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DOWNTOWN MINDEN

## ROMA ITALIAN BISTRO OPENS FOR BUSINESS



Roma Italian Bistro owner Festim Raka fires up the grill for the opening of the restaurant. Roma is opening its third Louisiana location in Minden Tuesday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

### *New eatery brings Italian flare to downtown Minden*

Nothing fancy, just great Italian food.

That's what Roma Italian Bistro owners Florenc Leshnja and Festim Raka hope to bring to Minden with the eatery's opening Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The restaurant is the third Louisiana location for the pair that recently moved to Minden.

The owners say patrons can expect fresh Italian food made to order along with authentic New York-style pizza. Gluten-free pasta will also be offered for those with food allergies.

Roma is located in the heart of downtown Minden at 519 Main St. in the newly renovated Gardner building and will be open Tuesday through Sunday.

For a link to their menu, visit [press-herald.com](http://press-herald.com).



Roma Italian Bistro is located in the newly-renovated Gardner Building in downtown Minden. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

CAMP MINDEN  
CLEANUP

## State order gives hope against open burn

*Committee to look at  
alternative methods*

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Members of the public and the Louisiana Senate Environmental Quality committee were given hope the open tray burn method of disposal for nearly 19 million pounds of M6 propellant at Camp Minden will not move forward if a safe, alternative method is chosen.

Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis, adjutant general of the Louisiana Army National Guard, said in the senate committee hearing at Camp Minden, an executive order issued Monday gives him the authority to go out for competitive quotes and offers to dispose of the M6 propellant other than the open tray burn.

"The EPA has always held federal oversight on this, so they have the money, they have the final say so," he said. "Based on that executive order, I have the authority to go out and ask for bids on any process, not just open tray burn. They can stop me, they can stop the contract, they can pull the money or they can take over the site themselves if they choose to. My hope is they won't do any of those. When we get this other information with these other contractors and processes, my hope is they will look at that and help us select the right person and the right contractor."

During the meeting, he said he wanted to use the method chosen by the dialogue committee and the group he is working with to find a better solution.

Sen. Mike Walsworth, chair of the environmental quality committee, said this is good news.

"The biggest news is that (Maj.) Gen. Curtis is going to move forward with new proposals, and I think that's what all of us wanted to hear," he said. "I think all of us, not a single person, wants open burn in the Camp Minden area. Nothing has changed as of today. Open burn is still what the EPA and the U.S. Army has proposed. But this opens up the door, and I think will allow some other options."

Rep. Gene Reynolds, District 10, says he's excited about the announcement as well, saying he feels the open tray burn is now probably off the table.

"Now the next issue will be which one of the alternatives we want to use that is timely, cost effective and the safest way," he said. "That's a big announcement - huge. I'm cautiously pleased. I honestly believe we're past the open



**CURTIS**



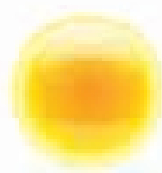
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MINDEN CRIME

# Texas couple arrested on drug charges

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A disturbance at a local motel last week led Minden police officers to a Texas couple who are now guests at the parish prison facing a variety of drug

charges, Minden Chief of Police Steve Cropper said. "The two individuals were arrested after Officers Brandon Curry, Clint Smith and Sgt. Chris McClaran received permission to conduct a search and found illegal

narcotics and paraphernalia in their room," Cropper said. Angelia McIntyre McCrary, 42, and Daniel Bryan Moss, 37, both residents of Longview, Texas, were booked into Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center following their

arrest. McCrary is charged with possession of marijuana (third offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and disturbing the peace. Moss is charged with possession of CDS Sch. II (methamphetamine) and possession of drug para-

phernalia, Cropper said. Officers found two glass pipes commonly used for smoking methamphetamine, one marijuana cigarette, one ounce of marijuana, a syringe and a small amount of methamphetamine, Cropper said.



**MCCRARY**



**MOSS**



A ceremonial wall raising was held Friday at the newest home under construction on Millard Fuller Drive by the Fuller Center of Webster. The home is being built in memory of Marty Cloud. Present at the wall raising were Marty and Duane Cloud's family, daughters Karen McDonald, left, and Kathy Turner; Fuller Center Director Derek Melancon; homeowner Tammie Jones; former director Charlie Park; granddaughter Brittany Pirl holding her 3-week old son Dean; daughter Kristi Ponder; daughter-in-law Irene Cloud; son Rick Cloud and Fuller board President Tonkin Williams. Pat Culverhouse/Press-Herald

# RAISING THE WALLS

*Construction begins on the Marty Cloud House*

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Tammie Jones is about to experience a "first" in her life. Thanks to the Fuller Center of Webster, she is about to be a homeowner for the first time. "It's exciting and overwhelming," Jones said. "It's a blessing from God, I know." Jones is a field manager for the Webster Parish school system during the day, but after work, she's a carpenter, or sand mover, or anything else she's asked to be. In her spare time, Jones, her 18-year-old daughter Janise and 6-year-old son Daniel, can be found at their new address on Millard Fuller Drive helping

build the house, as stipulated in the acceptance contract. "They don't have to ask me to help," Jones said. "I come by here every day. This is a good experience for me." Jones said the day she was contacted and told she had been accepted for the build, "I cried all day." This build is special, not only for Jones, but for the team constructing her home. It is being built in memory of long time Minden resident and Fuller Center supporter Marty Cloud who passed away in May 2012. Cloud and her husband, Duane were instrumental in several Fuller Center builds. "Since Marty's passing, Fuller Center of Webster has continued to receive donations in her honor,"

