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Jury selection took place Monday and the trial began at 9 a.m. today in 26th Judicial District Court for Voltaire Sullivan, an alleged drug dealer, who is charged with multiple counts of distribution. Sullivan, 35, of the 200 block of Bell Street, was

arrested by Minden police in 2013 and

charged II crack cocaine, one

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stolen firearm and attempted simple escape.

"We had been receiving a lot of complaints about Sullivan dealing narcotics in the area where he lives," Police Chief Steve Cropper said, following Sullivan's arrest.

Sullivan reportedly has a lengthy criminal history and had recently been released from prison. Two detectives were

reportedly injured due to an altercation during the arrest.

Bossier-Webster District Attorney Schuyler Marvin will try the case in Judge Mike Nerren's courtroom. Sullivan's defense attorney is Mary Ellen Halterman.

Marvin said Monday he will call four witnesses in the case.

Bulldogs run

past Aggies

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They are learning to plant and nurture things and see what they've grown. It plants a seed of creativity in their minds. Who knows? We may have a Picasso because of this. Tina Hughes, Sixth grade english teacher



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WEATHER

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Dani Deshotel, executive director for Cultural Crossroads, with daughter Dixie, shows sixth grade students from North Webster Junior High School what a basil bush looks like. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

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North Webster students learn about taking care of the environment

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Students at North Webster Junior High School spent the day at Cultural Crossroad's The Farm learning how to take care of their environment.

As part of the sustainability project at The Farm, executive director Dani Deshotel says the program is about teaching kids how to grow things, learning to grow food to feed themselves and support the environment.

Sixth grader Alyssa Fish, 12, says she's done some gardening and learned a lot from Monday's field trip.

I'm not real good at painting," she said during an art class where they painted the cycle of a plant from root to flower. "In Iowa, we grew bellpeppers, corn and squash."

Sometimes, they dealt with flowers, she savs.

Sixth grader Kaylon Lewis, 11,

and it's

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"Today was pretty good, although

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Police jury to appoint juror for District 12 Thursday

STAFF REPORTS

A special meeting of the Webster Parish Police Jury has been set to fill the unexpired term of Charlie Walker, police juror who passed away recently.

The meeting will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 26, in the second

floor meeting room at the Webster Parish courthouse.

Walker served district 12 for 21 years, serving 12 of them as president. He was regarded with high esteem among his fellow jurors as well as his constituents. He stepped down as president in 2012, giving the reins to current president Jim Bonsall.

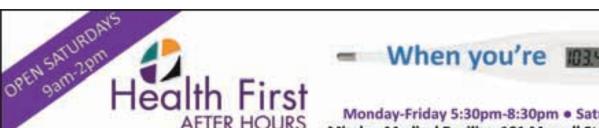
Walker was instrumental in several projects and helped obtain grants for water systems and other agencies within the parish.

Other items on the agenda include:

to approve signature resolution and authority to sign documents for the Port 'O Bistineau Wallop Breaux Grant to install a deep water access ramp on Lake Bistineau.

■ to approve intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Sibley Fire Department and the Sibley District #2 Fire Protection District - to provide Fire Protection Services.

The meeting is open to the public.



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AT THE FARM

Cultural Crossroads seeking partners for 'ChickenStock'

STAFF REPORTS

Cultural Crossroads is gearing up for its annual Spring Arts Festival and is seeking corporate partners to help make this year's "ChickenStock" a success.

This year's festival is scheduled for the week of April 20-25, with sponsorship deadline set for Wednesday, April 15. Now celebrating its 21st year, the festival has provided the largest venue in the area for showcasing art to

children, says Chris Broussard, chairman of the board of Cultural Cross-

roads. Different this year, she adds, is cancelling the talent search portion of the festivities. It has allowed

for the increase in the number of days fourth graders can participate in "Kids Day at The Farm."

"It was a painful decision to cancel our talent search," Melissa Downer, festival chairperson, said. "The board felt they could better use those funds to enhance the art experience for children through hands-on art activities.'

