Gov. Lee and fellow Republicans tell House Speaker Casada to resign over texting scandal

Tennessee’s embattled House Speaker Glen Casada is expected to resign early next month after the House Republican caucus held a no-confidence vote on Monday amid a sexually explicit texting scandal.

Casada will remain a state representative, a seat he has held since 2000. Speaker Pro Tem Bill Dunn (R) will become House Speaker.

“When I return to town on June 3, I will meet with Caucus leadership to determine the best date for me to resign as Speaker so that I can help facilitate a smooth transition,” Casada said in a statement released Tuesday.

Text messages were disclosed between Casada and his top aide, Cade Cothren, that included lewd and inappropriate comments toward women Cothren claimed to have been involved with. Reports state that Casada was included in one of the group texts containing a racist’s message; however, Casada said he never saw that message. Cothren also admitted that he used cocaine in his legislative office years before becoming Casada’s top aide.

Although Casada initially stood by Cothren over these comments and Cothren making advances towards interns and a lobbyist, top Republicans called for the Speaker to step down.

Gov. Bill Lee (R) released a statement saying he could call the legislature back into session if Casada didn’t resign his post.

“Speaker Casada has made the right decision, and I look forward to working with the legislature to get back to conducting the people’s business and focusing on the issues that matter most to our state,” Lee wrote on Twitter Tuesday morning.

A U.S. Attorney and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations have opened inquiries into whether Casada attempted to influence an ethics investigation.

Casada, from Franklin, became speaker in January. His first bid for speaker failed more than eight years ago.
No road construction delays for Memorial Day travelers
TDOT to suspend all lane closure activity for the holiday weekend

Motorists won’t be delayed by road construction as they travel Tennessee’s highways this Memorial Day weekend. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstate and state routes beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 24 through 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28. This will provide maximum roadway capacity for motorists expected to travel in the state this Memorial Day weekend.

“Suspending construction-related lane closures during the busy Memorial Day weekend will lessen congestion and delays on Tennessee’s major highways,” said Commissioner Clay Bright. “We want to do our part to help everyone have an enjoyable and safe holiday weekend and keep traffic flowing as smoothly and efficiently as possible.”

Motorists may still encounter some lane closures or restrictions while traveling through long term construction projects. Drivers should be aware that reduced speed limits will be in effect in work zones. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of up to $500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

“Our primary goal is to honor this Memorial Day weekend by reducing the number of crashes and traffic fatalities across Tennessee,” Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long said. “We continue to see an increase in distracted driving crashes resulting in injuries and fatalities. We hope that drivers will make safe choices when traveling on our roadways. State Troopers will do their best to enforce the traffic laws and keep all Tennesseans safe.”

AAA estimates nearly 43 million Americans will travel this Memorial Day holiday, 3.6% more than last year. Over 863,000 Tennesseans plan to travel, with more than 732,000 driving to their Memorial Day destinations.

First Lady Maria Lee launches Tennessee Serves

On Monday, May 20, First Lady Maria Lee launched Tennessee Serves, a three-part initiative designed to engage Tennesseans in serving one another and their communities.

“To me, this is not just an initiative, but who I am as a person,” said Mrs. Lee. “My heart is devoted to serving others and the impact we hope to have.”

“When Maria and I made the decision to run, it was born out of a desire to serve,” said Gov. Bill Lee. “Maria’s heart for service has been a strength of her life. Tennessee Serves is a way to encourage all Tennesseans to love our neighbors as ourselves and demonstrate that love through acts of service.”

Through this initiative, Lee and her team will get to work on meeting the needs of Tennesseans across the state with a special focus on its distressed counties. By partnering with local nonprofits and county mayors, the first lady will personally participate in service projects tailored to the needs of each community.

“You cannot help someone until you know what they need,” said Mrs. Lee. “That’s why when it came time for us to decide how to build this initiative and who to help, I didn’t want to limit the scope of service. Instead, I wanted my office to focus on meeting the needs of all Tennesseans. Whether it’s delivering a hot meal or joining in on a home build for a veteran, we are here to serve.”

As part of Tennessee Serves, the Office of the First Lady will highlight the countless people and organizations already making a difference in their communities. Service Spotlights will be used to showcase efforts across the state on the first lady’s website and social media. Service Spotlight suggestions and nominees can be submitted by emailing TennesseeServes@tn.gov or by posting to social media using #TennesseeServes.

“There are so many incredible organizations and people already serving their communities in ways that go unrecognized every day,” said Mrs. Lee.

“We want to highlight them so that others will see their great work and be motivated to get involved.”

Lastly, through this initiative, the Office of the First Lady wants to mobilize Tennesseans to meet the needs of their communities. This mobilization effort starts with the Tennessee Kids Serve Summer Challenge. Rising kindergartners through sixth grade will be asked to devote a portion of their summer break to service. Participants with the most service hours logged will be invited to join Governor and First Lady Lee at the Tennessee Residence for a celebration.

“At a young age, my parents taught me the importance of serving others, and now, it’s a big part of who I am. I hope to instill the same in kids at an early age,” said Mrs. Lee. “By engaging kids, we hope that the whole family will get involved in serving.”

“Ultimately, our goal is to serve our state by serving your community by serving one person at a time,” said Mrs. Lee. “Lives and communities are changed when neighbors help neighbors, and I am grateful for the opportunity as first lady to help my neighbors across our great state.”

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Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge goes orange and blue for EMS Week 2019

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge will turn Orange and Blue in honor of the 45th Annual EMS Week. The theme for 2019 is “EMS Strong Beyond the Call.”

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation’s communities.

EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s “front line.”

Day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s “front line.” Whether celebrated with a company cookout or a catered dinner, the important work they do to save someone else’s life, “Every day we work to support our first responders who often put their lives in danger,” Director Chief William Swann said.

Director Chief William Swann made history when he became the first Director Chief who is also a paramedic.

“This week we want to put extra emphasis on the hard work and dedication of our first responders in this community.” In 1974 the Nashville Fire Department began its Emergency Medical Service division. Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics staffed 11 ambulances for transport. In 1983 the Nashville Fire Department started training Firefighters as EMTs on the fire trucks. Firefighters then started responding to medical calls.

The department now has 28 ambulances in service, and all engines, ladder companies, and rescues respond to medical emergencies providing a comprehensive service to the residents and visitors to Davidson County.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to T.C.A. Section 6-56-206 that the following estimates of expenditures, revenues, and fund balance of the City of Belle Meade for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 will be considered by the Board of Commissioners at their scheduled meeting with public hearing on June 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Rd, Nashville, Tennessee.

CITY OF BELLE MEADE, TENNESSEE
PROPOSED BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
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Helpful Apps for Homeowners

Whether you’re buying, selling or happy in your forever home, the to-do lists and tasks can become overwhelming. Luckily, technology has become incredibly helpful in providing shortcuts and tutorials for a multitude of homeowner responsibilities. Read on to learn about how your next assignment could be handled through the ease of a mobile app.

Centriq - More home, less work. Centriq is the perfect app for those who hate keeping up with the extra paperwork that comes with furnishing a home. With a few pictures, the app allows you to keep all the information associated with your house in one place. The app stores everything from mortgage documents to user manuals, and even alerts you to recalls on appliances. Having all of your documents in one place eases the mind and can make selling your home a much easier process.

Houzz - Houzz has been named the best app for improving and designing your home. The app allows you to gather ideas from other users by connecting with other platforms and users, so that your friends and community can see the difference that you are making, and could potentially join in.

OurHome - This app gives you the tools to digitally organize your family. OurHome caters to the family unit, supplying a content calendar to log important events, a shared grocery list that each member can add to and task lists that can be assigned and monitored. Making sure the pets are fed and the lawn gets mowed are now assignable tasks that send notifications to the responsible family member, making the chores easier than ever. With this app, you will never miss a game or an ingredient.

JoulieBug - JoulieBug is a great way to make sure that your everyday habits are more sustainable. The app organizes sustainability tips into actions that are attainable. Once you complete an action, the app logs your progress to track your individual impact. The app also teaches you how to make sustainable choices with statistics, how-to videos and helpful links. Additionally, the app lets you connect with other platforms and users, so that your friends and community can see the difference that you are making, and could potentially join in.

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Senator Brenda Gilmore invites Nashville to the 10th Annual Kids & Kites Day on Saturday, May 25

All Metro Nashville families and children are cordially invited to the 10th Annual Kids & Kites Day at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25. Kids & Kites Day is a special day for Nashville’s children to enjoy themselves and spend the day having fun with their family and friends. This wonderful event helps fight childhood obesity and related health issues that negatively affect children’s lives.

Join the fun for a day of face painting, exciting games, dancing, cool giveaway prizes, great music, free food, and of course kite flying over the Capitol! This event serves a diverse number of children, motivates children to empower themselves, and teaches children good citizenship. This is a can’t-miss event for people looking for an exciting, family-friendly day at the park.

The event’s founders, State Senator Brenda Gilmore, at-large Metro Councilperson Erica Gilmore, and Lois Winston of the Red Hat Society, sincerely thank everyone for their continued support of this great event and look forward to seeing everyone there. Come to 600 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243 and let the good times roll!

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Detectives from several precincts working to identify the gunmen who robbed 6 businesses

Detectives from the South, Hermitage and West Precincts are working together to identify the same three gunmen who robbed six Nashville businesses early Monday. The locations and times of the robberies are:

- Exxon, 1309 Murfreesboro Pike, 12:46 a.m.
- Mapco, 2827 Smith Springs Road, 12:55 a.m.
- Mapco, 5040 Nolensville Pike, 1:21 a.m.
- Circle K, 2200 Nolensville Pike, 1:29 a.m.
- Shell, 7201 Highway 70 S, 2:34 a.m.
- Waffle House, 2625 Lebanon Pike, 3:29 a.m.

According to the police report, the three robbers, all believed to be in their early 20s and armed with pistols, wore gray, white and black hoodies. The robber in the white hoodie wore sagging khaki pants exposing his red underwear. At each location, the gunmen demanded money.

At the five markets, they cumulatively took hundreds of cartons of cigarettes. Their get-away car, seen in two of the cases, was a silver Nissan sedan.

Anyone recognizing the robbers is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 615-742-7463. Additionally, anyone with knowledge on where the stolen cigarettes are being fenced is urged to contact Crime Stoppers. Callers can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.