Fuller Center Director Derek Melancon said. "Sufficient funds have now been received to construct the Marty Cloud House in honor of Marty's lifelong dedication to helping others." Fuller Center board President Tonkin Williams said sometimes it is hard to start a build when you don't know where the funds or the builders will originate. "We truly rely on God to help us," Williams said. "That's what the Clouds instilled in us when they were here – if we have the faith and keep our hands in God's hands and depend on Him, He will give us sufficient needs to build a house." Projected completion is the end of March, at which time the Fuller Center will

hold a blessing and dedication of the new home. The house will be a three-bedroom, two-bath, energy efficient frame home designed at no charge to the Fuller Center by Contract Drafting Services of Bossier City. Fuller Center board member A.J. Rayner, is directing the build. "Marty and Duane Cloud have been great friends to our ministry and to me personally, and it humbles me to see the donation of sufficient funds to build this house in honor of Marty," Charlie Park, former executive director, said. "We will begin work soon to raise funds to build a house next door in memory of Duane." "Fuller Center of Webster has already set up a

special account to accept donations in honor of Mr. Cloud," Melancon added. "Those wishing to be a part of this special project honoring two wonderful people may participate by

sending donations to the Fuller Center of Webster, P.O. Box 155, Springhill, LA 71075. Please make a note that this donation is in honor of Duane Cloud."

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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

# WPSB asks BESE for talks on PARCC

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The Webster Parish School Board passed a resolution Monday asking the Board of Elementary Education and Secondary Education to call a special meeting to discuss the issue of parents opting their children out of the Partnership Assessment Ready for College and Career testing.

The resolution also asks that school districts which have parents opting their children out of the PARCC testing be exempt from including that child in the calculation of the school and/or the district's school performance score as well as teacher evaluations.

It nearly passed unanimously, but district 6 board member John Madden abstained, saying something had to be put on the table.

"We can't say we don't want some kind of standardized testing unless we've got to put something on the table," he said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls said 43 states at one time adopted CCSS, and today only nine states still follow CCSS. He shared his personal experience heading a school system that was one of the first to imple-

ment CCSS in its schools. He said students did well with English language arts, but failed miserably in math. That is because students were being asked to do conceptual math when their brains weren't physically developed to handle such math.

Some students did OK with it, but many did not, he said.

"ELA, as it was presented to us, was just a set of standards," he said. "We had to go out and find material to teach. When we got those results back, we asked, 'What went wrong?' Well, I'll tell you what went wrong. The children did not have the cognitive ability to understand the question, much less answer it. And then when you understood the answer, you had to write how you got the answer."

Teachers, principals, counselors and others were in attendance as well, talking about PARCC testing and the effects its having in the classroom.

School districts all across the state are passing resolutions very similar to the one Webster passed Monday. However,



**RAWLS**

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Webster Parish Schools is beginning its kindergarten roundup (school registration) for the 2015-16 school year from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Friday, April 17 for several schools. Those include Browning Elementary, Central Elementary, North Webster Lower Elementary and Doyline High School. Harper Elementary will register incoming kindergartner girls from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Boys will be registered at the same time the next day – Friday, April 17. All students who will be five years of age by Sept. 30 are eligible to register.

All parents or guardians wishing to register a student for kindergarten classes must bring the following documentation when completing their student's application:

- Original birth certificate
  - Social Security card
  - Most up-to-date immunization record, and
  - Parent's or guardian's proof of residence.
- Copies of all documentation will be made at the school. For more information, or for questions, call your child's respective school.

an open letter to citizens and "education stakeholders" from four BESE board members urged them to contact their board member to call a special meeting. So far, there are four board members willing to meet, but it takes six to call such a meeting.

The letter by Lottie Beebe, district 3, Mary Harris, district 4, Carolyn Hill, district 8 and Jane

Smith, Caddo member at large, said there are valid fears for teachers.

"Because this is the first administration of the PARCC assessment in Louisiana, many school officials, educators and parents have valid fears, particularly when it is a known fact that there was a 70 percent failure rate in New York," the letter reads. "Why would we disenfran-

chise our parents, teachers and administrators by saying 'No' to a special meeting?"

In neighboring Claiborne Parish, Superintendent of Schools William Kennedy is handling it a little differently. He said there are parents who have questions but they have not outright opted their children out of the test set for grades 3-8.

"The ramifications, as far as Claiborne Parish is concerned, are that if parents opt their kids out of the PARCC test, we will receive '0' for all of those kids that didn't take the test," he said. "That will affect our school performance scores as well as the parish."

The same is true for Webster and every other school system in the state. Kennedy went so far as to break it down by each school in Claiborne, saying that if five students are opted out per school, SPS scores could drop as much as eight points.

However, when parents call about the PARCC test, he is encouraging them to have their children take the test.

"The test is going to be difficult," he said. "We know that, but we want to see what we've accomplished. We're encouraging every kid, every parent. We

want to see what we've done this year."

Dr. Rawls, in a separate interview, said he's had several phone calls from parents who have decided to opt out their children, even receiving a two-page letter from one explaining why that child would not be taking the PARCC test. At this rate, he said, as many as 30 kids could opt out, and that would negatively impact Webster's scores.

"It looks like what they're going to do is let the train wreck happen and sort it out later," Rawls said. "The issue is the child's parents say 'Don't take the test,' they don't take the test, but we're the ones that get the '0.' They're holding us accountable for these school grades for funding and it's just extremely unfair. We're looking to Baton Rouge to do something about it, but they're not."

