklahoma, when  
and where all persons in-  
terested may appear and  
contest the same.

**IN TESTIMONY  
WHEREOF**, I have here-  
unto set my hand this 20th  
day of April, 2023.

DENNIS MORRIS  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

David W. Kelly  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 1047  
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**IN THE DISTRICT  
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATES OF  
MOHNDAA LEE ILNISKI  
A/K/A  
MOHNDAA TODD ILNISKI,  
DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2023-47

**NOTICE TO CREDI-  
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Brent Bahner, Esq., 100  
"E" Street S. W., Suite 200,  
P. O. Box 1766,  
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402,  
on or before the following present-  
ment date: **June 26, 2023**,  
or the same will be forever  
barred.

Dated this 25th day of  
April, 2023.

/S/ S. Brent Bahner  
S. Brent Bahner, OBA #414  
100 "E" Street S. W.  
P. O. Box 1766  
Ardmore, OK 73402  
Telephone: 580-223-4321  
Facsimile: 580-226-4795  
*Attorney for Phillip Keith  
Todd and William Kent  
Todd, Administrator of the  
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**DISTRICT COURT OF CARTER COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE: The name of Deborah Mae Jones.

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Deborah Mae Jones has petitioned to change his/her name to Queenie Mae Jones.

A hearing on said petition is set for 9 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of June, 2023, before Judge Morris at 9 o'clock in their courtroom at the Carter County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so petition for change of name will be granted as prayed. Dennis Morris  
Judge of the District Court 1057200

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CARTER COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

In the Matter of the Estate of: Johnny Lee Hartman, Sr. Case No. PB-2020-30 Deceased.

Johnny Lee Hartman, Sr. Case No. PB-2020-30

**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the duly appointed and qualified representative of the above-captioned Estate has filed in this Court a Final Account of the administration of said Estate and a Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of said estate, and Discharge; said hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 16th day of May, 2023 at 9 a.m., in the

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Carter County courthouse in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have why said account should not be settled and allowed and said Estate distributed and the personal representative discharged. Dated this 25th day of April, 2023.

DENNIS MORRIS  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared for entry by: Niki Lindsey, OBA #19344 Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. 4200 Perimeter Center Drive, Suite 222 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 lindsey@oilsonline.org T: (405) 948-9314 F: (405) 917-7060 Attorney for the Petitioner/Personal Representative 1057340

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN AND FOR CARTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL WILLIAM MCGINNESS, Deceased.

Case no. PB-2023-59

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of CARL WILLIAM MCGINNESS, Deceased, that, on the 19th day of April, 2023, there was filed with this Court the *Petition* of KEVIN D. RUSSELL, requesting that Letters of Administration be issued to KEVIN D. RUSSELL appointing him as Personal Representative of the estate of CARL WILLIAM MCGINNESS; that the identity of all heirs at law of CARL WILLIAM MCGINNESS be determined for the purpose of filing Waivers or Consents as permitted by law; and that an Order be entered providing that the Personal Representative shall not be required to make and return to the Court an Inventory and

PUBLIC NOTICE

Appraisement of 'CARL WILLIAM MCGINNESS' estate. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 19th day of April, 2023, notice is hereby given that said Petition shall be heard before this Court on the 23rd day of May, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., at the Carter County Courthouse in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, when and where all persons may appear and contest the same.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2023.

DENNIS MORRIS, JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Tyler L. Akers, OBA # 33455 303 E Street NW Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401 T: (580) 798-4092 Tyler@tylerakerslaw.com attorney for Petitioners 1057430

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CARTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP R. CECIL, Deceased.

No. PB-2022-171

**NOTICE FOR HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AT LAW, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE**

NOTICE is hereby given that SARA B. CECIL the duly appointed, qualified and acting Personal Representative of the Estate of PHILIP R. CECIL, Deceased, having filed in this Court her *First and Final Account* of the administration of the said Estate, and her *Petition for Order Allowing First and Final Account, Determination of Heirs at Law, Distribution and Discharge*, the hearing of same has been fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for the 16th day of May, 2023,

PUBLIC NOTICE

at 9:00 a.m., at the County Courthouse in the City of Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of the said PHILIP R. CECIL, Deceased, determined, said Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

**DATED** this 24th day of April, 2023.

/S/ DENNIS MORRIS  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

**ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER :** THOMPSON, CAWLEY, VEAZEY & BURNS 422 Second Avenue, N.W. Post Office Box 2460 Ardmore , Oklahoma 73402 (580) 223-3020 1057930

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CARTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLOYD TERRY MORGAN, Deceased.