E. D. Thompson can be contacted at thompsonia2017@gmail.com
Disambiguation is the method of stating a fact and then stating the opposite in the same sentence. Charles Dickens employed disambiguation as he introduced A Tale of Two Cities (1859). Dickens wrote a historical novel. The setting is in the cities of London and Paris before and during the French Revolution. The novel tells the story of the French Doctor Manette, his 18-year-long imprisonment in the Bastille in Paris and his release to live in London with his daughter Lucie, whom he had never met. The story is set against the conditions that led up to the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror. When I read the foregoing short synopsis, I thought the title could be used to describe our own country. Economically, our nation is on the rise. We are closer to full employment than ever before. The stock market is indicating exceptional returns on investments. Will we learn the lesson? We must see that the mayhem is destructive and divisive. However, one of the biggest mistakes we make is that we assume we always learn from our mistakes. I’ve met many people who learned little from their own unlawfulness, rage or stupidity. As my readers know, I am a mentor/preacher at Riverbend Maximum Security Institute. Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministries and Men of Valor and many other religious groups converge on the prison offering solace and love to people who have never known such. Many of the inmates find solace in our one-on-one mentoring. I just wish people could learn what they have learned. They are very respectful, and they are thankful for any attention they receive. The first step toward rehabilitation is to confess they have made mistakes. That is difficult for all of us. But to learn from our mistakes we must admit that we actually made a bad decision. I have never found anyone who actually enjoyed failing. No one likes to make mistakes, and lose their time, energy, money and their good reputation. So that’s why we need to make an effort to learn from the things that we wish we had not done. John Dewey, a philosopher, summed it up. The person, who really thinks, learns much more from his failures than from his successes. Think about it.

Learning from your mistakes does not happen automatically—it requires thinking and reflection. Another human-interest writer, Darius Foroux offers reflection on the lessons that can be learned by making a mistake and learning to correct it. Darius said, “There’s a word for people who think they know everything: Idiot. I meet idiots all the time. And the reason I recognize them is because I used to be one.” If we do not listen to people who are more educated or just plain smarter than we are, it can make us appear to be idiotic. Be humble enough to admit your failure and avoid being a “know-it-all” idiot.

We should never place blame on others for our unhappiness.

There’s a big chance the people in your environment don’t strive for the same things that you do. Many people live a timid life. There are people who don’t want anything from life and who spend their time watching others, rather than reaching for a star.

Don’t give your time to those people. The cost is too high. You might become one of them. Most of us have a twisted idea about life. Life is not a bowl of cherries. There are challenges and hazards. Forging a path through the temptations and failures is difficult. Nobody said it would be easy. We must realize the barriers and see them as opportunities. If we stop learning and developing ourselves, we may as well be dead.

Push yourself to learn something every day. If you’re not getting better, you’re getting worse. What is not positive is negative. There is no middle of the road. I have heard it said, “You need to put on your big boy/girl panties and do what you must do.” It sounds easy, but it is not. But with all this direction there is one admonition that prevails. Go with God. Never walk alone. He will strengthen you and open doors that you have never expected to open. Read His Word daily. Pray. Choose friends who do the same.

You can not change the whole world, but you can light the corner where you are.

For more information, call Wilson & Wilson, PC, CPA, CFE at 615-673-1330 or email jim@wilsonandwilsoncpa.com
The Nashville Opera will receive $25,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for All-Access Opera Education

NEA Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter has approved more than $80 million in grants as part of the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2019, and included in this announcement is the grant to Nashville Opera. The NEA received 1,592 Art Works applications for this round of grant making, and will award 977 grants in this category.

“These awards, reaching every corner of the United States, are a testament to the artistic richness and diversity in our country,” said Carter. “Organizations such as Nashville Opera are giving people in their community the opportunity to learn, create, and be inspired.”

“I am so proud of this recognition and support by the National Endowment of the Arts for All-Access Opera Education,” said John Hoomes, CEO and Artistic Director of Nashville Opera.

“This unique program, developed by Nashville Opera’s Director of Education Anna Young for our Mary Ragland Emerging Artist Program, provides an inclusive opportunity for all children to experience the beauty and power of opera. Nashville Opera is looking forward to partnering with other opera companies to bring this exciting and innovative program to a wider audience.”

To support All-Access Opera Education and make opera inclusive for all students, Nashville Opera’s Education Tour brings a fully-staged children’s opera directly into schools and reaches thousands of students in Middle Tennessee over a seven-week period.

A key component of the tour is a unique project called All-Access Opera Education, which provides elementary and middle-school teachers with evidence-based toolkits and performances modified to bolster inclusion for children with a wide range of learning styles, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, reading disorders and other differences. Nashville Opera will partner with several other opera companies to use the All-Access toolkits, collect quantitative data post-performance, and analyze the toolkit’s effectiveness. The goal is to remove barriers to opera and make the arts more accessible.

For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news. For more information about Nashville Opera, visit nashvilleopera.org.
Applications now being accepted for the Summer Session of the MNPD’s Citizen Police Academy

The Nashville Police Department is pleased to announce that the summer session of our popular Citizen Police Academy will begin Tuesday, June 11. Nashvillians interested in learning about the inner workings and law enforcement strategies of their police department are cordially invited to apply for this FREE 12-week course. This will be the 43rd session of the CPA since the program began in 1995.

Classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. through August 27th at the Midtown Hills Precinct, 1411 12th Avenue South. Because class size is limited, interested persons are urged to apply now. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. June 3rd.

Participants will learn about police work through the perspective of a variety of guest speakers, including members of the police department’s specialized components. Topics will include gangs, narcotics enforcement, domestic violence, traffic/DUI enforcement, Internet crimes, emergency preparedness, crime prevention and the judicial process. There will also be a tour of the Emergency Communications Center and a demonstration by the Aviation, Canine and Mounted Units.

“Members of the Citizen Police Academy will come away each week with knowledge about our department and law enforcement that they didn’t have before,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “We work to make classes interesting and fun for all participants.”

Each applicant should commit to attending at least 10 of the 12 sessions, be a Davidson County resident/business owner at least 21 years old, and have no arrest record (excluding minor traffic violations). While completion of the course gives citizens an understanding of the workings of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, it does not make a participant a certified law enforcement officer, nor is it designed to train citizens to perform law enforcement duties. Applications can be submitted on the Internet by logging onto http://www.nashville.gov/Police-Department/Get-Involved/Citizen-Police-Academy.aspx.