The all-day, free event of the arts allows fourth graders to spend the day creating works of art with professional artists.

"ChickenStock" will include a larger hands-on museum, Broussard says, more one on one with

professional artists, more community art projects and more fine arts vendors. The festivities will include a petting zoo, face painting, community painting and musical designs scattered around the grounds.

"It will be a more intimate and personal experience," Downer said. "We want people to experience the beauty and majesty of The Farm while watching their children delight in their creative expression and use of their imagina-

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Dr. L. Webster Johnson will be seeing

tion."

Broussard says the \$20,000 budget for the festival is offset in part by grants from the Webster Parish Tourism Office as well as the Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Louisiana Division of the Arts and the Shreveport

Arts Council. "Our goal is to secure the additional \$10,000 through corporate sponsorships," Broussard said.

Packets outlining the organizational support

needed for Webster Parish's official arts agency were mailed last week to area businesses, corporations and individuals.

Any business, corporation or individual interested in becoming a corporate partner that did not receive a packet can contact Broussard by email at ghostchicken54@gmail.co m or Rachel Harrington at rlw1977@gmail.com. For more information about the organization, go to their website at www.artsinminden.com.

Ward One Civil Suits

Suits filed for the month of February 2015.

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Brittany Marie Miller (Promissory Note)

United Credit Corp of Minden vs. Pamela Jackson (Promissory Note)

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Minden vs. Tim and Anna Biles (Promissory Note)

Motor Parts Service Company of Minden vs. Bruce Sterling (Open Account)

Carter Federal Credit Union vs. Tanesha Curry (Promissory Note)

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Lori Sanders (Promissory Note)

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Tower Loan of Minden Thomas vs. BeeBee (Promissory Note)

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Sedgwick CMS Ins. Co. (Damages)

Webster Village vs. A'briya Batton (Eviction)

Midland Funding LLC vs. Ashely Anderson (Open Account)

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vs. Ella Rodriguez (Promissory Note)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Gerald T. Davidson (Promissory Note)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Valerie Wilson (Promissory Note)

Bank of America, N.A. vs. March J. Haynes (Open Account)

Bank of America, N.A. vs. Jackie Smith (Open Account)

Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., Assignee of Eaglemark Savings vs. Grady E. Smith (Executory Process on Motor Vehicle)

1st Franklin Financial Corp. vs. Derrick Newton (On Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corp. vs. Juan Goodman (On Note)

Melba Anderson & Fred Anderson vs. Mustang Specialty Builders, LLC, Melissa Maloney & Mike Maloney (Judgment Exec. & Garnishment)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Randy Odom (On Notes)

United Credit Corp. of Minden vs. Stephanie Allen (Judgment Exec. & Garnishment)

Triple S Holdings LLC vs. Jeremy Chancellor (Eviction)

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EDUCATION Few opt out of new PARCC assessment tests in Webster

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Following a week of testing, the kids can now put down their pencils and take a deep breath.

As soon as PARCC assessment testing was done, the numbers started rolling in as to how many students took the test statewide. Webster Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls said he was

pleased overall at the participation rate here.

'We had a 99 percent participation rate," he said. "That said, in almost every school that tested, we had some that opted out."

The students who opted out of taking the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers will receive a "0" on their test, which will reflect on the overall scores for the school and the district, Rawls says. However,

he says he is proud. "I am proud, because

the message we send to Baton Rouge

is we're not afraid," he said. "We're about educating children.' However,

all the con-RAWLS cerns that popped up

about kids opting out of the PARCC test seem to be

unfounded, as State Superintendent John White says 99 percent showed up Monday morning for exams.

assessment "Today's gives a preliminary indication that concerns about widespread non-participation did not bear out," White said.

The Common Core State Standards are a set of standards that dictate what students should know at which grade level.

White had concerns about only three parishes in the state in regard to test-taking rates: Jackson Parish at 87 percent, Red River Parish at 94 percent and Central Community School District at 92 percent, according to department numbers.

