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‘I’ve never seen her give up on anyone’

Term limits, court ruling to shape 2027 races



Children begin to flip through the pages of different books at Holly Street Daycare in Nashville on July 21.

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Woman steered landmark day care through disasters



Heartbeat
Brad Schmitt
Nashville Tennessean
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENN.

The 2-year-old with pigtails thrust a handful of animal-shaped crackers toward Ms. Karen and smiled big. “Are they turtles?” she asked. “Is that what they are?” The toddler nodded. “Or are they fishes?” The toddler nodded again, and Ms. Karen smiled big. In the nursery, Karen Stump, at 69, got on her hands and knees to bop the nose of a 3-month-old. “Hi Jack. Hi Jaaack,” she said, her Chicago roots showing in the flat A sound in “Jack.” “Whacha doin’? What you doin’?” Stump, director of Holly Street Daycare in East Nashville, has been through decades of heartbreak. For eight seconds, though, a cooing baby on a blanket was the center of her world.



Karen Stump holds Theo Henderson, 6 months, at Holly Street Daycare in Nashville on July 21.

“When work is stressful, I go into the classroom, and they come up and love on you and hug you,” she said. “It’s the best.” The pint-sized huggers have carried her

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Holly Street Rocks!

What: Annual fundraiser with live auction, snacks and drinks for nonprofit Holly Street Daycare in East Nashville

When: 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 19

Where: Center 615, 615 Main St., Nashville

Tickets: The \$75 tickets are available online at hollystreetrocks.org

WAR WITH IRAN

Iran vows to respond to U.S. strikes

Nayera Abdallah and Eman Abouhassira
REUTERS

DUBAI – Iran threatened on Sept. 7 to retaliate against any new U.S. attacks on its assets, warning that the energy production chain in the region was “sprawling, accessible and exposed” and that U.S. oil and gas companies there shared that exposure. “Strike our assets and you get struck,” Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said after recent U.S. and Iranian strikes on shipping pushed oil prices up to six-week highs at one point on Sept. 7. On Sept. 6, senior Iranian security official Mohsen Rezaei said Iran would announce plans for a new restricted zone in the Gulf in the coming days and

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