With this school year set as a baseline year, Rawls said the scores won't be accurate because all the kids didn't take the test.

"I think somewhere along the line, somebody is going to have to address this, because by the time we take that test, it's going to really be a mess," he said.

## M6

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burn."

Comments from the public were also strong in the opposition to open tray burn. Scientists, community members and others came to the podium to talk about the health risks, economic impact if the Army decides to move forward with open tray burn and some personal stories of what they experienced that night.

Frances Kelley, with Louisiana Progress Action, talked about one of the most toxic chemicals that would be released into the air if the open tray burn method were allowed to move forward. According to a fact sheet, dioxin is the toxic chemical found in

Agent Orange, which is what made so many Vietnam vets so ill. Dioxin is a product of incomplete combustion created during open burns of hazardous waste.

She also talked about the laws that would be broken if this method moved forward – their own law – the Resources and Conservation Recovery Act, also known as RCRA. This law, she told audience members, says hazardous materials cannot be burned, adding the Army is using a loophole in the law that indicates it can be burned if no other option is available.

That is not the case, she says. There are several disposal methods that are much safer for the community and for the environment.

Louisiana Department

of Environmental Quality Secretary Peggy Hatch was in attendance and applauded the news she heard regarding the executive order.

"I took a lot of notes, and I do appreciate Gen. Curtis' announcement," she said. "I think that will be the best way to go. The open tray burn is in the AOC as written. If another method that meets all the criteria is safe and time is of the essence, I'm happy with whatever appropriate method is chosen."

In January, she sent a letter to the EPA requesting documents to show the science to back up the open tray burn. She gave them five days to produce the documents; however, instead of providing those records to her, they began publishing documentation on their public website,

she said.

"My concern is to have it available for folks to review and look at," she said.

In October 2012, an explosion rocked the community for miles around, which led to the arrest of six individuals from Explo Systems, Inc., which is now

bankrupt. Louisiana State Police discovered millions of pounds of the demilitarized M6 propellant improperly stored at the site.

While it has been exposed to the elements, the propellant is now properly stored in 97 "igloos," or bunkers, in an unpopulat-

ed area of Camp Minden. During the meeting, Curtis assured the public no one is inside the danger, or blast zone, and there is limited access to that area.

The newly formed dialogue committee is set to have its first meeting Thursday.

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PERSPECTIVE

## Analysis: La. environmental lobby gains prominent ally

Environmentalists have always had a tough slog in Louisiana, where the oil and gas industry provides tens of thousands of jobs and chemical plants dot the landscape along the Mississippi River.

But the cause has picked up a high-profile sponsor in the last few years, retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, the military leader who won acclaim for restoring calm and order to New Orleans in the chaos after Hurricane Katrina nearly 10 years ago.

Honore, who hails from rural Pointe Coupee Parish and retired from the Army in 2008, has tried to use his post-hurricane fame to drum up attention for concerns about clean air and water in a state where most leaders push for loosened industry regulations, not tightened ones.

“If we don’t do something about pollution, it will change our culture,” Honore told the Press Club of Baton Rouge, citing the state’s seafood industry and its reputation as the “Sportsman’s Paradise.”

In the last few years, Honore’s become an outspoken voice for Louisiana’s environmentalists, leading what he calls the “Green Army,” a group of environmental organizations that often get little attention at the Louisiana Capitol.

Whether Honore can translate his prominence into regulatory change remains questionable, however.

He first got involved in the work when a massive sinkhole opened in a swampy area of Assumption Parish. The area around Bayou Corne dissolved into liquefied muck in August 2010 at the site of a salt dome where a company was extracting brine used in the petrochemical refining process.

The sinkhole since has grown to nearly 40 acres, forcing most of the 350 residents in the tiny community to pack up and leave their homes.

Honore became a voice for the complaints of people who lived in Bayou Corne, and he’s widened his mission since then, taking on environmental causes across Louisiana. He jokes that after 37 years in the Army and leading national disaster response efforts he’s now tagged with monikers like “rogue environmentalist” and “extremist.”

But his distinguished military service has drawn more attention to the causes he champions — and more deference from state lawmakers and officials who don’t necessarily agree with Honore’s policy positions but respect his background.

His agenda is not well-defined. He said he wants to make sure that companies doing business in Louisiana follow the federal clean air and water standards in existing law, and he’s pushing for toughened state laws and regulations for industry.

Honore said the state needs to improve monitoring and notification systems at chemical plants, getting automated detection equipment out into the field to track breaches of air and water pollution standards. He calls the current oversight “1950s technology.” He wants more attention to water management in Louisiana



**MELINDA DESLATTE**

and to cleanup of abandoned oil wells.

But he also is targeting one of Louisiana’s most important industries, which provides hundreds of millions of dollars each year in tax revenue to the state, pays the salaries of tens of thousands of workers and pours millions into campaign donations for state officials.

Honore, who hasn’t ruled out a possible run for office, insists he’s not trying to chase away industry. “No one begrudges the oil and gas industry. We want them to make money. But they’ve got to fix what they break and they’ve got to clean up after themselves,” he said.

He may have a high-profile pedigree, but Honore has run into the same lack of interest of adding new regulations to industry in Louisiana.

Among the Green Army’s most notable recent defeats, it unsuccessfully fought legislation seeking to void a lawsuit that a south Louisiana flood protection board filed against the oil and gas for coastal damage.