In a written statement, Gov. Bobby Jindal and his wife Supriya decided their children would take the test because he was afraid the state education depart-

their return, the students will then plant it into the ground.

grade English Sixth teacher Tina Hughes says Monday was about teaching the kids how to enjoy art and the outdoors.

"Some of them have never been outdoors and put their hands in the dirt and soil," she says. "They are learning to plant and nurture things and see what they've grown. It plants a seed of creativity in their minds. Who knows? We may have a Picasso because of this. This also introduces them to whole other fields like horticulture, botany and agriculture."

ment "would penalize our children's school as a result of us choosing to opt them out of the test."

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education did not waive penalties for schools that had students who chose to opt 011

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

and it's for the children," Deshotel said. "I wanted something they could do that wouldn't cost a dime."

Deshotel, as part of the vision for Cultural Crossroads, has implemented a sustainability program to show kids and others about gardening and different techniques to care for the environment. It is also about showing them the cycle of nature and how to nurture it.

For more information about Cultural Crossroads or The Farm and its sustainability program, call The Farm at 318-268-2122. The Farm is open to the public from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"This is a free program



Drake Miller and husband, Dennis and Rita Drake Temple and husband, Cleat; son, Mark Russell Drake; his sister, Anita O'Rear; and daughter, Patsy Starling; his grandchildren, Jeremy Houston and wife, Traci, Russell Houston, Dustin Houston, Christopher Temple, Dustin Temple and Shelby Temple; great-grandchildren, Tommy Houston and Amy Temple; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ernest Lloyd Stanley

Lloyd Stanley passed away peacefully March 20, 2015. He was born Dec. 9, 1944, in Riverside, Cal-

ifornia to Murray and Marion Stanley.

Lloyd touched everyone he met with his kind spirit and love. He treated everyone better than he would treat himself. It was never about him, but about what he left behind. His knowledge of classic car restoration will not be forgotten throughout the Minden community. He was a person that loved animals and his four-legged

friends were very special to him.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Vicki Walker Stanley; mentor, father and best friend to his sons, Ronald Shane Stanley of Minden and Robert Lloyd Stanley of Hanford, California; one sister, Pat Edmondson and husband, David of Minden; stepchildren, Mike Sutter and wife, Mindy of Shreveport and Brian Smith and wife, Kristie of Minden; grandchildren, Sydney, Taylor and Matt, Jaxon; great-grandson, Sutter; and mother of his children, Winonah Graham.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015, at West Chapel, First Baptist Church of Minden. Private burial will be held in Gardens of Memory on Thursday.



FARM

Continued from page 1

says he enjoyed the day. "I like the painting," he said. "I'm going to learn how to make my own garden."

He likes to spend time outdoors frequently playing kickball or basketball.

The sixth grade class was broken up into three groups, one going to an art class, one going on a scavenger hunt and the other working in the community garden.

Deshotel says the garden will be full of marigolds, sunflowers and zinnias.

Billie Russell Drake

Billie Russell Drake, 84, passed away March 22, 2015. A memorial service with Masonic Rites will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the chapel at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 1815 Marshall St., Shreveport. Visitation will follow the service.

Billie was born to Delna Russell "Cowboy" Drake and Willie Moffett Drake, Nov. 20, 1930, in Minden. He graduated from Minden High School and attended Centenary College. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. Billie was a comptroller for various businesses in Shreveport. He was a 32nd Degree FreeMason, Past Master of Sunset Masonic Lodge; York Rite; Scottish Rite and El Karubah Shriners. Billie was also active in the Dyslexia Organization with the Free Masons.

Preceding Billie in death were his parents; his wife, Bess Ann Maness Drake; brother, Charles Edward "Bo" Drake and wife, Patsy Kleinegger Drake; sisters, Mary Frances O'Rear, Myrtie Jo Elkins, Wimpy Coleman; and grandson, Jeremy Temple.

