



State Sen. Nancy Riley of Tulsa announced Monday that she will join two other Republicans and one Democrat in seeking the lieutenant governor's post. She was joined Monday by her husband, Jerry Riley (right).

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# No. 2 post draws hopeful

► A Republican senator from Tulsa will join three other candidates in the lieutenant governor's race.

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SAND SPRINGS — State Sen. Nancy Riley, R-Tulsa, joined the expanding race Monday for the Republican Party nomination for lieutenant governor.

Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican, has announced that she is running for the 5th District congressional seat, and the open lieutenant governor's seat has attracted three Republican candidates and a Democrat.

State Sen. Scott Pruitt of Broken Arrow and House Speaker Todd Hiett of Kellyville earlier said they will seek the GOP

nomination. House Democratic Leader Jari Askins, D-Duncan, is seeking the Democratic Party nomination.

The primary election is scheduled for July 25.

Riley is in the middle of a four-year state Senate term and won't have to give up that post to run for lieutenant governor.

She said she expects "a difficult and challenging race."

When she ran for the state Senate in 2000, Riley said, she was matched against a 12-year incumbent Democrat and won.

Riley made her announcement in Sand Springs in front a statue

of Charles Page, a town founder and a benefactor of women and children.

Riley, who taught for 13 years in Tulsa Public Schools, said her campaign theme is "Our Children, Our Future."

As a teacher, she said, "I saw firsthand the problems young families faced as they tried to provide for their children. I also saw how devastating the breakdown of family structures are to our children."

During her five years in the state Legislature, Riley said she has focused on education and children's issues and on how to attract higher-paying jobs to the state.

Riley said she believes that she is qualified to be president of the state Senate and to serve in the

absence of the governor.

"For us to provide for our children and our future, we must do a better job promoting Oklahoma," she said. "We are in a global economy. We are not simply competing with bordering states for new businesses and tourism dollars."

Riley said she wants to be lieutenant governor so she can tell "our nation and the world Oklahoma is a great place to live, work, raise your family and have the opportunity to become the best you can be."

She was accompanied at the Sand Springs news conference by her husband, Jerry Riley, and two sons, Daniel and Patrick.

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## Kansas AG plans BTK-related legal action

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Attorney General Phill Kline is preparing to take legal action against BTK killer Dennis Rader but would not disclose his plans.

The Attorney General's Office would acknowledge only that a BTK-related lawsuit would be filed and that Kline would discuss it during a news conference Tuesday in Wichita. Kline didn't respond to a message left on his cellular telephone Monday.

Deputy District Attorney Kevin

O'Connor, who worked on the BTK case, said Kline hadn't told him what legal action he was planning. Sen. Phil Journey, R-Haysville, said he was invited to attend the news conference but wasn't told what it's about.

Journey, a criminal defense attorney in Wichita, said Kline might try somehow to block Rader from profiting from the sale of memorabilia, because the state doesn't have a law preventing that.

The state does have a "Son of Sam" law that prohibits Rader from profiting from the telling of his story.

Rader, who gave himself the nickname of BTK, for "Bind, Torture, Kill," was arrested in February after he resumed communicating with authorities after years of silence. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to multiple life terms in August for 10 killings between 1974 and 1991.

A former ordinance compli-

ance officer in the Wichita suburb of Park City, Rader in court recounted the murders in chilling detail. Kansas didn't have a death penalty law at the time of the killings.

Rader faces lawsuits from his victims' families and won the right in August to have a role in deciding the disposition of some of his writings, photographs and other personal items.

In September, Carolyn Hook, the daughter of one of the vic-

tims, won a \$250,000 default judgment against him.

Rader's ex-wife, Paula Rader, is fighting to keep the money she stands to make from selling the couple's former home. The families' attorneys are opposing her efforts, saying the house sold for \$90,000 — \$30,000 more than it was worth — because of BTK's notoriety.

Rader is serving his sentence at the El Dorado Correctional Facility.

## EXECUTE:

One appeal issue: Lay's ex-wife says a juror once propositioned her at a bar.

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is handling the appeal is seeking a new trial for Lay.

Tulsa County Assistant Public Defender Stephen Greubel filed a motion for a new trial and requested a hearing because of a

contention that a juror knew a court witness and did not disclose that during the trial.

In support of that motion, Greubel submitted an affidavit by Tamara Lynn Lay, the ex-wife of Wade Lay and the mother of Christopher Lay.

Her affidavit states that she recognized one of the male jurors as a person who had been a "frequent patron" of a Tulsa club where she had worked as a bartender and waitress.

The affidavit states that the juror recognized her in the courtroom and that "on the first day of the trial he smiled and winked at me, and continued to

stare at me."

Tamara Lay's affidavit, filed as a court document Monday, indicates that she talked with the man several times when he visited the club and that he was "extremely forward and persistent" and suggested on repeated occasions that she meet with him outside the club.

The affidavit says she never met with him in that fashion and that other than seeing him at the trial, she last had contact with him about nine months ago.

Gillert set a Dec. 1 hearing on the new trial motion.

First Assistant District Attor-

ney Doug Drummond indicated that he doesn't think the motion will result in a new trial.

Jurors found Wade and Christopher Lay, 20, guilty of first-degree murder for the May 2004 shooting death of Anderson at the MidFirst Bank at 7050 S. Yale Ave.

The Lays said they wanted money for guns and wanted to kill people who they thought had responsibility for the 1993 deaths — or subsequent investigation of the deaths — of Branch Davidians during the fiery end to a 51-day standoff with federal officials at Waco, Texas.

Anderson, 36, was killed and

both Lays were wounded in a gunfight at the bank.

Wade Lay said he is responsible — and sorry — for Anderson's death.