Honore was on the losing side against Gov. Bobby Jindal, most state lawmakers and the oil and gas industry, who said the lawsuit was improperly filed, an attack on business and a windfall for trial lawyers. The legislation now is being challenged in court.

Honore acknowledges the trouble he’s had gaining traction with state policymakers in the Legislature: “They treat us with respect. They just don’t listen to us.”

*Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.*

PERSPECTIVE

## Parasites

**POLITICIANS AND LAWYERS** pretend that they are important people doing important work. But often they’re important because they are parasites. They feed off others, while creating no wealth of their own.

We all complain about businesses we don’t like, but because business is voluntary, every merchant must offer us something we want in order to get our money.

But that’s not true for politicians and their businessman cronies. They get to use government force to grab our money.

Those people who take instead of producing things make up “the parasite economy,” says Cato Institute Vice President David Boaz. It’s my favorite chapter in his new book, “The Libertarian Mind.”

The parasite economy, says Boaz, thrives wherever “you use the law to get something you couldn’t get voluntarily in the marketplace.”

That includes much of the military-industrial complex, “green” businesses that prosper only because politicians award them subsidies, banks that can borrow cheaply because they’re labeled “too big to fail” and — unfortunately — me.

All of us are parasites if government granted us special deals. Some parasites (not me) lobbied for their deal. “You might use a tariff to prevent people from buying from your foreign competitors or get the government to give you a subsidy,” says Boaz. “You might get the government to pass a law that makes it difficult for your competitors to compete with you.”

This quickly creates a culture where businesses conclude that the best way to prosper is not by producing superior goods, but by lobbying. Politicians then tend to view those businesses the way gangsters used to view neighborhood stores, as targets to shake down.

Says Boaz, “You have politicians and bureaucrats and lobbyists coming around to these companies and saying, hey, nice little company you’ve got there, too bad if something happened to it. ... They start suggesting that maybe you need to make some campaign contributions, maybe hire some lobbyists, and maybe we’ll run an anti-trust investigation, and maybe we’ll limit your supply of overseas engineers.

And all of these things then drag these companies into Washington’s lobbying culture.”

And as I mentioned, it’s not just companies that get dragged in.

I built a house on the edge of the ocean. People weigh the costs and benefits of building in risky places like that. Without government’s encouragement, I would have just built someplace else. But because politicians decided that government should be in the flood insurance business, and then other politicians decided that government’s insurance business should offer cheap rates, I did build on the beach.

Even though my property was obviously a high flood risk, my insurance premiums never exceeded \$400 a year. Ten years later, my house washed away, and government’s insurance plan reimbursed my costs. Today, the federal flood insurance program is \$40 billion in the red.

In other words, you helped pay for my beach house. Thanks! I never invited you there, but you paid anyway. I actually felt entitled to the money. It had been promised by a government program!

But it was wrong, and I won’t collect again. I don’t want to be a parasite.

But it’s tough, because government keeps making offers. Government handouts make parasites out of many of us.

Compare politicians and politicians’ cronies to tapeworms and ticks. Like parasites in nature, the ticks on the body politic don’t want to kill the host organism — meaning us. It’s in politicians’ and regulators’ interest to keep the host alive so they can keep eating our food and sucking our blood.

After watching members of Congress applaud President Obama during his last State of the Union address, I came to think that politicians were worse than tapeworms and ticks. The president bragged about American energy production being up. Domestic energy is up, but it’s up because of private sector innovation, not government. In fact, it’s up in spite of administration rules that make it harder to extract oil from public lands. Yet many in Congress applauded the president’s misleading claim.

At least tapeworms and ticks don’t expect us to clap.



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# COMMUNITY

## Sorority crowns Miss Juneteenth at gala

Epsilon Rho Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. hosted its Annual Scholarship and Recognition Gala on June 13 at the B.F. Martin Community Life Center.

Theme for the evening was "Ready, Set, Go! The Future Is Yours!" Featured at the gala was the Coronation of Miss Juneteenth 2014.

This year, four young ladies competed for the crown. Princess Moody, Miss Juneteenth 2013 initiated the ceremony by taking her final royal stroll. Sariah West was crowned Miss Juneteenth 2014. Sariah Gill: 1st Runner-up; Kharmin Givens: 2nd Runner-up; and Melanie Ferrell: 3rd Runner-up composed the Royal court.

A highlight of the evening was a Style Segment by models ranging in ages from 7 to 70 plus. The style segment was narrated by Sonya Holiday.

Models for the evening were: Set 1: "Ready for Summer Activities", Karmyn Givens; Set 2: "Ready for the Mall," Briana Hagans, T'Mya Hagans, Bria Cooper, and Tierra Givens; Set 3: "Ready for Church," Mrs. Byretha



Competing for Miss Juneteenth 2014 at the annual Scholarship and Recognition Gala are Khamyn Givens, second runner-up, left; Sariah West, winner; and Melanie Ferrell, third runner-up. Not pictured is Sariah Gill, first runner-up. Courtesy photos

Hamilton, Bertha Hunter, Mrs. Lynnie Fobbs and Mrs. Paulester Gilbert.

Another highlight of the evening was a performance by Epsilon Rho's awarding winning Praise Dancers. Epsilon Rho's Xinos, Kudos, and their families were recognized by youth sponsor, Gail Coleman and the chapter's president, Amanda Thomas. Presentations were made to graduates.

The chapter would like to thank the Southview Singers from Magnolia, Arkansas for their participation.

To its patrons, local businesses and the community the chapter would like to take this opportunity to express thanks for donations and contributions for door prizes.