No. PB-2022-144

**NOTICE FOR HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AT LAW, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE**

NOTICE is hereby given that CHRISTEENA ANN LEACH-MORGAN the duly appointed, qualified and acting Personal Representative of the Estate of FLOYD TERRY MORGAN, Deceased, having filed in this Court her *First and Final Account* of the administration of the said Estate, and her *Petition for Order Allowing First and Final Account, Determination of Heirs at Law, Distribution and Discharge*, the hearing of same has been fixed by the

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undersigned Judge of said Court for the 16th day of May, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the County Courthouse in the City of Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of the said FLOYD TERRY MORGAN, Deceased, determined, said Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

**DATED** this 24th day of April, 2023.

/S/ DENNIS MORRIS  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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# OU Health Sciences Center researcher discovers behavior of toxic protein that can cause Alzheimer’s

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Simply getting older is the primary risk factor for developing Alzheimer’s disease. There may not be a way to turn back time, but the research community increasingly recognizes that if the process of aging can be slowed, the onset of diseases like Alzheimer’s may be delayed as well. A recent publication by an OU College of Medicine researcher at OU Health Sciences Center builds on that knowledge by illuminating the behavior of a pathogenic protein that accelerates aging in the brain.

The study comes from the laboratory of Veronica Galvan, Ph.D., professor and Donald W. Reynolds Endowed Chair of Aging Research in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, OU College of Medicine. In her study, published April 25 in the journal *Nature Communications*, she demonstrates just how damaging a protein called tau can be when it becomes pathogenic.

Tau plays an important role in healthy brain cells, but in the process of aging, tau can begin to “misfold” and take on a new formation that is pathogenic. Once it does, tau is transmitted from neuron to neuron until it has infiltrated the long neuronal chain that forms the electric circuit of the brain. In Galvan’s new study, she discovered an additional

destructive step for tau — the protein is able to move into the nearby endothelial cells, which play a crucial role in the brain maintaining healthy blood flow.

“That was a surprise to us,” she said. “In the endothelial cell, tau triggers a process called senescence that is central to the biology of aging.”

When endothelial cells become senescent, they can’t do their jobs well anymore. They become highly inflammatory and damage surrounding cells, causing accelerated aging in the blood vessels of the brain. Senescence is also a precursor to atherosclerosis, which is a buildup of plaque in the arteries that obstructs blood flow.

“Even before you see any cognitive impairments, you have dramatic changes in blood flow in the brain. The brain is extraordinarily dependent on blood flow to get oxygen and glucose,” Galvan said. “Pathogenic tau is a cause of Alzheimer’s disease. That is important to understand because if we can remove pathogenic tau from the brain or block tau-induced endothelial cell senescence, then we may be able to prevent damage or restore brain function.”

In the same study, Galvan’s team tested whether a particular antibody could remove toxic tau from the brains



Veronica Galvan, Ph.D.

of mice. The antibody, which was provided by a collaborating researcher, was able to restore about half of the mice’s brain function. The antibody is being prepared for clinical trials and will be further studied for its role in removing toxic tau.

“We were not able to completely restore function, but we were able to reduce the deficit by about half,” she said. “That was with only one course of treatment, so it could be improved.”

Galvan’s next step is to look for ways to block tau from entering endothelial cells. Her lab plans to perform genome-wide genetic screens at the Center for Therapeutic Sciences at the OU Health Sciences Center to determine which genes allow pathogenic tau to enter the cells.

“Once we know which genes are involved, we can act from the other side — instead of trying to remove all of the tau, we can protect the cells by preventing the entry of tau,” she said. “Maybe there are drugs already available that can block tau, or perhaps we could develop a new drug at the Center for Therapeutic Sciences.”

Before arriving at the OU Health Sciences Center, Galvan worked at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where she played a pivotal role in advancing the

drug rapamycin to clinical trials for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. The discovery of a drug like rapamycin that targets the rate of aging opened the door for researchers to deepen their studies into the biology of aging and its role in age-associated disease. The field of research is known as geroscience, a growing area of interest and federal funding.

“By targeting the rate of aging, we can, in principle, reduce the risk for a large variety of diseases,” Galvan said. “The idea is that we could help people maintain their health span, their healthy years of life. It would allow for what we call a compression of morbidity — people will still eventually develop health problems, but it would happen in a compressed amount of time and allow for a much longer span of health.”

Galvan is also director of the Oklahoma Nathan Shock Center of Excellence in the Basic Biology of Aging and co-director of the Center for Geroscience and Healthy Brain Aging at the OU Health Sciences Center. The first author for the new publication is Stacy Husson, Ph.D., assistant professor of research in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the OU College of Medicine. Also serving as first author is Andy Banh, Ph.D., a medical student at the University of Texas Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine.

## House approves travel allowance increase for county officials

State of Oklahoma House of  
Representatives

OKLAHOMA CITY – Rep. Justin Humphrey, R-Lane, this week secured passage of a bill that would raise the monthly travel allowance by \$300 for county officials.