Gillert previously sentenced Chris Lay, who had court-appointed lawyers, to consecutive prison terms of life without the possibility of parole for murder and 25 years for attempted armed robbery.

Gillert on Monday ordered Wade Lay's 25-year prison term for attempted robbery to run consecutively with the death sentence.

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## PARK:

Construction on the multimillion-dollar projects is scheduled to begin next summer.

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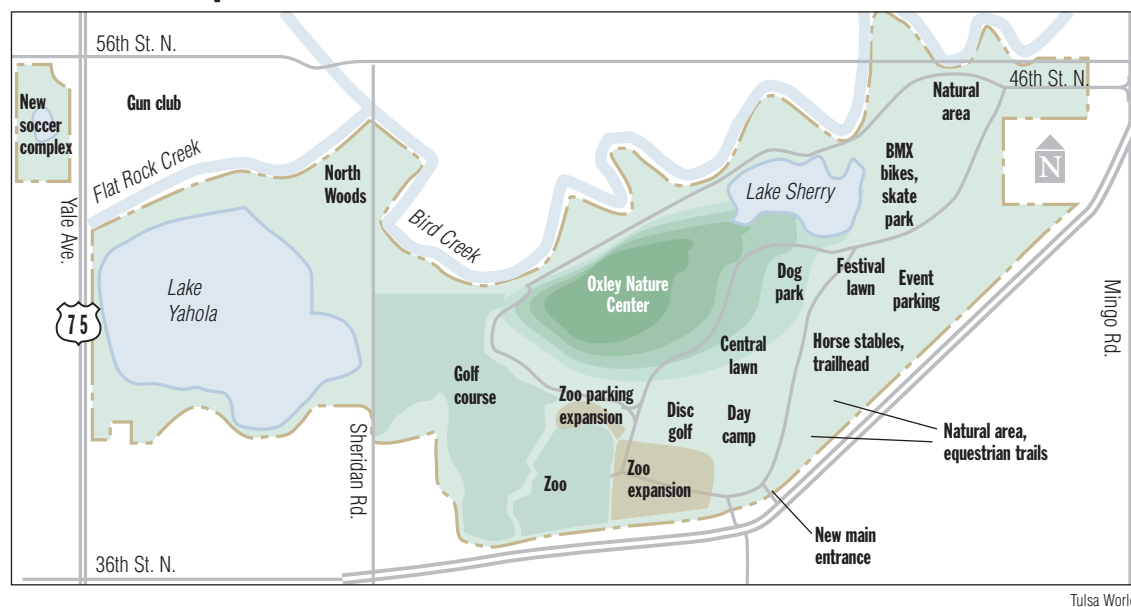
Tulsans can drive from a shopping mall to a nature trail within 30 minutes.

Sprawled across 2,800 acres north of Tulsa International Airport, Mohawk is one of the largest municipal parks in the country.

The park includes Lake Yahola, the Tulsa Zoo and a golf course, but it is well-known for its scenic walking trails at the Oxley Nature Center.

With construction planned to start next summer, the remodeled Mohawk Park will become a major regional attraction,

### Mohawk Park plan



bringing thousands of visitors each year to Tulsa, said Greg Warren, data resource manager for the Tulsa Park and Recreation Department.

In addition to the soccer fields and BMX track, the improvements will include a Frisbee golf course, repaved roads, restrooms, running trails and a dog

park.

"The whole idea is to make this an activity center for people from all across the region," Warren said. "This is going to very

### Mohawk Park presentation

6 p.m. Thursday, Aaronson Auditorium, Central Library, Fourth Street and Denver Avenue.

dramatically increase the presence of Mohawk Park in the life of Tulsa."

The projects will use \$6 million from the Vision 2025 bond issue and \$2 million from the third-penny sales tax.

Although the plan will be presented to the public during an open meeting Thursday, it is not yet finished, Warren said.

"This is a chance to discuss it," he said. "We're not saying, 'This is the way it's going to be.' We really want to hear what people think."

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## SUSPECT:

The man, who was not yet suspected in the slaying, fled after a police officer stopped him on a traffic offense.

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Bly's common-law wife, Karen Raya, 42, also was arrested and jailed in Minter's slaying, reports show.

Investigators believe that Minter was killed in a Coweta apartment.

His body was found Sunday in a field near Red Bird.

"We took a lot of information from different people" to find Minter's body, Coweta Police Lt. Donnie Krumsiek said.

"We put two and two together."

Bly and Raya both have talked to investigators, reports indicate.

However, police did not know about the details of Minter's death Saturday evening when a patrol officer stopped a truck driven by Bly on a traffic violation, Krumsiek said.

Raya was Bly's passenger.

The officer was checking Bly's license and registration when Bly suddenly drove off, Krum-

siek said.

Police gave chase, but Bly soon stopped the truck and jumped out, Krumsiek said.

Raya got behind the wheel and briefly evaded the officer while the shirtless Bly ran into the Red Bird city limits.

He was running back out soon afterward.

"We think he was hiding behind a house," Krumsiek said. "We set up a perimeter, and (about an hour later) he comes running."

"There was a fan club behind him with baseball bats."

Authorities said Bly's upper body is covered with tattoos that include swastikas and white-power slogans.

Nearly 88 percent of Red Bird's 153 residents — or 134 — are black, U.S. Census Bureau figures show.

"He was chased up and down

the streets of Red Bird," Osborn said, noting that the town has only a few miles of streets.

Investigators said they are still trying to determine why Bly and Raya might have killed Minter.

The three had known each other for some time, Krumsiek said, and authorities are investigating previous allegations that Bly might have taken advantage of Minter financially.

"There is known drug activity, not with Mr. Minter but with Mr. Bly and Ms. Raya," Krumsiek said.

District Attorney Richard Gray said the couple could be charged soon.

Bly made his first court appearance Monday.

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