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit the chapter's scholarship program. The

chapter gratefully thanks Tonka Williams, Patricia Jenkins and Blow for their advice and support.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who worked hard behind the scene to make the Gala a success.

Amanda Thomas, President, Epsilon Rho Chapter, and Gala Committee: Janice Givens, Chair; Oretta Pope, Co-Chair; Gail Coleman; Talisia Specks-Kennedy; and Kim Givens.

## Around Town

### Friday, Feb. 13

Enrollment specialists from Martin Luther King Health Center of Shreveport will be at the United Way office in Minden on select Fridays to assist persons in signing up for a health insurance plan on [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) at 202 Miller Street, Minden. Call Christina Copeland at 318-470-2111.

### Sunday, Feb. 15

Black History Celebration to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Musical guests will be St. Rest Baptist Church Youth Choir of Minden and guest speaker will be Minister Nathan Richardson, Associate Minister of St. Rest Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

Annual Black History and Pew Rally Program at 3 p.m. at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church. The Rev. Robbie D. Williams of Macedonia Baptist Church in Monroe will be the guest speaker.

Blue Run Baptist Church, Gregory Deloach, pastor/teacher, will host Black History Program at 2:30 p.m. Special guest is The Rev. Anthony Abney, pastor of White Oak Grove Baptist Church, Homer. All churches are welcome.

### Friday, Feb. 20

Black History Month essays are due at 5 p.m.

The essay contest, sponsored by the Minden Press-Herald, is open to school children in grades 4-8 and 9-12. Essays and poems are accepted and should be no more than 150 words. They should reflect what someone or an event in their history reflects what the celebration of Black History means to them. Send submissions to [bonnie@press-herald.com](mailto:bonnie@press-herald.com). Name, age and contact information must be provided.

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Longspring Church of God in Christ, 518 Constable Street, will be hosting an "Old Ship of Zion" program at 5 p.m. Everyone is Invited.

### Sunday, Feb. 22

Black History Observance at 3 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church, 118 Church Street, Taylor. The Rev. James Smith of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Dubberly will be the guest speaker.

44th Church Anniversary at 2:30 p.m. at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. Guest speaker and church will be the Rev. Asby K. Glosson, Pastor of New Light Baptist Church in Minden. Everyone is invited. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## SPORTS briefs

### NBA

## Popovich wins No. 1,000

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gregg Popovich spent 19 seasons teaching his players how to use teamwork and ball movement to break down defenses.

The philosophy still works.

On a night San Antonio started the fourth quarter in a 14-point hole at Indiana, Popovich's principles paid off again as Marco Belinelli freed himself with a pump fake and hit an 18-foot baseline jumper to give San Antonio a 95-93 victory that made Popovich the ninth member of the NBA's 1,000-win club.

"It was looking bleak for a while, but the second group came out there and gave us a lot of energy and the starters came back in and executed pretty well," the Spurs' longtime coach said.

Popovich has won plenty of games this way over the years, and Monday night was not much different.

Instead of relying on his big three — Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker — Popovich was content to let the supporting cast do some heavy lifting. They didn't let him down.

When Kawhi Leonard drove toward the lane, he saw Belinelli in the left corner. The Italian guard barely beat the shot clock, and then the Spurs' defense challenged George Hill's 3-pointer from the top of the key, which came up short.

Only two coaches, Phil Jackson and Pat Riley, reached 1,000 wins faster than Pop. Only one other coach, Jerry Sloan, achieved the feat with one team. Sloan won 1,127 games with Utah. Popovich is 1,000-462 in 19 NBA seasons, all with San Antonio.

### NFL

## Charges against Hardy dismissed

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Prosecutors dismissed domestic violence charges against Panthers defensive end and soon-to-be free agent Greg Hardy on Monday after they said the accuser in the case couldn't be found.

The dismissal happened just as Hardy's appeal in the case was set to begin. Mecklenburg County district attorney Andrew Murray told the judge that officials attempted many times to contact the woman, but failed. Murray said the woman had settled her civil suit against Hardy.

Hardy, whose NFL future is uncertain, left with his attorney and did not answer questions. Moments before court convened, Hardy appeared calm, tweeting that he would be giving away a pair of his game cleats to a fan who could name his favorite color, his favorite president and his favorite NBA player.

Hardy was convicted last summer of assault on a female and communicating threats in a case involving a former girlfriend. The Associated Press generally does not name victims of abuse.

Murray told Superior Court Judge Robert T. Sumner that law enforcement had taken "extraordinary" measures to find the accuser so that she could testify during the appeal.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# HOOPS HITS HOME STRETCH

### BLAKE BRANCH

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Basketball season is close to wrapping up as Minden High and Lakeside will fight for play-off spots this week, while Glenbrook begins its playoffs on Wednesday.

Here's a quick preview of those games.

#### Minden Crimson Tide

The Minden Crimson Tide and Lady Tiders will be at home Tuesday night to host Benton for senior night.

Minden swept a pair of games with Benton in January, but both games were tight throughout.

"It's an opportunity for us to recognize these boys and girls players," Crimson Tide head coach Alan Shaw said of senior night. "They've been with us for all these years and dedicated so much of their time and energy to this program. It's a chance for us to give back a little bit of what they've given to us."

#### Glenbrook School

The Glenbrook Apaches and Lady Apaches both snuck into the playoffs as No. 3 seeds in the North Division of the MAIS Class AA playoffs.

The Glenbrook boys will take on a talented and tall Indianola Academy team.