Under Senate Bill 951, the travel allowance for county commissioners and sheriffs would go from \$700 to up to \$1,000 per month; county

assessors from \$600 to up to \$900; and county clerks, court clerks and county treasurers from \$500 to up to \$800. The measure also provides for county officer monthly travel allowances to be increased by 2% annually beginning in Fiscal Year 2028.

The money would come from county budgets and have no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or state appropriations.

“Many of our county officials use



their own personal vehicles, and this increase simply keeps pace with rising costs for gas, insurance and vehicle maintenance expenses,” Humphrey told fellow lawmakers. “This actually represents a savings for many of our counties rather than asking them to supply each official a county-owned vehicle.”

Humphrey said he worked with county officials on the language of the bill. Sen. Chris Kidd is the principal

Senate author of the bill.


“This will provide our county officials with a much-needed financial boost to cover their ever-increasing travel expenses as they conduct their official duties,” Kidd said. “I’m thankful for the bipartisan support from both chambers to get this bill to the governor’s desk.”

The bill now moves to the governor for his consideration of signing it into law.



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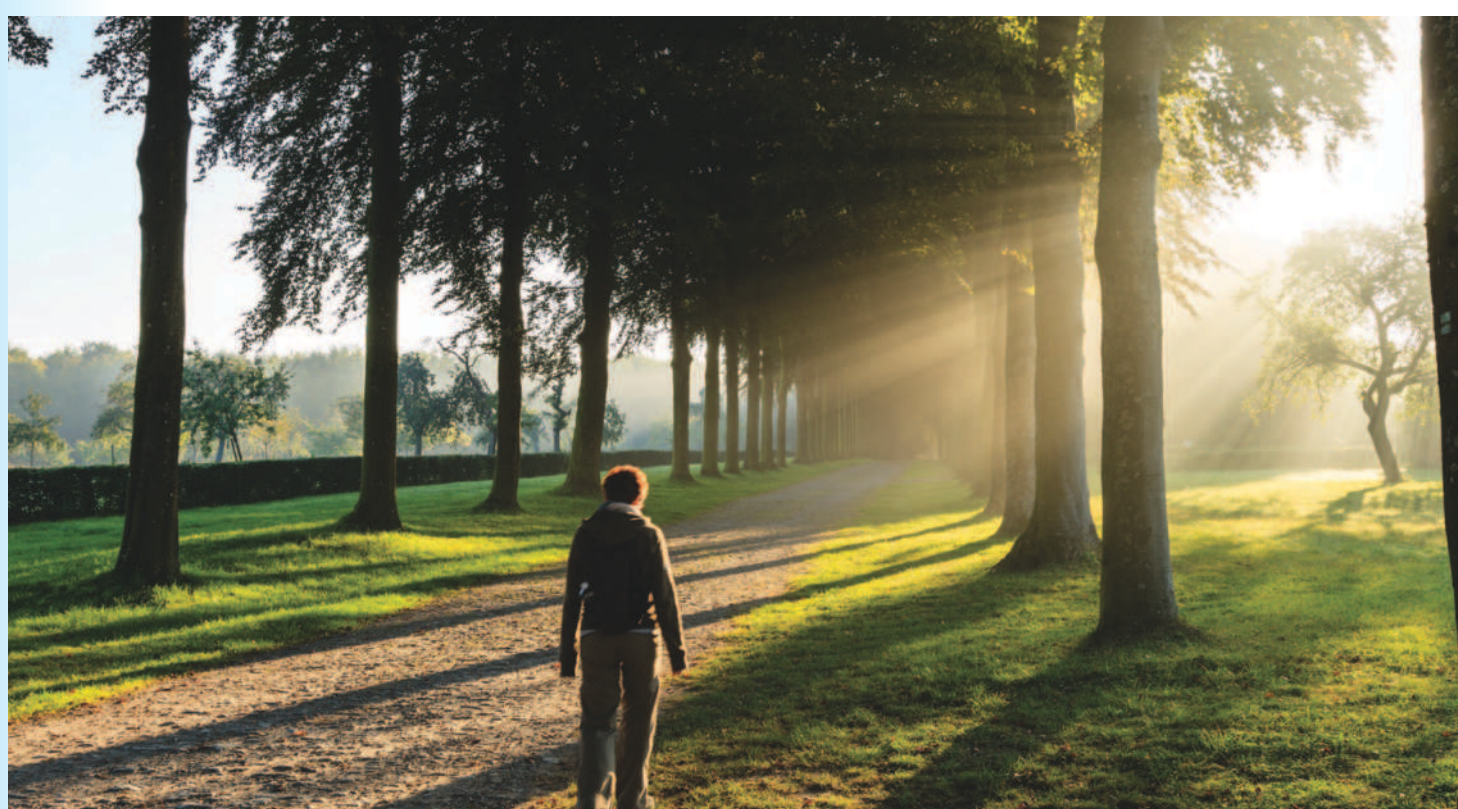
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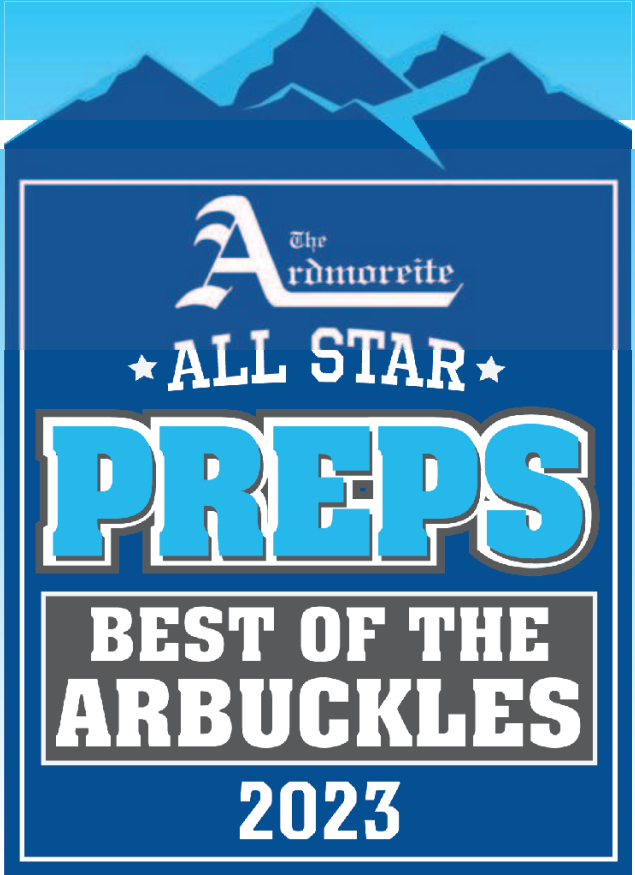
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The Carousel Productions Summer Youth Theatre