"This is their baby," Deshotel said. "This will be their garden."

Substitute teacher Michelle McLain says there are six classes at NWJHS. The first set of three classes were at The Farm Monday. The next set of three will come Wednesday, and all sixth grade classes will return once a month to take care of their garden.

Deshotel, along with three other volunteers with Cultural Crossroads, worked with the students on the various activities. In one activity, students planted seeds from a basil bush in a pot. Deshotel says the pots will go into the greenhouse until they return next month. Upon

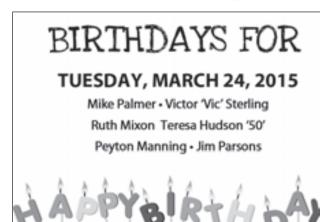


Sixth graders from North Webster Junior High School got their hands a little dirty as they began preparing to plant a flower garden at Cultural Crossroad's The Farm. This garden will be kept up by the students as they will return once a month to see the fruits of their labor. Michele Bates/Press-Herald

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Deanne



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LOUISIANA SPOTLIGHT

Analysis: Corruption, again, at the Orleans school board

When Ira Thomas was serving on the school board in New Orleans, he made it clear he wanted the board back in charge of public education in the city.

"It's time now, in my opinion for the Recovery School District to exit the city of New Orleans," he told the online news organization The Lens last fall, referring to the state agency that oversees most New Orleans public schools.

Now, Thomas has exited the school board. He abruptly resigned on March 6 — from the board and from his post as police chief at Southern University at New Orleans — after U.S. Attorney Kenneth Polite announced a criminal charge against him involving a school system janitorial contract.

plea deals, convictions — roughly two dozen cases over the years. They involved teachers, teacher aides, school secretaries, contractors and the politically connected all the way up to a school board president,

Ellenese Brooks-Sims, who pleaded guilty in 2007 in a bribery case.

Amounts of graft varied.

For example, a teacher pleaded guilty in 2006 to having altered payroll reports in a

nationwide as a great experiment one that proponents of local control keep stressing was supposed to be temporary.

As of now, there appears to be relative little inclination on the part of charter-run schools or the state to change the current arrangement where the Louisiana Recovery School District oversees around 60 charters and the local School Board oversees close to two dozen, running some directly and chartering others.

The board hasn't helped its own cause. Its membership has changed over the years but some of the contentiousness that marked years past remains. The board deadlocked for more than two years over naming the latest superintendent. And its latest deadlock came last week on the matter of naming a temporary replacement for Thomas pending a fall election.

PERSPECTIVE



RAHM EMANUEL, CURRENT mayor of my old hometown, Chicago, is not a gentle soul. But he's smarter than his big-spending predecessor, Richard M. Daley, and the union pawn, Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who becomes the new mayor if he beats Emanuel in a runoff election April 7.

Emanuel was the tough Obama chief of staff who reportedly stabbed a table with a steak knife as he listed political enemies.

He relishes conflict and famously said that in politics, "You never let a serious crisis go to waste." That comment scared libertarians and conservatives, who know that government usually uses crises as excuses to increase its power.

But here's the surprise: Emanuel has been in crisis mode for four years now, and sometimes he made the right decisions as a result.

"Crisis" is not just political rhetoric. Mayor Daley

and his predecessors pandered to a shallow public and gullible media by spending, borrowing and refinancing. Borrowing helped Daley stay in office for 12 years, but cities can't keep borrowing the way Chicago has.

Moody's downgraded Chicago's credit rating almost to junk-bond level last year because the city promised to pay billions of dollars in pensions to city workers but doesn't have the money.



STOSSEL

Chicago is the next Detroit. Emanuel tried to do some sensible

things. He privatized some jobs, giving private contractors a chance to prove that they do city work better than city workers do it. He closed 50 of the city's worst schools. But he made little progress in addressing the immense pension liability.