Indianola won district 1-AA. "They're a very good team," Apache head coach Jeff Dalton said. "They don't have many weaknesses.

They have a 6-foot 6-inch tall kid who has about a seven foot wingspan. I really think we can matchup well with them though."

The Lady Apaches will take on the winners of district 1-AA as well, Kirk Academy.

#### Lakeside

The Lakeside Lady Warriors will miss out on the playoffs this season as they continue to develop their young roster.

The Lakeside boys are still in the hunt for a play-off spot though, and face a must-win situation when they travel to take on Calvary Tuesday night.

"It's a big, big game for us," Warriors head coach Jason Gould said. "If we can beat Calvary there's a good chance we'll be in the playoffs. It's going to be tough to do having to go over there and do it."

#### Doyline

The Doyline Panthers and Lady Panthers have both played well towards the end of the season.

The Panther boys have won two straight games, beating Castor and Saline to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"These young guys are starting to come together," Panther head coach Michael Normand said.

The Panthers' next game will be at Dodson Tuesday night.



Submitted Photo/Lydia Michael

# Lakeside's Griffith signs baseball scholarship



Center, Luke Griffith, with parents Melissa and Mark Griffith, signs a scholarship to play baseball for Hinds Community College. Back row, Lakeside Principal Johnny Rowland, head coach Bob Gray and assistant coaches Denny Finley and Will Gray look on. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch



### BLAKE BRANCH

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High school baseball season is right around the corner, but one area athlete is already making baseball news.

Lakeside's Luke Griffith signed his Letter of Intent on Monday to play baseball at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi.

Griffith - who will play pitcher for the Eagles in addition to some first base

and designated hitting duties - was all smiles as he signed on the dotted line surrounded by family, teammates and coaches.

"I chose Hinds because of the coaching staff," Griffith said. "I feel like they will develop me as a player. I like how they treat their players like family and it's a great program to get involved in."

Lakeside head coach Bob Gray believes Hinds will be a great fit for Griffith.

"It's exciting when kids get a chance to go to the next level," Gray said. "We expect him to do well. He has the tools to do well and obviously Hinds saw something in him they liked. It's a great day for all of us. When one of us does well, we all do well."

### LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

# Deer antlers continue to trigger fascination

Diane's question to me recently is reflected by scores of others who are fascinated by what take places on the heads of buck deer over the course of a year.

"You mean a buck with a great big 12 point rack starts out with nothing on his head every year? I don't understand," she lamented.

She is not alone; there are many folks interested in wildlife who can't comprehend the amazing thing that takes place over a 12 month period in the life cycle of whitetail buck deer.

Let's begin with what is starting to take place within the next few weeks. Last year around late March, I was turkey hunting when I saw something that fascinated me. As I sat overlooking a food plot, a deer stepped out 40 yards or so away followed by

a second and then a third deer. They lingered just long enough for me to get a good look at them but no time to snap a photo.

The interesting thing I noticed about these three deer, something I'd never seen before, was that all three were bucks that had only recently shed their antlers. Each of the three had prominent circles – pedicles - on their heads where last year's antlers had grown.

Here's what happens in the world of the deer. Buck deer drop their antlers in late win-

ter or early spring. Soon after losing their headgear, they start growing a new set of antlers they'll have until this time next year. This new set begins as fuzzy knobs growing on the pedicles which are located on the buck's head between his eyes and ears. The newly formed antlers are soft and subject to damage and for this reason, bucks are shy and reclusive; they're protective of this new growth.

A couple of months before shedding antlers, bucks use them to hook and thrash bushes, brush and small saplings and to fight other bucks to establish dominance. Bushes and bucks are in no danger of being gored and thrashed in spring and summer because he is protecting his newly forming soft antlers.

The velvet surrounding this new growth is a phenom-

enal material and it takes little imagination for the light bulb to go on in companies that produce performance enhancing drugs to realize what this soft velvet does to deer antlers. Some companies are actually processing and pulverizing dried velvet and marketing it for this purpose.

According to a source I read about the growth of deer antlers, velvet is described as "vascular skin that supplies oxygen and nutrients to the growing bone." This amazing material causes the antler it covers to grow at an amazing rate. In fact, deer antlers grow faster than any other mammal bone. This fast rate of growth actually is a handicap to a buck because of the incredible nutritional demand on deer to re-grow antlers annually.

Once the antlers achieve their full potential for the year,

usually by mid-September in our part of the world, the velvet has served its purpose and as it dries and is rubbed off on bushes by the buck, the antler bone actually dies and here's something I read that gave me pause. What deer hunters see when that big buck comes slipping by the stand is an animal sporting a head full of dead bone.

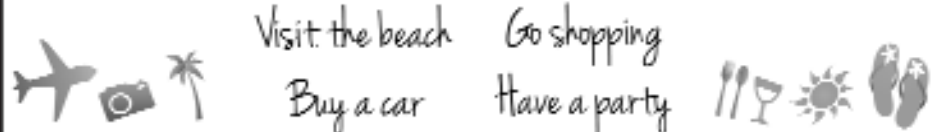
So for folks puzzled about deer antlers, maybe this bit of information will answer your questions.

I'm sure Diane will have other questions, though, such as why do possums like to lie down and flatten themselves in the middle of the road?

I'm still working on that one.

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# Deadly crash involving Bruce Jenner: questions and answers

LOS ANGELES — Sheriff's officials on Monday dug deeper into a weekend chain-reaction crash on Malibu's Pacific Coast Highway that involved Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner and left one woman dead.