# AUDITIONS

## Monday, May 15th

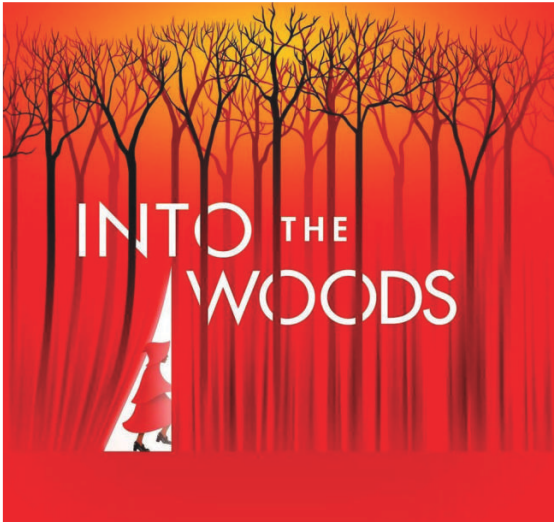
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K-4th Grade  
Performances:  
**June 16-18**



5th-8th Grade  
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9th-12th Grade  
Performances:  
**July 20-23**

### Audition Requirements

Upon arriving at Auditions you will be taught a song from the show with all auditionees. Once everyone is comfortable with the song you will perform it in a separate room for only the director of your show. You may receive additional material to take home and prepare for a second audition (callback) on May 16th for Frozen and Shrek Jr. and May 17th for Into the Woods.