Metro Tree Advisory Committee urges residents to address Emerald Ash Borer

Nashville has many beautiful native ash trees in parks, on school grounds, along city streets and in private yards. Sadly, none of these ash trees are immune to the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer; an invasive pest rapidly spreading across Middle Tennessee. Now is the time for Nashvillians to make a decision on how to manage their ash trees.

Managing the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer epidemic includes three options: Treat your tree, let it die or remove it. Early spring is the time to select what is right for your tree. The longer a management plan is delayed, the more it will cost.

- Treat it: Sustained insecticide control requires soil or bark treatments every year; or injection treatments every two years for the remaining healthy life of the tree. This option is best for healthy large significant or historic trees. Treatments may be applied by the homeowner or a licensed professional. It’s crucial to treat your tree before it is infested. Insecticides are most effective before infestation symptoms are discovered. Once there is more than 20% dieback of the tree’s crown, treatment may not be effective as the EAB larvae may have damaged the tree too much. If this is your management option, treatment must start now; spring of 2019, as the trees are coming out of winter dormancy and will actively take up chemical treatments.

- Let it die: If the tree is in the woods or on open area where its fall would not block access or cause physical or property damage, you can let it die naturally in place and decompose.

- Remove it: You can be proactive and have your tree cut down before it becomes infested and dies. If it is not accessible by a bucket truck, then it needs to be cut down before it becomes too brittle for tree workers to climb. Infested ash trees present a serious safety concern.

For more information go to Metro EAB website: trees.nashville.gov, or to obtain a brochure on managing the Emerald Ash Borer epidemic in Nashville call 615-862-5000.

See an unusual photo perfect for What's Wrong with This Picture? Send in your photo to: news@gcanews.com

Metro Tree Advisory Committee urges residents to address Emerald Ash Borer
ESa (Earl Swensson Associates)

Two employees have joined ESa (Earl Swensson Associates): Adam Rhoades and James Benton. Adam Rhoades, Associate AIA, joins ESa as a member of the architecture team serving as a Project Manager. He earned his Bachelors of Architecture from Mississippi State University. Before joining ESa, Adam was an architectural intern at Eley Guild Hardy Architects in Biloxi, MS.

Also joining as a member of ESa’s architecture team, James Benton, Associate AIA, previously worked at Kendall/Heaton Associates in Houston, TX. He earned his Bachelors of Architecture from the University of Houston.

Knowledge Academies (Nashville public charter school)

Knowledge Academies’ (KA) Board of Directors has announced changes in school management. The board became aware of operational and academic challenges and reached out to its partners in the community and at MNPS to discuss and collaboratively implement solutions.

Art Fuller, founder and president of KA, is no longer with the organization and an experienced, nationally-renowned management team was added. Noble Education Initiative, has been brought in to handle day-to-day operations. “KA would not be here without Art. He has been a powerful voice since the school began,” said James Bristol, chair of the KA board. “As KA has grown, Art and the board realized that we needed additional management resources, so we made this management change. Our system of checks and balances are working and with oversight from MNPS – our accountability partner – we were able to quickly identify the need to take a bolder and aggressive approach. Our board and one priority is serving our students and providing for them the best path to educational excellence. We have a new management structure that will allow our school to reach new heights and we look forward to graduating our first group of seniors this spring. We are here to serve the community and are grateful for our students, parents, MNPS and many other partners for joining us on this path.”

Knowledge Academies is a public charter school in Antioch that serves students in grades five through 12. Its mission is to prepare students to make the best academic and social choices leading to a successful life connected to college, community, creativity and culture.

Legal Aid Society

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlandlands recently announced that longtime volunteer lawyer, Andrae F. Crimson, director of the firm-wide Volunteer Lawyers Program, is leaving the firm after 19 years. Andrae F. Crimson, managing attorney of Legal Aid Society’s Murfreesboro office, has been promoted to take over Smith’s role.

Smith has led Legal Aid Society’s pro bono work since joining the firm in 2003. She initiated the firmwide Volunteer Lawyers Program in 2014, helping to expand volunteer support from two to 48 counties in Middle Tennessee by developing and strengthening partnerships with law firms in Nashville. In this position, she works with partners, firms and lawyers that provided volunteer lawyer resources to represent up to 2,500 clients annually.

Lucinda has been a bedrock of NAACP for the past 16 years, and we have nothing but gratitude for the crucial work she’s done to make free legal advice more accessible to low-income Middle Tennesseans. Her force and skill as an effective executive director of Legal Aid Society. “We wish her all the best and thank her for her years of dedication.”

Smith joined in 2003 as the first attorney director of the Nashville Pro Bono Program Inc., a position she served in until 2013. In 2008, she also took on the role of managing attorney of Legal Aid Society’s Nashville office, serving in that role until 2011.

Before coming to Legal Aid Society, Smith was an attorney with Dodson, Parker, Behm & Caparella from 1991 to 2003. She also served as an adjunct family law professor at Vanderbilt School of Law from 2007 to 2010. She received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law and her B.A. from Southern Methodist University. During her years with MNPS, Smith was also serving as managing attorney of Legal Aid Society’s Murfreesboro office since 2011. During that time, she restarted and managed a student internship program with MTSU’s School of Social Work, allowing the office to better serve its Rutherford and Cannon County service area. He joined Legal Aid Society in 2007 as an attorney. During his time at Legal Aid Society, Crimson helped hundreds of families maintain their homes through his housing work, saved his clients over $100,000 through his tax advocacy, and helped many deserving clients gain SSI benefits.