The wreck was documented in paparazzi photos that were posted online by celebrity gossip website TMZ.

It has garnered significant attention, along with a slew of speculation. Here's a look at what happened and some questions that have cropped up so far:

## WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRASH?

A woman driving a Toyota Prius stopped or slowed on the highway and was hit by a woman driving a Lexus.

Bruce Jenner, driving a black Cadillac Escalade with a trailer carrying an off-road vehicle, saw the crash and swerved right to try to avoid it. He hit the Lexus, causing it to veer into oncoming traffic, and it collided head-on with a black Hummer.

The driver of the Lexus — Kim Howe 69, of Calabasas — died at the scene. California Department of Motor Vehicle records showed Howe's license had expired in 2007.

## WHAT IS BEING INVESTIGATED?

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators are trying to determine why the Prius stopped or slowed.

Traffic doesn't tend to build up on the Pacific Coast Highway in February, and the driver was 150 yards from the next traffic light.

Her statements to investigators were "unclear,"



Sgt. Philip Brooks said.

Another big question is why the Lexus veered into oncoming traffic when it was hit by Jenner's Cadillac.

Usually all three cars stay in line in such an accident. But in this case the Lexus crossed a 12-foot center lane to make its way into the Hummer's path, Brooks said.

## DID THEY ALL TAKE SOBRIETY TESTS?

Deputies who responded to the collision spoke to each driver and asked only Jenner to take a field sobriety test.

He passed without problems and voluntarily submitted a blood sample. Those results won't be

known for some time, Brooks said.

It's unclear why deputies decided to test only Jenner, but typically they do not ask someone to submit to such tests unless there is a question about their sobriety, Brooks said.

## WHY CELLPHONE RECORDS?

Sheriff's investigators were contacting Jenner and the other drivers Monday to ask for access to their cellphone records.

Investigators routinely request such records in fatal multivehicle collisions to determine if distracted driving was a factor.

However, it's difficult for investigators to pin-

point the timing of a crash to the moment of a message or phone call.

Sheriff's deputies were at the scene for hours Saturday taking measurements to painstakingly reconstruct the collision.

Investigators will re-interview the drivers, use the skid marks left by Jenner's trailer to determine the speed of impact, and analyze the debris field and physics of the wreck. They'll also look at photos or videos taken by bystanders, including paparazzi.

It will be months before investigators are able to conclude whether anything criminal occurred.

"Sometimes it's just an accident, and that's all there is to it," Brooks said.

## WHAT DOES CALIFORNIA LAW SAY ABOUT TEXTING AND DRIVING?

Drivers in California must use hands-free equipment while talking on their cellphones and are prohibited from texting while driving.

However, a court ruling last year said drivers can use a cellphone's GPS or map while driving without a hands-free device. The ruling has muddled law enforcement's ability to enforce texting and driving laws, Brooks said.

## WHAT DOES JENNER SAY?

Jenner has called the accident a "devastating tragedy" and vowed to

cooperate with investigators. He also released a statement extending sympathies to the victim's family and "all of those who were involved or injured in this terrible accident."

Jenner's publicist Alan Nierob has said the Olympian wasn't texting when the crash happened and that he'll provide cellphone records if asked by investigators.

## WERE THE PAPARAZZI CHASING JENNER? DID THAT CAUSE THE CRASH?

Jenner told deputies he was being followed by the paparazzi, but investigators quickly determined he was not trying to evade them and they didn't cause the crash, Brooks said.

Paparazzi often surround Jenner, and he's used to them following him.

Jenner won a gold medal in the men's decathlon at the 1976 Summer Games, but he's known to a younger generation as Kim Kardashian's stepfather.

He and Kris Jenner appeared on the reality series "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," along with their children. The two finalized their divorce late last year, ending 23 years of marriage.

## WHY HAS JENNER BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY?

The crash comes amid widespread talk that Jenner, 65, is becoming a woman. Though Jenner himself has declined to publicly comment, his appearance has gradually become more traditionally feminine.

Those in his inner circles have not challenged speculation that he is preparing to live as a woman and perhaps will appear in a new reality series about his transition.

