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**By Elizabeth Keys** 

When Charles Ford

became a member of the

Oklahoma House of

1966, there were few embellishments to the

Oklahoma State Capi-

history and some lead-

tol. Early Oklahoma

ing people were fea-

hung on the walls.

tured in photographs

and inexpensive prints

There were some paint-

homa Arts and Humani-

Ford found little inter-

ties Council had added

a few murals and por-

est in fine art among

the legislators but even-

tually renovations were

needed to the building

itself. After serving 14

years as a representa-

the Oklahoma State

was momentum to

Senate in 1980. There

change the look of the

Capitol and significant

1994 when the Senate

Chamber and Lounge

and the House Lounge

were restored. Ford, an

art and antique collector

for most of his life, initi-

ated a program in 1997

to replace the prints in

"I commissioned Okla-

the Senate Lounge.

homa artist Wayne

Cooper to paint Wash-

ington Irving's historic

meeting with the Osage

in 1832," he said. "When

cated, the idea of adding

Ford created the Ok-

the painting was dedi-

original art by Okla-

homa artists to the

Capitol caught on.'

lahoma State Senate

Historical Preservation

Fund. As the new centu-

changes occurred in

tive, Ford was elected to

traits.

ings funded by oilman

Frank Phillips in the

1920s and the Okla-

Representatives in

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# **The Arts**

**Highlights from the Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Collection** 

WORD UP! MacGyver: To solve a problem in a creative, resourceful manner.

## THE LIMELIGHT

#### LIVE MUSIC THURSDAY

Gravel Road Duo,10 p.m., Louie's Grill and Bar

#### MONDAY Ely Howard, 10 p.m., **Cross Eyed Cricket** TUESDAY Carter Sampson, 10 p.m., College Bar Chad Sullins & Friends, 10 p.m., Willie's Saloon

#### DANCING MONDAY

Let's Dance Stillwater, 6:30 p.m. beginners lessons and 7:30 p.m. intermediate lessons, 208 W. 10th Ave. **VISUAL ARTS** 

# THURSDAY

Summer Cinema@the Library, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Stillwater Public Library

Van Gogh Starry Night Finger Painting, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oklahoma WONDERtorium

24 Works on Paper Exhibit Reception, 5-7:30 p.m., OSU Gardiner Art Gallery

**JULY 10 Reception for Althea** Wright, 5-7 p.m., Malinda Berry Fischer Gallery at OSU Postal Plaza Art Museum.

#### TUESDAY Fizz! Boom! Read! Animal Tales, 10 a.m.,

WEDNESDAY Spark a Reaction

Teen Program, 2-3:30 p.m., Stillwater Public Library Auditorium **FOOD & DRINK** FRIDAY

17th Annual Family Fishing Tournament, 6-11 a.m., Boomer Lake Email activities to events@stwnewspress.c om

# If you go

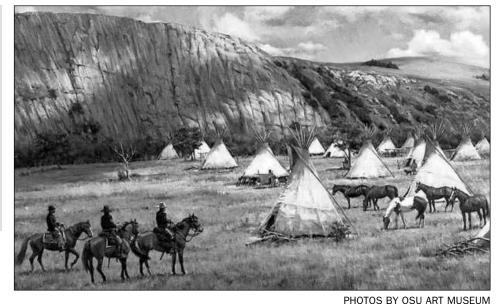
WHAT: Framing History: Highlights from the Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Collection WHEN: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 7 to Oct. 18 WHERE: OSU Art Museum Postal Plaza Gallery, 720 S. Husband St. CONTACT: Visit www.museum.okstate.edu or call 405-744-2780

ry dawned, more works of art were commissioned each year as legislators saw what an important difference they created. Due to term limits, Ford retired from the Legislature in 2004 but he still continues in his mission to beautify the Capitol with the collection growing to 160 pieces.

"This is the people's house. It is far more than our seat of government – it represents the unique history of this land and the people who made it their home," Ford said. "It's important for us to ensure it is a source of pride for all Oklahomans."

Ford, along with Oklahoma State University Art Museum Postal Plaza Gallery Director Victoria Rowe Berry, has selected works from the Senate Collection for a new exhibit opening Monday in Stillwater. "Framing History: Highlights from the Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Collection" celebrates artists and their process for capturing the narrative.

After the borrowed exhibit leaves the Postal Plaza Gallery, the Oklahoma Senate Collection will be officially transferred into the state's



Barbara Vaupel created "Medicine Bluff at Ft. Sill, 1870s," an oil on canvas. Vaupel, who died in 2006, studied landscapes because she wanted the horses she loved to paint to appear in a historically and geographically correct environment. The painting is part of the Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Collection in the exhibit opening Monday.

records and will no longer travel. Many pieces will return to some restricted locations which can only be seen on private tours of the Capitol.