Before coming to Legal Aid Society, Crimson was a contract attorney in the law offices of J. Houston Gordon in Murfreesboro. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Vanderbilt Law School in 2003 and his bachelor of science from Middle Tennessee State University in 2000. He is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the Rutherford-Cannon County Bar, the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Alliance of Legal Services.

Music City Music Council

Earlier this month Mayor Briley announced that Jacki Osborne has joined the Office of Economic and Community Development as manager of the Music City Music Council (MC2) and of special projects.

"I eagerly sought the perfect person to lead the Music City Music Council," said Mayor Briley. "Through her prior work, she recognizes the importance of the ever-booming Nashville music industry and what it means to our city, as well as knowing how to leverage partnerships in the community to maximize MC2’s impact. I’m glad she has joined our team, and look forward to seeing her succeed."

Most recently, Artis created and served in the role of Southeast Foundation Representative for Creative Artists Agency (CAA), a leading sports, music industry is crucial to the overall economy of Nashville, said Artis. "I understand what an exciting time it is for the city’s growth, and I’m eager to give back to the place that has become my home. I’m honored to join Mayor Briley’s staff and can’t wait to get started."

Her past experience also includes time spent in the touring department at CAA, working at premier music venues in Athens, GA, and serving as volunteer supervisor at Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival. Originally from Memphis, with deep family roots in nonprofit and civic support to civil legal aid organizations nationwide.

At Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, Osborne focuses his practice on the firm’s Antitrust and Business Litigation practices. He spends the majority of his time on complex multi-district litigation matters. Osborne has considerable litigation experience ranging from trial work to Supreme Court advocacy. He has worked in appellate, commercial real estate, healthcare, oil & gas and religious institutions litigation. He has participated in eight cases before the United States Supreme Court as well as multiple cases before various state Supreme Courts.

Osborne earned his J.D. at Stanford Law School in 2010, where he served as chair of the student bar. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity, and received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College. Osborne serves as a board member of the Presbyterian Foundation, and a board member of The Medical Benevolence Foundation.

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May 23
Community Meeting on Stokes School Property and Metro Budget, Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm, Church of Christ in Green Hills

On Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm, our School Board Representative, Gini Pupa-Walker, will be there to discuss the plans for the Stokes School property located on Belmont Blvd. She will discuss what MNPS wants to do with the property and there will be some time for public comments.

Subsequently, the Metro Finance Department will be there to discuss the current Metro Budget. They are currently holding Council budget hearings for all departments, which will likely conclude on 5/23. The Council will then review the Mayor’s budget and work on any adjustments they can make. It is likely that a Council substitute will be submitted in June.

There will be much to discuss. Anything not discussed during the presentation, feel free to bring it up afterward as the floor is open for public comments and questions.

The location of the meeting will be at the Church of Christ in Green Hills, formerly the Granny White Church of Christ, 3805 Granny White Pike, in the main auditorium accessible from the front of the church. Parking is available on site and across the street.

May 25
Kids & Kites Day

Join in the fight against childhood obesity at the 10th Annual Kids & Kites Day at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park located at 600 James Robertson Parkway on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be facepainting, old-timey games, dancing, free food and giveaways, great music, a one mile walk / fun run, and kite flying. The event is free.

May 25 - 27
Memorial Day Programs

There will be the following Memorial Day programs beginning on Saturday, May 25, 1 p.m.: Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Music by the Nashville Community Concert Band, followed by program featuring Keynote Speaker, Commissioner Courtney Rogers, TN Dept. Veterans Services. Reception to follow at VFW Post 1970, 7220 Charlotte Pike, the public is invited.

Monday, May 27, 1 p.m. Nashville National Cemetery, Gallatin Rd., Madison. Music by the Nashville Community Concert Band followed by program featuring Keynote Speaker Mr. Jason Beardsley, Veterans Liaison Officer, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. Reception to follow at American Legion Post 82, Gallatin Rd. Also, a Firing Team from Fort Campbell 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will also be featured both Sunday and Monday. The public is invited.

Now thru - May 27
Frist Art Museum presents Dorothea Lange: Politics of Seeing

Dorothea Lange (1895-1965) is recognized as one of the most important photographers of the twentieth century, and her insightful and compassionate work has exerted a profound influence on the development of modern documentary photography. With hardship and human suffering as a consistent theme throughout her career, Lange created arresting portraits with the aim of sparking reform. This is the first exhibition to examine her work through the lens of social and political activism, presenting iconic photographs from the Great Depression, the grim conditions of incarcerated Japanese Americans during World War II, and poverty and inequality in our judicial systems in the 1930s. The exhibition encompasses 300 objects, including 130 vintage and modern photographs, proof sheets, letters, a video, and other personal memorabilia.

The exhibition will be held in the upper-level galleries of the Frist Art Museum located at 919 Broadway in downtown Nashville. For more information call (615) 244-3340 or go to fristartmuseum.org.

June 1
Family Fun Day by Stephens Valley Church

Bring the family out on June 1 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun that will include a bounce house, face-painting and corn hole toss for the kids, light refreshments and gospel Bluegrass music with Wanda Vick & the Bluegrass Brigade featuring David Huntsinger. Attendees will be tapping their toes as they mingle with friends and make new friends in the neighborhood under a big tent located at Stephens Valley Subdivision at 441 Union Bridge Rd, 37221. Once arriving at the subdivision, look for signs that will direct you to the fun! This is the first event put on by Stephens Valley Church (now under construction in Pasquo Rd) - future events are being planned for late Summer and Fall. Make plans to join this free event and invite friends and families to come along!