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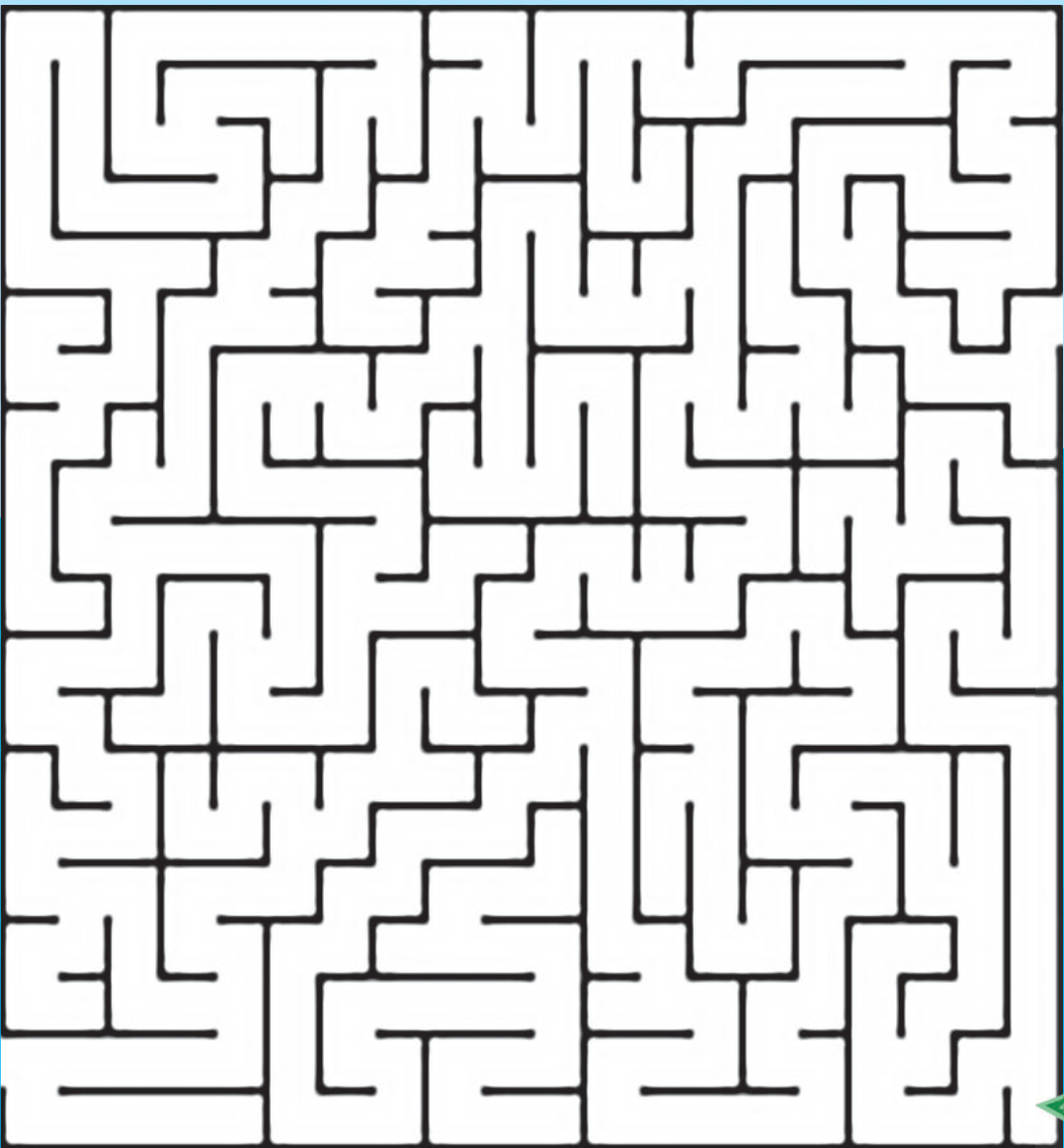


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### Toilet Paper Roll Train

- Materials:
- 6 Toilet Paper Roll Tubes
  - 1 Skinny Cardboard Tube (I used the center of a roll of foil)
  - 20 Lids (milk containers, Vitamin waters, Gatorade)
  - Craft Paint
  - Foam Brushes
  - Yarn
  - Hole Punch or Something to Make a Hole in the Cardboard Tube
  - Hot Glue Gun
  - Scissors
- Paint your cardboard tubes various bright colors. Cut C-shapes out of one of the tubes to create both the top of the engine and caboose. Paint those accordingly. Also cut

a C-shape out of the skinny cardboard tube and paint it the same color as the engine. The C-Shape tubes will arch nicely around the toilet paper roll.

Once dry, hot glue the tops of the engine and caboose in place. Also, hot glue four plastic lids on each cardboard tube as the wheels of your train.

Punch small holes into the four "corners" of each tube. These are your attachment points for the yarn. Cut the yarn to length.

Weave the thread through one tube and another tube to attach two tubes together. Tie a knot. Continue the process until all of the cars of the train are connected.

### Corner Bookmarks

- Materials:
- Colored Paper (lighter weight for the bookmark)
  - Construction Paper, Assorted Colors, (heavier weight for the decorations)
  - Googly eyes or hole punches
  - Patterned scissors (optional)
  - Glue
- Cut your paper in a 6x6 square. You don't want to use heavy card stock or else it'll be tough to fold. You can use colored paper or even origami paper.
- Fold your paper in half, corner to corner. Fold one end of your triangle up to it reaches the top of the triangle. Do the same to the other side.
- Open your triangle and fold the top flap of the center to the bottom. Take the right corner and tuck it into the middle "pocket". Take the left corner and tuck it into the "pocket". Rotate it.
- Now you have the head of your animal or monster. You can decorate it with whatever you have: googly eyes, paper eyes, teeth, etc. Kids can be as creative as they want.