Maybe it would have been politically impossible. The pensions are owed mostly to union teachers, cops and firemen, and none will give an inch. Teachers union protests roused the public against Emanuel's school closings.

"That school was the center of our neighborhood!" goes the refrain from the anti-Emanuel voters. "It provided good jobs.'

That's probably why Emanuel was forced into a runoff election.

But bad schools should close. And some union schools were really bad.

Emanuel's opponent in the run-off, Garcia, vocally supports the unions and joins them in opposing both pension reform and competition from charter schools at all costs.

Garcia also wants a "moratorium on charter schools." But charters are a rare bright spot in the failing city.

I suppose union manipulators like Garcia worry



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On Thursday, he is set to change his not guilty plea in the case that can only help proponents of leaving the RSD in charge.

Corruption was one of the reasons that, even before Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005, a slow state takeover of public education had begun in New Orleans. Control of a few underperforming schools had been seized by the state. And a New York firm was put in charge of the Orleans Parish School System's finances months before the storm struck. That arrangement had been guided by state education officials over the objections of some local elected board members who said such an action violated the trust of the voters.

But, it turned out voters' trust was already being abused.

There were federal indictments,

scheme that netted around \$2,600 before she got caught. In 2004 and

early 2005, a teacher's aide and an accountant pleaded guilty in a scam involving fraudulent travel reimbursements and stipend payments that drained some \$70,000.

Brooks-Sims' case involved some \$140,000 in bribes, prosecutors said. That case also nabbed a school board contractor who admitted helping Brooks-Simms cash part of the bribe money, and the late Mose Jefferson, a member of the famously fallen political family headed by convicted former U.S. Rep. William Jefferson.

Although the prosecutions were going on for years after the storm struck, most of the corruption reached back to the pre-Katrina days.

After the storm, the state took over all but a handful of schools and now keeps tabs on them as they are operated by independent charter organizations. It's an arrangement hailed

The federal investigation that led to charges against Thomas, who is accused of taking a \$5,000 payoff, may result in other people getting nabbed in an unsettling reminder of the bad old days. Polite has said the investigation is ongoing.

Thomas - who, with his lawyer, has declined public comment - was charged in a bill of information and later formally waived his right to have a grand jury weigh the evidence against him. Such actions typically mean a defendant is cooperating with prosecutors.

Kevin McGill is an Associated Press reporter in New Orleans.



that if more parents see how much better schools get without unions in charge, they might get other dangerous ideas. They might demand flexibility and marketbased solutions in other areas.

One of my favorite things about Chicago is the socalled "Chicago school" of economics - free market advocates such as the late Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman.

Friedman said, "a major source of objection to a free economy is precisely that it ... gives people what they want instead of what a particular group thinks they ought to want. Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself.

Chicago's corrupt political culture has little interest in letting ordinary people experience real freedom.

Have you heard of "pay to play"? It's when politicians award contracts to businesses that pay bribes. Bribery is illegal, but clever political manipulators reframe it in ways their lawyers can call legal. It happens everywhere, but Chicago has been famous for it. Emanuel continued the tradition — one of the things he hasn't gotten right.

Somehow, investment firms that give money to Emanuel's campaign win fees to manage the city's money. Somehow, lawyers who give the right politicians money get lucrative contracts from the city. What a coincidence!

It's as if Chicago voters face a painful choice: waste or corruption. Day by day, the political class milks taxpayers dry.

Once Chicago goes bankrupt, though, a judge will presumably force the city to stop throwing money to cronies, whether unions or businessmen. Pensions will have to be trimmed so that they are sustainable.

Then the rest of America will learn from Chicago's and Detroit's failures. Maybe.

I'm doubtful, though, because so far, the political class didn't learn much from Detroit, Stockton, Greece, Cuba, Venezuela or the Soviet Union.

Maybe these are people who will never learn.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."