Nashville Health & Wellness Fest

Tickets are now on sale for the Nashville Health & Wellness Fest—Music City’s new health, fitness and wellness event. The event is taking place Saturday, June 1 at the Vanderbiult Recreation and Wellness Center. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door, with free admission for children ages 12 and under.

The event will open with a high-octane demo led by Erin Oprea, fitness trainer for Carrie Underwood and author of “The 4x4 Diet”, plus other industry speakers, interactive workshops, authors and more than 200 exhibitors.

Main stage events and workshops will include a variety of health wellness topics, such as a Puppy Pilates session by the Nashville Humane Association and a country music performance by Kylie Morgan.

Other workshops will be led by Thistle Farms Founder Beca Stevens; Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor Paris Goodyear-Brown; Chef Charity Morgan; Motivational Speaker Cortney Edmondson; the Alzheimer’s Association; the Heimerdinger Foundation; Harmonized Brain Centers and more. Workshops are free to the first 50 registrants, then will be available for $10 each.

The event will cover all areas of alternative, holistic, functional and traditional treatments and therapies, plus spas, fitness studios, wellness centers and more.

For more information about the Nashville Health & Wellness Fest, including sponsorships, workshops, authors and tickets, please visit nashvillehealthandwellnessfest.com.
Only 3 months to elect a Prime Minister? Not here in the U.S.

A short time ago, I read the citizens of Canada were extremely distressed because it took three (3) months to elect their Prime Minister. Three months! Wow! Those folks in Canada have no idea what we citizens of the United States must endure.

The campaigning goes on for twenty-two (22) months. Unbelievable amounts of money is raised and spent on campaigning. The Center for Responsive Politics estimated the cost of the 2008 presidential race alone was $2.4 billion.

Folks we are being played and taken to the cleaners over these various elections. But, the ultra wealthy want things to remain status quo. The media and advertisers make a fortune off these lengthy campaigns, and the "spin" machine can surely churn out lies (or distorted truths) over almost two (2) solid years. This method has been used quite well to ultimately control who actually becomes our president. It's a win/win for the controlling wealthy (1-2% in this country). The rest of us are used, abused and propagandized – as usual. We march along like sheep to the slaughter; fighting, hating and totally forgetting that we are all citizens of this great country and should work together. Not all of our representatives represent the best interests of the people.

Trump's bologna

The author of "Trump's bologna" offered us random nonsense about abortion and Mar-a-Lago (which he referred to as Mar-a-Largo - haha!) What I was drawn too, however, was this statement: "Sure, there are some personality traits I don't like of him..." I've seen similar comments from Trump apologists, who don't like his "personality" or "how he talks." These folks need to understand that Trump's opponents aren't bothered by the superficial traits that meet the psychological definition of personality, such as his abrasive New York wise guy facade. It's Trump's words and behavior that he weaponizes against vast segments of American society and create divisions among all of us - insults, lies, racism, hostility, threats. Those are deeper political tactics than mere personality quirks. They're dangerous and undemocratic. I suggest the author reconsider what it is he doesn't like about Trump. He might conclude that the small and temporary positives he finds in Trump's performance aren't worth the long-term damage his so-called "personality" is doing to America.

Ignoring or Ignorant

There is a stop sign exiting the Walgreens area at the corner of Sawyer Brown near 70S in Bellevue. The are also 2 signs with clear no turn allowed posted. However, it seems people either can't see, read, or think they could cause an accident by disobeying the law. Every time we travel thru the area, which is numerous times, someone insists on turning left. I wish Metro would set up a car to ticket these idiots.

Tennessee Politics

As a relatively recent homeowner in Nashville, I have found the city to be a delightful place to live. What a pity it is located in backward Tennessee. (I know. You are now going to tell me to go back where I came from. What a backward thing to say.)

Not a bike on the bike-lane

We were driving down Woodmont, heading home, when my wife, the navigator, shouted out her warning: “watch out, there’s a bike-rider in the bike lane!” That’s strange. I haven’t seen a bike there in months.

We had just parked at Restaurant Josephine. My mind was on their great “chicken for two”, when my navigator again yelled out her bone-chilling warning. Two idiots on motorized scooters came rolling along 12th Ave South, as if they were on a Nascar speedway (one was even on the sidewalk!)

I was walking with my 4 year-old granddaughter when this young couple came strolling along with a huge dog on a leash. Their gloating grin could only be described as one of pride, doting parents. After all, doesn’t everyone just love and adore their higher class friend? Unfortunately, this one really scared the heck out my granddaughter.

The older I get, the more I feel like I don’t relate to the younger people anymore. But, I just have to get this off my chest: Streets are for cars, not for bikes and scooters! Side walks are for 2-legged pedestrians! period! Whew! I feel better already.

In case you haven’t noticed, bike lanes are sprouting up all over town. But the truth is that even though they are so “cool-looking”, they are rarely used and take up space that is desperately needed for turn lanes or part of a mass transit plan. And, they are definitely a safety hazard for those overweight, out of shape millennials, who insist on schlepping their terrified young kids around town on those frail, unsafe, rear bicycle seats.