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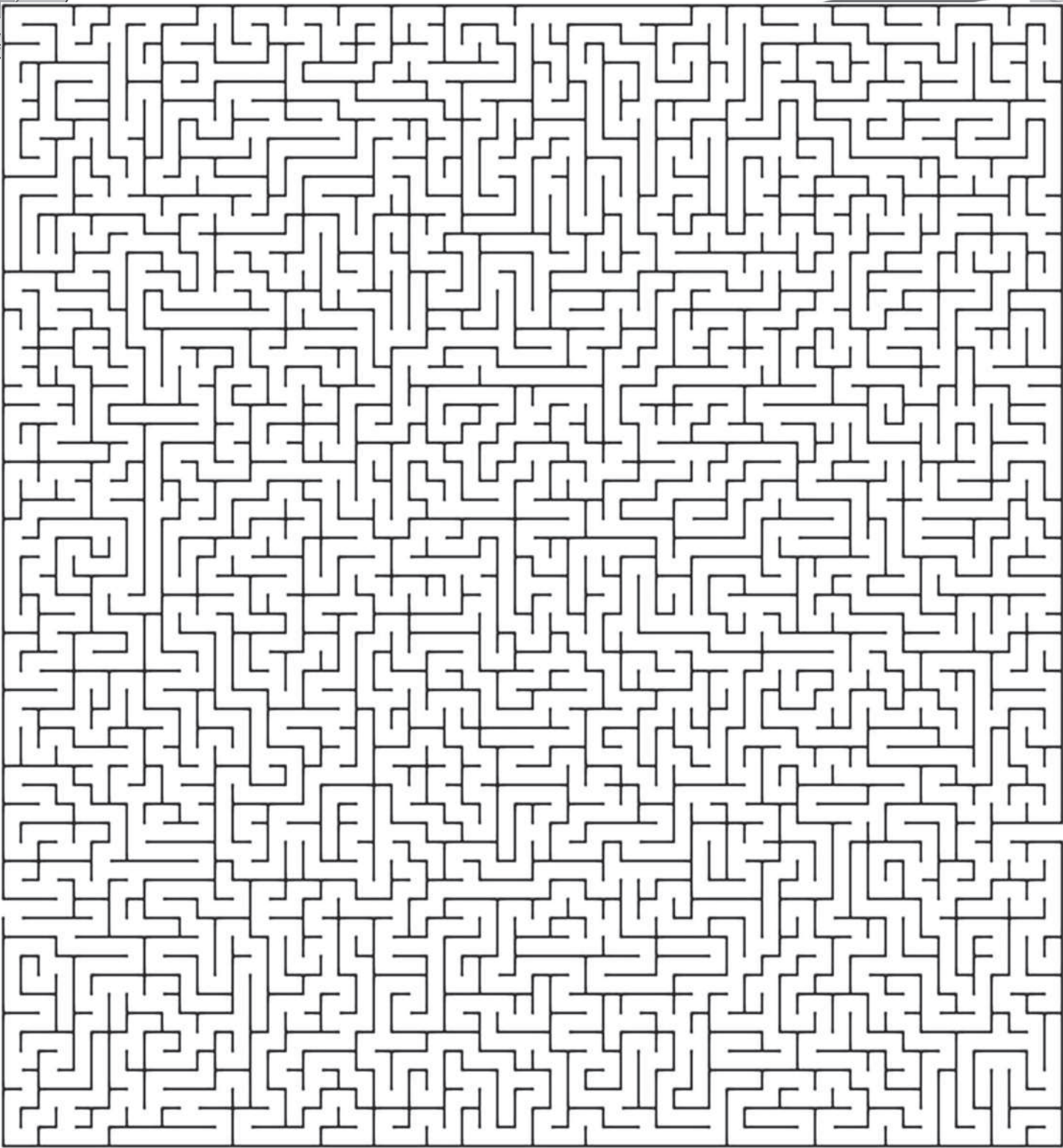
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**SPANISH:** Texto

**ITALIAN:** Testo

**FRENCH:** Texte

**GERMAN:** Wortlout

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Fill in the words to complete the story!

## “Straight from the Headlines”

[a number] \_\_\_\_\_ months ago, there was a [noun] \_\_\_\_\_ that spread around the world very [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_. As a result of this [noun] \_\_\_\_\_, people were asked to do their part to help reduce the number of [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ getting sick. The entire country had to work together. Plus, [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ doctors and nurses [verb, past tense] \_\_\_\_\_ longer hours than ever before.

One of the [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ steps to assist with slowing down the spread of the [noun] \_\_\_\_\_ was to stay at [noun] \_\_\_\_\_ as much as possible. This meant only [verb] \_\_\_\_\_ to the store when [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_ necessary. Many [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ were asked to [verb] \_\_\_\_\_, and only [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ workers were allowed to go to their places of employment.

[adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ children found out that their [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ were no longer open. All educational classes took place over the [noun] \_\_\_\_\_. Opportunities to hang out with [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ also had to be put on hold. Only individuals who lived together were allowed to be [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_ to one another. Everyone else had to stay [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_ distant ... in other words, at least [a number] \_\_\_\_\_ feet apart.

Going out to [verb] \_\_\_\_\_ was no longer possible. All restaurants that still remained open had to switch to [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ service. Many people also found themselves making more [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ at home. Supermarkets became very [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_, and many [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ on the shelves were sold [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_ due to the higher demand for [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_.

[adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ life became so [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_ that it almost seemed like it was the plot of a [noun] \_\_\_\_\_. Schedules [verb, past tense] \_\_\_\_\_, sacrifices had to be made and everyone was asked to work [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_. In the end the country became [adjective] \_\_\_\_\_, and [plural noun] \_\_\_\_\_ learned just how much they could [verb] \_\_\_\_\_ effectively when everyone acted [adverb] \_\_\_\_\_.

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# WORD ATTACK

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this game in the fashion of the classic Battleship game. Two boards, one for each player. Think of 5 words each. One with 5 letters; one with 4 letters; two with 3 letters; and one with 2 letters. Write the words on your grid, but be sure not to overlap them. Take turns calling out grid coordinates. Where there is a "hit," mark an X on that square; otherwise, tell your opponent it was a "miss." The first person to "sink" all of the opponent's words wins! *Tip: Slip game boards into a clear plastic page protector and use a dry-erase marker to reuse pages over and over!*

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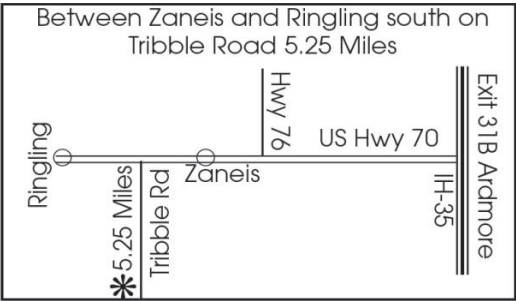
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6.25-28 Crazy Summer Nights

### JULY

7.9-13 Vacation Bible School  
7.17-22 Falls Creek Completed 7-8 Grade  
7.17-22 Falls Creek Completed 9-12 Grade  
7.30 Falls Creek Reflection Service @ 6pm

### AUGUST

8.2 Intern Send Off  
8.6 Promotion Sunday  
8.27 580 Student Rally  
8.30 Big Night

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# Drawing with Mark

by Mark Marderosian

## Let's Draw a cute Dog!



Here is what our finished drawing will look like.



We can use our basic shapes:  
Circle Square Triangle

Start with your pencil, crayon or marker.  
Sketch lightly and have fun. Let's start!

1. Start with a circle shape for the Doggy's head.

2. Add an Action Line and some basic shape CIRCLES along the Action Line. Notice how the tail will be part of the Action Line. It makes for a nice "flow" to your drawing.



4. Add the mouth, eyes and face detail. Use triangles and ovals to make the ears look floppy.



5. Tubes and ovals help create the legs and paws.



3. Link up the Circles for the body. This creates the shape of our Doggy friend. Round out the cheeks past the circle and add his nose using our basic shape of a triangle.



6. Add spots for fun. In the end, the basic shapes used as your foundation lines will be erased. (Like on the Doggy's back leg), but they're still there invisibly. This gives your drawing good solid "foundation." Use simple lines to draw the background. Make up your own background if you wish. Create and write adventures with your characters!



## ALL TOGETHER NOW SUMMER 2023

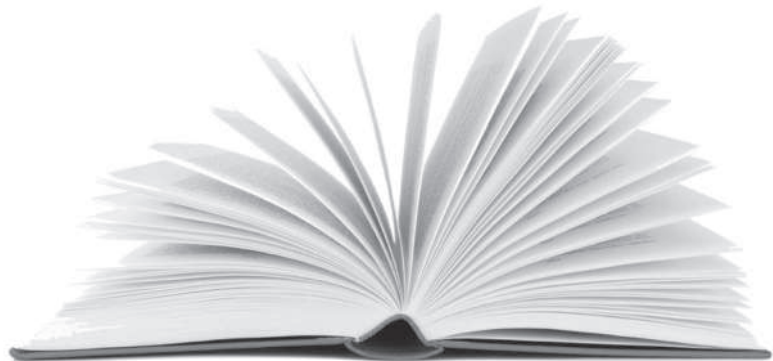
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Tuesday	Summer Cinema	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Kindergarten-2nd gr.	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	3rd-5th grade	10:30 a.m.
	Teens	1:30 p.m.