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Around Town

Upcoming Events

Eggs and Issues, a breakfast with area legislators prior to the 2015 session, will be at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 1 at the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce office, 110 Sibley Road. Tickets are \$10. RSVP by March 27 at 377-4240 or info@mindenchamber.com

Tickets are on sale for the Minden Lions Club "Spring Chicken Charbroil" Cost is \$8 per ticket and may be acquired from any Lions Club member. Lunches may be picked up from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 in the Walmart parking lot. Proceeds go to the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and the Lions Crippled Children's Camp.

Monday, March 23- Tuesday, March 24

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Homer Road, will host Spring Revival Services. March 23 service: 7 p.m. with Pastor Josh Luellen; music by Carter family. March 24 service: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Morrell; music by Carter family. Nursery provided each service. All are invited.

Monday, March 23- Wednesday, March 25

Annual Spring Youth-Led Revival at Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church, 1686 Fuller Road, will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Guest evangelist is Youth Minister Kendrick Golatt of Morning Star Baptist Church, Shreveport. Everyone is invited.

Thursday, March 26

UCAP Hungerfest will be at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 903 Broadway. The meal is \$5 and consists of vegetable soup, crackers and iced tea. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from UCAP at 204 Miller St. A cake auction will be held following the meal.

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for sixth week: The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ (Mark 14:1-16:8).

The NAACP Minden Branch will meet for its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest 14th District Building. Membership and complaint forms will be available on site. All members and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. Come and be a part of this nation's oldest civil rights organization. For more information, contact branch president Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

Saturday, March 28

Lakeside High School yearbook staff presents its annual Elementary Beauty Pageant at 3 p.m. in Lakeside's Jr. High gymnasium.

Free community-wide Easter Egg hunt from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at North Acres Baptist Church, 1852 Lewisville Road. Ages 0-5th grade. Grand prize drawing at 12:50 p.m., with egg hunt to follow. Games, refreshments, face painting. For more information, call 377-4315 or visit www.northacres.us.

Stop Paying Rent class, sponsored by Creighton Hill Community Development Corporation, will be at 10 a.m., in the fellowship building at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. Topics will include a variety of financial items. Facilitators will be Tamekia Farley and Willie Roberson, certified housing counselors. Cost is free. For more information or to register, contact Roberson at 318-834-3698 or Sandra 318-949-5768, Scott at or email chcdc101@yahoo.com

EDUCATION

Webster students spend a 'Day with the Doctors'

Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center (Central Louisiana AHEC) and LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport recently presented the "Day with the Doctors" program for high school students living in northwest Louisiana parishes. This unique program was a one day interactive experience that provided students who are interested in the medical field or a health career an opportunity to interact and shadow LSU health physicians and medical students.

In February, 30 high school students toured difdepartments ferent throughout the medical school and hospital at LSU Health in Shreveport. During the day-long program, students not only toured the burn unit, animal resources lab, emergency care center, radiology center and human simulation lab, they also participated in several hands-on, reallife basic life support demonstrations such as listening to breathing exercises and heart sounds, checking blood pressure and monitoring heart rates and basic surgical techniques under the watchful eye of LSU Health Shreveport physicians and students.

A team of four LSU Health Shreveport medical students led a panel discussion about medical school admissions and

Cooking classic set for April 3 in Dubberly

School.

DUBBERLY - The Chue Chue Catering and Central Community Association is sponsoring its second annual cooking classic from 5 until 7 p.m., Good Fri- Junior Chefs" will preday, April 3.

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med school and how to

prepare for a successful

health professions career

while in high school. The

panel also shared their

personal med school jour-

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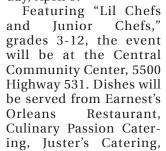


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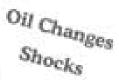
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NBA Warriors, Curry

keep rolling OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Closing in onthe NBA's top playoff seed, the Golden State Warriors have been at their best.

Stephen Curry scored 24 points, and the Warriors used a smothering defensive effort in the third quarter to pound the Washington Wizards 107-76 on Monday night.

"I think the last few games have been a real progression for us in terms of just being very methodical and professional," coach Steve Kerr said.