I guess I’m not the only one who feels this way. The Oak Hill City Commissioners met last week expecting to rubber stamp the approval of a 15-ft. bike lane, on the west side of Franklin Ave. What could be easier than that? a slam dunk! After all, the Oak Hill Mayor wants it, and, of course, Belmont, and Lipscomb students were getting their $1,000 bikes ready. Someone forgot to ask the tax-paying, citizens of Oak Hill. They would be expect ed (ordered) to smile and pay for it, though they will never use it. Instead, they did the unexpected. They hated the idea, especially those “lucky” homeowners who would have those “wonderful” bike-riders racing right in front of their homes. Guess what happened? They packed the meeting, standing room only, and spoke out against the proposal. The motion was voted down 2 to 3. The very people who would be most effected by it, the tax paying homeowners, had voiced their opposition and their representatives fi nal ly listened. Democracy in action!

Keep motorized scooters...
and dogs off our sidewalks. Reconsider using bike lanes since they are rarely used, dangerous and interfere with Nashville’s ever increasing traffic congestion. Bravo Oak Hill residents!

**A big thanks**

Just want to give Phil Williams a big thanks for his effort in trying to clean some of the trash out of our State House. You have no idea how many people appreciate your efforts. Let’s hope it works.

**Remember abstinence**


**The vote to legalize medical or recreational marijuana**

Our TN State Legislature listened to those of us who know all about the medical, emotional and addictive dangers of marijuana use, and voted down the bill to legalize it. Unlike many other states, they were not influenced by the huge, sales-tax revenue marijuana would certainly bring in. Thanks.

By the grace of GOD and Alcoholics Anonymous, I have been sober for 30 years. Recovering alcoholics like me, who have been to hell and back, have seen what the addictive nature of marijuana can do. Many started their drinking or drugging “career” by smoking what they thought was a fun-loving, non-addictive, relief from life’s problems. Instead, they got a nightmare. It takes a while, but from this innocuous start, addicts always seem to move on to more deadly drugs, “dry goods” (the street name for pills), or to destructive, addictive behavior. Tennessee is experiencing an epidemic. Last year, 3000 people died from a drug overdose. Sadly, our past Mayor’s son was one of them. Three people died in 12-hour commit suicide. Many are drug or alcohol related. 300 Tennessee’s died last year in DUI related car accidents. We lost more people in the US in one year, from drugs and alcohol, than everyone who died in the entire Vietnam War. Addictions now include our morbidly-obese neighbor who is addicted to food, your friend who is addicted to sex and your son’s out of control gambling problem. How about a woman’s shopping addiction or your secretary’s need for more and more pills to help her get to sleep? Do you know a golfer who’s one beer in the clubhouse has turned into a bottle of gin in his golf bag? Have you noticed your wife’s anorexic hair stylist or your accountant’s ever increasing number of “pain pills” she’s taking for a back condition she’s had for years? Everyone of them needs help.

There is hope for alcoholics and drug addicts right here in Nashville. We have 100 AA meetings a week, located in every part of town. They are filled with your friends, neighbors and family members, all trying to get clean and sober. We have dozens of Alanon meetings. (Alanon is the 12-step program, where loved ones learn to deal with alcoholics.) We have rehabs as well as hospital detox facilities where medical help can help you get through your withdrawal period.

Are you ready to ask for help? Will you admit you are powerless over drugs or alcohol and your life has become unmanageable? Have you hit a bottom? Just google “AA meetings near you”. Pick up the phone and call the AA hotline. Get to an AA or Alanon meeting ASAP. Don’t worry, your anonymity will always be protected.

We should not enable an addict by legalizing marijuana. Patients now have new, non-addictive pain medications which are just as good. If you continue your addictive behavior, if you keep on drinking or drugging, you will end up in a hospital, jail or dead. We in AA have a seat waiting for you. Let us love you back to health before it’s too late. Do not legalize marijuana and allow you or your unsuspecting, innocent children to start on this road to hell.
A Tennessee Waltz, chaired by Pat Kerr Tigrett, was held at the State Capitol to benefit the Tennessee State Museum.

The event began on the second floor with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, along with music by the National Guard Ensemble. Guests also perused the silent auction, which added to the fundraiser’s coffers.

Then everyone moved back to the first floor, where the dining tables had been set up with lightning speed after all the guests arrived.

The lovely centerpieces featured roses, lilies, iris and other blooms on black cloths. The menu offered spinach salads, beef filet, grilled shrimp, and chocolate pot de crème.

Museum Foundation Chair Paul McCombs welcomed the guests and Steve Burger gave the invocation. Dan Justice, museum Director Ashley Howell, and Governor Bill Lee were all part of the program.

Then it was back up the sweeping staircase for a duet of The Tennessee Waltz by Brent Hetherton and Darius Thomas. The Eddie Gore Band also performed The Tennessee Waltz for the governor and his wife to begin the dancing.

**My name is Sophie...**

and I am a 12-year-old female American Curl kitty, distinguished by truly unique ears that curl back in a graceful arc. I lived with one family all my life, until they got dogs and didn’t want me any more. I am sweet, shy and independent, and I love to have my head rubbed. My foster says I’m beautiful and a real sweetheart. Please use the contact info below to arrange to meet me.

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For more information you can email us at FLUFFinfo@gmail.com or visit us at www.FLUFFNashville.org or www.facebook.com/FLUFFNashville.

**Sophie with her foster, Jada Marquett, and Sharon Langford.**

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Tennessee Waltz

Waltz: Conchi and Mark Emkes, and Andrea and Charles Overby.

Waltz: Kurt Winstead, Teresa and Richard White, Caroline Simmons, and Beth Winstead.

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The 1959 Hillsboro High graduating class reminisced at their 60th reunion at Hillwood Country Club, as the DJ “spun” such unforgettable songs as “A Teenager in Love” and “There Goes My Baby.”