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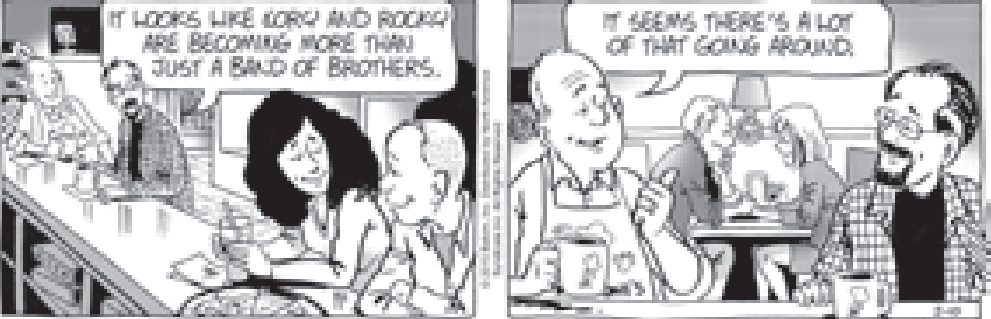
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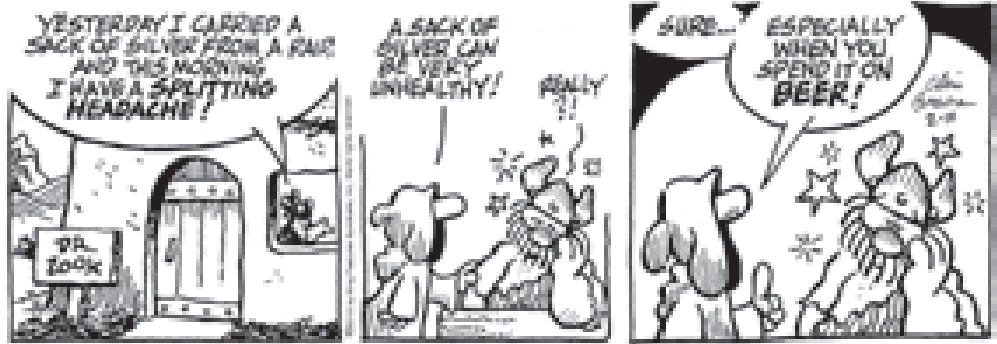
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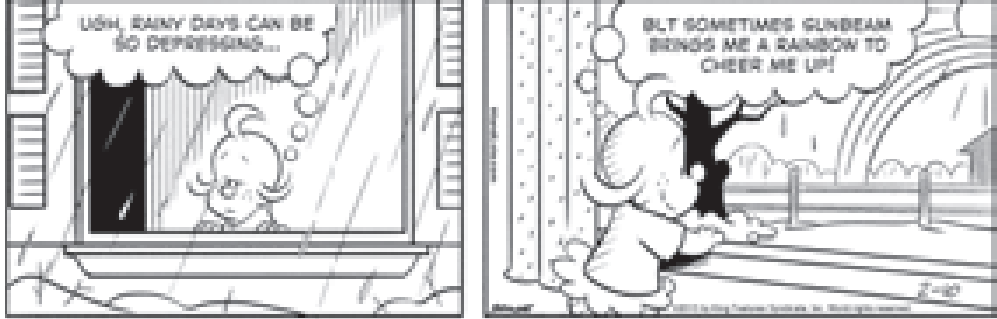
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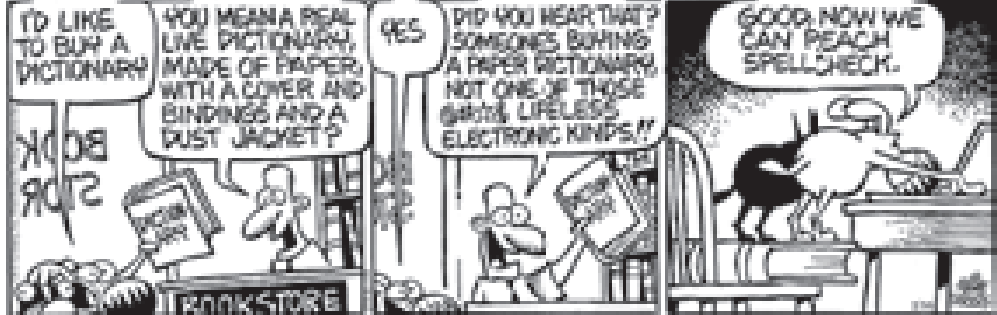
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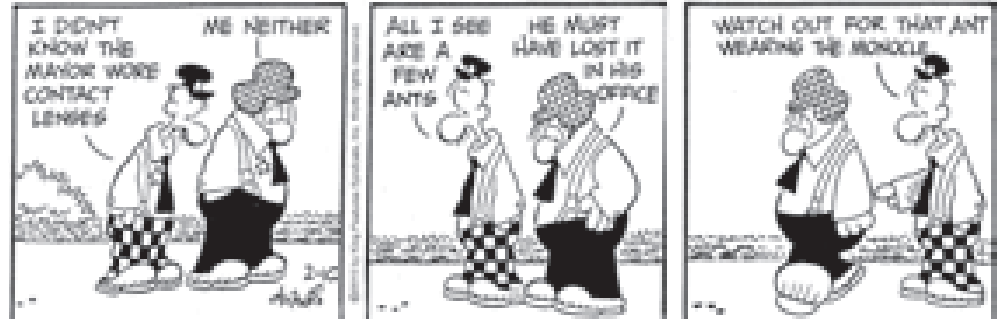
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<b>5</b> Egg	<b>37</b> Hia-watha's craft	<b>2</b> That girl	<b>21</b> Layer
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<b>13</b> Sit for a snapshot	<b>42</b> Feedbag tidbit	<b>5</b> Piece of work	<b>24</b> Barbecue fuel
<b>14</b> Alias abbr.	<b>43</b> 1979 Woody Allen movie	<b>6</b> Novem-ber responsi-bility	<b>27</b> Genetic matter
<b>15</b> Sumatran simian	<b>48</b> —	<b>7</b> Mex. neighbor	<b>28</b> Infamous string musician
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<b>18</b> Medicinal measure	<b>50</b> 35-Down's state	<b>9</b> Good — (helper)	<b>31</b> Relief pitcher
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<b>21</b> Chocolate source	<b>52</b> Gotta have	<b>11</b> Vera of fashion	<b>35</b> Wright Brothers' home
<b>24</b> Burn some-what	<b>53</b> Dweeb		<b>37</b> Dance syllable?
<b>25</b> Aahs' mates			<b>38</b> Drench
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<b>31</b> "Is that your — answer?"			<b>41</b> Lean-to
<b>32</b> Driver's prop			<b>44</b> Expert
<b>33</b> Train station, e.g.			<b>45</b> Definite article
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