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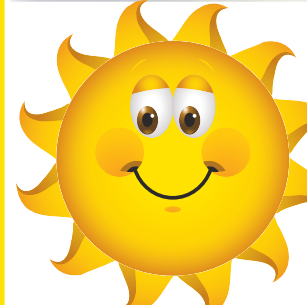
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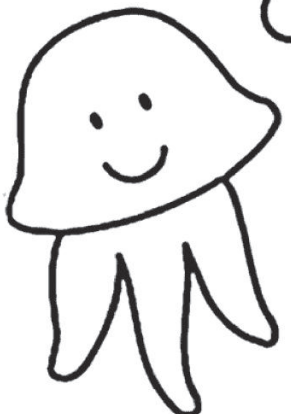
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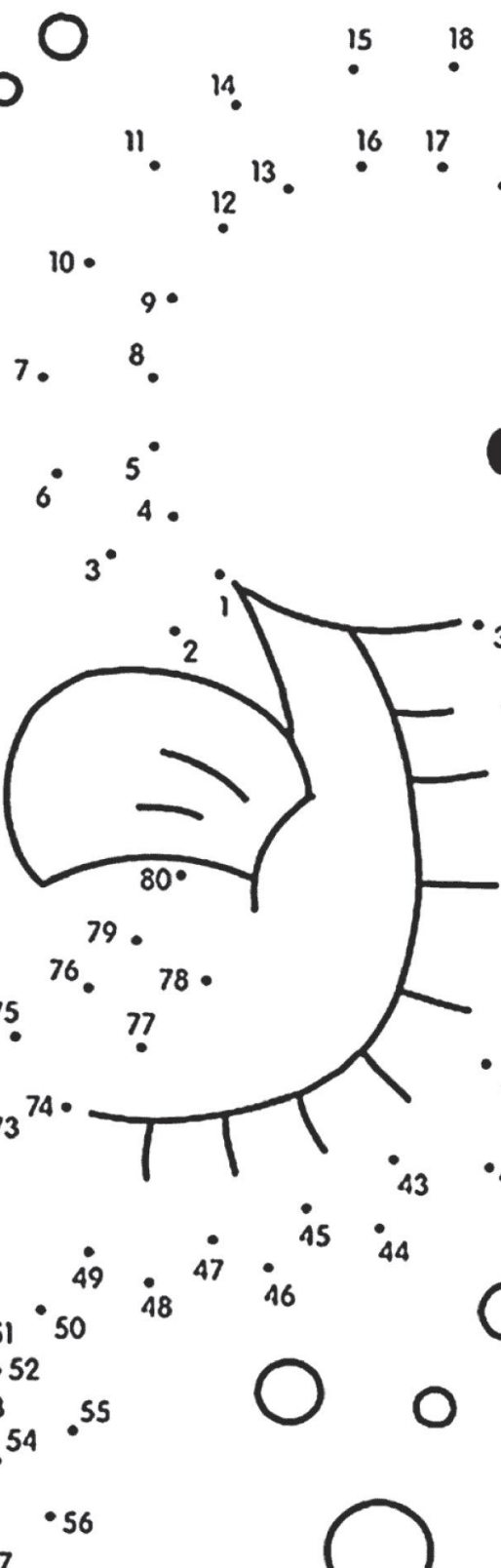
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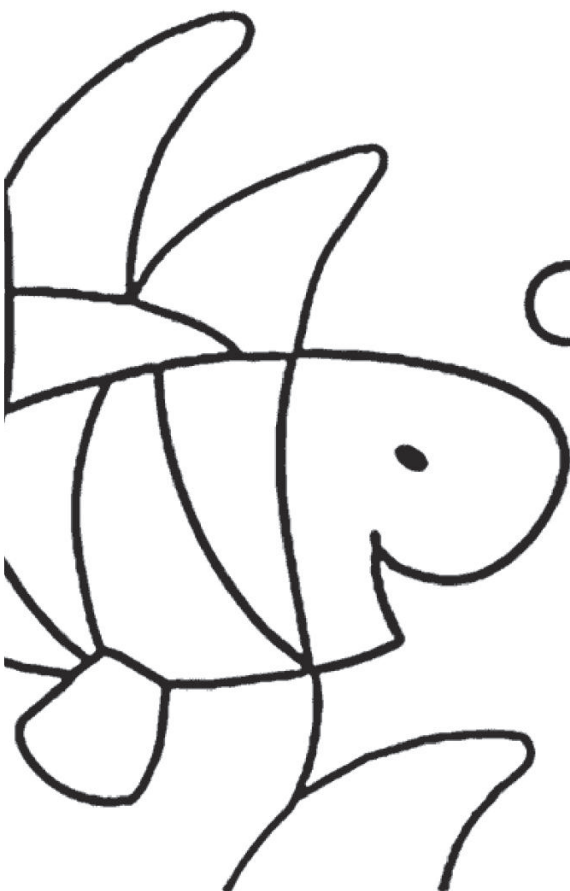
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