The Warriors held the Wizards without a field goal for nearly 11 minutes after halftime, with Washington missing its first 15 shots. Golden State outscored the Wizards 29-8 in the quarter to take a 24-point lead.

"The shots started to fall as we got momentum and confidence in the third quarter and got our crowd into it. It was fun," Curry said.

The MVP candidate added six assists and five rebounds as the NBA-leading Warriors (57-13) moved closer to securing home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. Golden State has a huge lead over Memphis (50-21) Western in the Conference and is pulling away from East-leading Atlanta (53-17) as well.

That could be a scary prospect for the NBA.





COLLEGE STATION, Texas -Louisiana Tech senior point guard Kenneth "Speedy" Smith was confident his Bulldogs were headed to Philadelphia for a rematch with Temple Wednesday night in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

Although a very talented Texas A&M team stood in the way of the Bulldogs' potential quarterfinal appearance, Smith told his father – Kenneth Sr. – to go ahead and buy his plane ticket to the City of Brotherly Love.

The younger Smith delivered. The Conference USA player of the year scored 16 points and registered eight assists to lead Louisiana Tech to an 84-72 win over Texas A&M at Reed Arena, setting up a Wednesday night showdown at Temple with a trip to Madison Square Garden in New York on the line.

On a night where Raheem Appleby struggle offensively, hitting only 1 of 10 field goals, Smith and backcourt teammate Alex Hamilton were unstoppable, com-bining to score 41 points on 14-of23 shooting, including 7-of-10 from the three-point line. "Speedy and Alex were terrific,"

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BULLDOGS DEFEAT AGGIES

said Tech head coach Mike White. "Anytime you can hit jump shots against a team that is so strong on the interior defensively, it only helps with loosening them up. Speedy hit a couple. He was incred-

ible. I thought it was Alex' best game of season, and I'm not sure wasn't it Speedy's as well. He hit a couple of late-clock, off-the-bounce threepointers that he created for him-Those self. weren't easy

shots. I thought we got into the late clock, played with poise, and Speedy Smith hit some hard ones and key ones that were timely."

Tech (27-8) trailed 29-22 with just over five minutes to play in the first half as the Aggies front court combination of Kourtney Roberson - son of former LA Tech great Victor King – and Jalen Jones posed match-up problems inside early.

However, the Bulldogs started warming up on both ends of the floor. After making just 1 of their first 11 three-point field goal attempts, Qiydar Davis made a three-pointer that started a 13-5 run that ended the first half, giving Tech a 35-34 lead in the locker room. Smith and Hamilton both connected on three-pointers during the run to fuel the Bulldogs strong finish

Tech held A&M to only five points over the final five minutes of the first half.

"We had a week to prepare," White said. "Early in the game we weren't able to get back and settle in to our man-to-man. They were breaking the press and driving it right at us. When we settled into our man-to-man defensive in the full-court and half court, our guys showed attention to detail and pride. It wasn't just our bigs defending them, our guards really helped. We did a good job of helping down low and then contesting three's when they kicked it back out."

Smith picked up where he left off early in the second half, hitting a pair of three-pointers in less than a 60 second span as the two teams traded baskets with Tech holding a 43-41 advantage with 17:32 to play in the game. The Bulldogs then began to get

defensive stops while continuing to hit on the offensive end as a Xavian Stapleton three-pointer and Erik gave Tech a double digit lead at 51-41. McCree layup with 14:18 to play

Tech's lead remained around 10 as Smith connected on his fourth three-pointer of the game at the midway mark of the second half, giving the Bulldogs a 56-44 advantage

Texas A&M made one final run as a Roberson free throw with 7:42 remaining cut the deficit to 60-54. However, freshman Jacobi Boykins made a pair of big three-pointers in a 60 second span of time – both coming off Smith assists – as the lead ballooned back to 12 points.