"This exhibition offers a rare opportunity to view so many selections from the Oklahoma State Capitol Collection here at the Postal Plaza Gallery in Stillwater," Berry said.

The exhibit shares the culture of Oklahoma while also celebrating the process of making art and telling stories. Several sculptures are included.

The 51 pieces brought to Stillwater represent various events and several of the state's famous residents including Mike Wimmer's portrait of T. Boone Pickens and Harold Holden's painting of Frank Eaton who was the man that OSU mirrored for the school's mascot Pistol Pete.

Harold Holden of Kremlin painted "Frank Eaton -Pistol Pete," an oil on canvas. Holden's works are on display throughout the world with the exhibit displaying a bronze sculpture as well.

# AROUND THE REGION

### HOROSCOPE

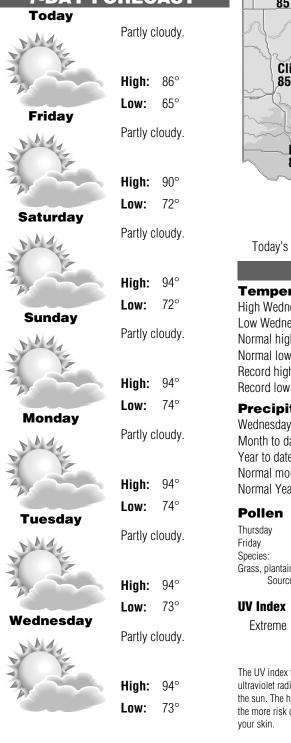
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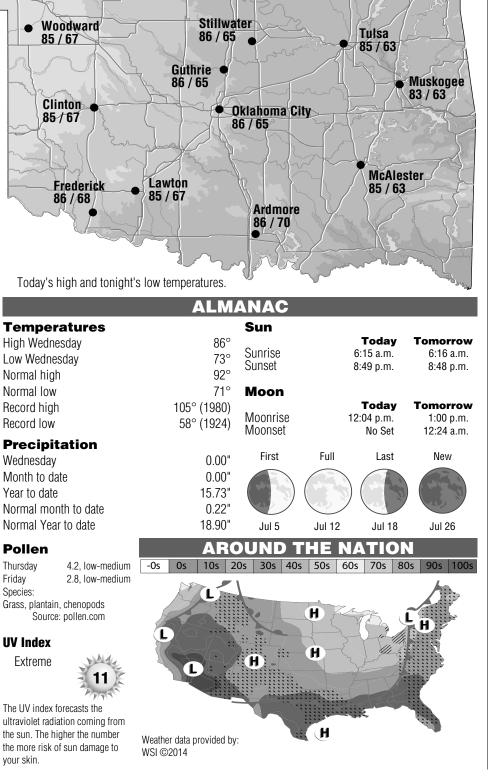
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You will be feeling out of sorts. Spend some quiet time catching up on reading or research. Most of all, distance yourself from an emotional situa-

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**PERFORMING ARTS** 

1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., Stillwater Public Library Auditorium.





tion so that you can see things differently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You have a lot to be grateful for. A lucrative job offer that interests you will pop up. Look for an opportunity and you will find one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Work hard, but don't ignore your health. Getting stressed or run-down will damage your ability to be productive, erasing your chances of progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You are at your most appealing, and someone is trying to get your attention. You may have to make an adjustment if you want to get all of your projects finished on time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Aim to please by being self-sufficient. Stay in control of your affairs rather than depending on others to handle your finances or career objectives for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- An idea you have been rebelling against could be more lucrative than you thought. This may be your lucky day, so make the most of it. Stop criticizing and start contributing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't shirk your responsibilities. You will have a lot to answer for if you haven't been pulling your weight at home or in the workplace. Cut your losses by taking care of business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- With a few minor adjustments, you can make great progress. If you let your intuition and creativity lead the way, you won't be sorry. Romance is highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Think about your future. It's time to lay the groundwork to obtain a comfortable standard of living. Look into savings plans that will help you reach your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Not everyone will be open to constructive criticism. Be diplomatic, and consider the feelings of others before you dole out advice. Work on your own issues, not those of the people around you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You can't get ahead by looking back. Stick to your game plan, ignore your critics and finish what you start. Keep moving forward; you're heading toward a brighter future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- There will be favorable developments in your personal life. If you are attached, you will find a deeper connection with your partner. If you are single, be prepared for an exciting new chapter.

by Eugenia Last



