



The Ukrainian flag

US supports taking in Ukrainians

In a new survey conducted by Gallup, a national polling firm, 78% of Americans said they support allowing “up to 100,000” Ukrainian refugees to be admitted to the US. Refugees are people forced to flee their home due to danger, such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is the most support Americans have shown for admitting refugees since 1939, when Gallup first began asking about this topic.



Representative Grace Meng

Lawmakers back new museum

A bill that would create the first US Asian American and Pacific Islander museum passed unanimously (all in favor) in the House of Representatives (one half of Congress, which makes laws). Grace Meng, a Democrat from New York, introduced the bill and said she hopes the museum will provide a glimpse of Asian American life. The bill now goes to the Senate (other half of Congress) for a vote.



The giraffe calf

Baby giraffe breaks zoo record

On April 27, the Los Angeles Zoo in California announced the birth of the tallest giraffe calf ever born at the zoo. The male Masai calf, which hasn't been named, was born at 6 feet, 7 inches tall and 172 pounds. Giraffes are the world's tallest land mammals, and Masai giraffes are the largest giraffe subspecies, said the zoo. Native to eastern Africa, they can grow to 17 feet tall and about 2,700 pounds.



Kurt Russell

DID YOU KNOW?
The majority of states require that public schools have a calendar of at least 180 days.

National Teacher of the Year is chosen

Kurt Russell, a high school teacher from Oberlin, Ohio, has been named the 2022 National Teacher of the Year. The award was presented to him at a White House ceremony on April 27.

Russell, age 50, has been a history teacher for 25 years at Oberlin High School, the same school he attended as a teenager. He teaches US history, African American history, and a course he created called Race, Gender, and Oppression. He also helped to develop a class about Black music around the world. “Students must see themselves in the classroom,” Russell said. “It’s important that my students see themselves as I see them — with unlimited potential and full of gifts.” In addition to teaching, Russell coaches the boys’ varsity basketball team and serves as the adviser for the school’s Black Student Union.

The National Teacher of the Year is named by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), a nonprofit organization. Each year,

the CCSSO chooses 56 State Teachers of the Year from hundreds of nominations. From that group, a 17-person committee selects four finalists and names one of them the national winner. This year, the other finalists were Whitney Aragaki, a high school science teacher in Hawaii; Autumn Rivera, a sixth grade science teacher in Colorado; and Joseph Welch, an eighth grade history teacher in Pennsylvania.

President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden, and



First Lady Jill Biden congratulates Kurt Russell.

US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona honored Russell during the ceremony. “Student by student, the lives you change go on to change the world,” said Jill Biden. Russell said he felt “excited, nervous, [and] humbled” by the award. “I’m just so proud to be a part of this profession,” he said.

Russell plans to spend the next year speaking at events across the US and serving as an ambassador for other teachers. “There is not a profession...that has made or is making a bigger impact than teaching,” he said.

THE WEEK’S SILLIEST HEADLINE

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