A lavish buffet featured prime rib, Française chicken and grilled grouper, topped off with banana pudding.

Reunion Chairman Norman Cohen introduced Edith Head Johnson and 1969 Student Body President Taylor Wray, who showed their video recalling ’60s days at Hillsboro High. For a copy of the video, email twray@comcast.net or edithhjohnston@gmail.com.

For his dedicated service to his class, Jim Crossman was honored with a classic Phil Ponder print of the changing Nashville skyline. Billie Jean Pinson was recognized for the contributions of her late husband, 1969 Senior Class President Maurice Pinson.

Classmate David Bayer; and his wife Judy coordinated activities, along with fellow event planners Arthur Mader, Nancy Baker, David Bullock, Tommy Oliphant, Linda Hollabaugh, and Gloria O’Steen.
Social

Hillsboro High Class 60th Reunion

photos by • David Hodgson

Reunion: Jim Crossman, Mary Jon and Jim Hicks, and Billie Pinson.

Reunion: Bev and Jane Akin, and Tommy and Cynthia Oliphant.

Reunion: Phil Grammer, Stuart Nicholson, Betty Lentz, and Joe and Ernestine Myers.

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You Have the Power (YHTP) honored world champion figure skater Scott Hamilton at its annual Powerhouse Awards luncheon, which was held at City Winery.

YHTP acknowledged Hamilton for his efforts to address the culture of silence that enables sexual abuse of young athletes. His latest motivational speaking appearances have confronted these issues head-on, encouraging audiences to pay attention to the voiced and unvoiced signs of abuse by authority figures.

Founded by former First Lady of Tennessee Andrea Conte, YHTP empowers those victimized by crime through education, advocacy, and understanding.

It offers low-cost or no-cost community presentations and resource guides on contemporary issues in crime prevention and serves as a clearinghouse for information and as a resource to other agencies as requested. It also educates offenders and parolees on the impact of their actions through its victim impact curriculum.

For more information about YHTP, visit yhtp.org.

Luncheon: Kristi Ferry, Pooja Patel, Kim Hatley, and Ricky Cook.

Luncheon: Honoree Scott Hamilton, Andrea Conte, and Patsy Bruce, with an oil painting by Anne Goetz, which was presented to Hamilton.

Luncheon: Andrea Conte and Phil Bredesen.

Luncheon: David and Judy Bayer.

Luncheon: Rashed Fakhruddin and Todd Rolapp.

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An open barn was held to celebrate Proctor Barn, an early 1900's barn, which recently was restored. The gambrel-style “Dutch barn” roof is of special interest because of its size and its wind-resistant rounded shape, according to officials.

The barn sheltered mules and draft horses on what researchers say was a very large working farm. The Friends of Beaman Park held the party for the community and the volunteers offered tours and a discussion with former owner Mary O’Neil.

O’Neil and her sister, Catherine Grose, donated the property to Metro Nashville to become a part of Beaman Park.

Guests snacked on hotdogs, potato salad, chips and cookies. Everyone played corn hole and horseshoes, and enjoyed strolling on the lovely property.
The Land Trust for Tennessee celebrated its 20th anniversary with a party at The Loveless Barn, where six local conservation leaders were recognized.

The honor of board member emeritus was presented to Phil Bredesen, Martin Brown Sr., Mary Brockman, Alice Hooker, Byron Trauger and Ridley Wills II.

The designation recognizes those who have made extraordinary gifts of service, conservation easements, land, or financial assets to the Land Trust.

In addition to celebrating almost 400 conservation wins and 126,000 acres conserved since 1999, leaders of the organization showed a new visual identity, website, and preview of its future land conservation work.

Everyone enjoyed food provided by Loveless, including chicken and biscuits, with homemade jams and jellies.

The Land Trust works statewide to protect land important to the people of Tennessee, including family farms, historic landscapes, public parks, and forests. For more information, visit landtrusttn.org.
Now, Mark does not a talker make. One might say that he is a 18 year old man of few words. It is for this reason that I listen when Mark speaks. He pretty much nails it on the head whenever he gives a truism. They land like bricks sometimes, but I have learned that even if they are tough to hear, Mark's commentary on life are pretty dead on.

So the other morning as I was cooking Mark's scrambled eggs I noticed him staring at me quizically; I asked him what concerned him about how I was dressed. (I thought I looked quite fetching in my sleeveless spring dress its bright colors ending in a cute lace ribbon right at my knees.) My expectation was that he had never seen a 54 year old look quite so ravishing. I waited for my compliment. Would he comment on my cute shoes or the four pounds that I had lost? I was mesmerizing my own self when out of his sweet misguided mouth came the following:

"Your arms don't match your legs," he said. "My arms don't do what?" I asked. "Your arms don't match your legs. Your legs are pretty muscular, but your arms look like cashier's arms."

"Say what, Young Man???????" "My arms look like cashier's arms??" I squeeked. I knew what he was describing. "Yeah, your legs look kinda young, but your arms look like old people arms." "What exactly do cashier's arms look like, Mark, My Darling??" I knew exactly what he was saying, I just needed to torture myself more with the detail. "So, my arms look like cashier's arms and my legs look 54 years old, is that what you're saying?" "Well, yeah, but you don't look real old, yet." This child was never going to GET old at this rate. I picked up a spatula to flip the eggs onto Mark's plate. I flexed my arms the whole time. Damn.

I ran to the closet for a sweater and grabbed my gym bag for an emergency lunch trip to the Y. That is some commentary I can't live with; you can Mark my words!

Kiss your babies, tell your parents you love them, and take a walk in the park with a friend.
Love, Jodie

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