Hamilton then took over, scoring 10 of the next 16 points for Tech as the lead increased to as many as 17

"Alex Hamilton was the best player on the floor tonight," White said. "He was incredible. I thought Jacobi Boykins was big too. Jacobi was in the game for Raheem and that was a tough decision for me. Usually we have our three all-conference guards in the game down the stretch. Raheem was great on the bench during timeouts. He was like an extension of the staff. He was awesome. Jacobi steps up and hits two big three's. It was arguably Alex' best game of the season. I saw it at the tip; he had a higher energy level. He played with a lot of pride tonight.'

Michale Kyser added 14 points in the win as helped Tech stay even on the glass with Texas A&M at 30-30.

For the game, Tech shot 52 per-cent (31-60) from the field, including 11-of-27 from the three-point line.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK Lakeside runs to top five finish



Special to the Press-Herald

After two weeks of inclement weather, the Lakeside Warriors began their track season with some excellent performances at the Cedar Creek Relays.

McKinsey, Gerlia Fields and Destiny Thorton took first with a time of 53.7 seconds. McKinsey also took second in the 200 at 28.2 seconds. Joiner finished third in the long jump (13' 9"), fifth in the triple jump (28' 0") and sixth in the high jump (4' 2"). Ky Esparza placed fifth in the 1600 (6:34) and fourth in the 800 (2:46).

The Warrior guys finished a close third behind Benton and Winnfield.

of Destinee Joiner, Cayla best of 153' 2" to claim second in the javelin.

> Jamarion Teal took fourth in the high jump (5' 10") and fourth in the triple jump (36' 10").

Ty Callendar added a sixth in the discus (106' 0''). Eric Greene and Cody

Robinson lead the way on the track. Green placed second in

the 3200 (10:32) and third in the 1600 (4:46). Robinson was third in the 3200 (10:34) and fifth in the 1600 (4:59). Darryl Moore took second in the 200 at 24.02. Leonardo McCarter, Jamarion Teal, Michael Bradford, and Frankie Miles made up the fifth place 400 relay (45.8). Next action for the teams will be the Haynesville Meet at North Webster Friday, March 27.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK Tide track runs well at Bossier Relays

Special to the Press-Herald

The Bossier Bearkat Relay, due to wet conditions, featured only running events on the track. While this put a bit of a damper on the day for javelin, discus and jumpers, it did give the Lady Tiders and Crimson Tide track teams a chance to finally run.

Lady Tider hurdlers Brook Ensminger and April Wright led the way with good performances in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Also getting experience was the 800 relay made up of Erinena McCoy, Ensminger, Rhylessia Lewis, and Lamonica Smith.

meter race. Tavarius Edwards, Heard, Francis, and Dekeltric Frelon made up the 400 relay team, which unfortunately had a dropped baton. However, the group should provide plenty of hardware before the end of the season. The 800 meter relay team of Zikerrion Baker, Frelon, Francis, and Antonio Rivette clocked an impressive time of 1:36.3. Rivette then came back and ran a 46.2 in the 300 hurdles. Eron Rice and Damien Fisher gave good performances in the 400 meters for Minden. The Tide will look to improve on their performance in their next competition which will be the Haynesville Meet at North Webster on Friday, March 27.

SMITH

Manziel should be back in April

he Cleveland Browns are expecting Johnny Manziel to participate in offseason workouts beginning April 20 after he completes more than two months of treatment, a source told ESPN.com.

However, general manager Ray Farmer, while appearing to confirm that plan, emphasized Monday that the final decision rests in the hands of the people handling Manziel's rehab.

"I don't think it's in doubt," Farmer said from the NFL owners meetings in Phoenix when asked whether he thinks Manziel will be back in time for the April 20 workouts. "Again, I'm not the point person in that. So I would defer to those kind of controlling his care and let them decide what that looks likes."

The delicate nature of treatment could change exit dates, but a source familiar with the situation said an early April release is expected for Manziel.

The Browns also do not expect rehab to keep Manziel from competing for the starting quarterback spot in 2015.

The Lady Warriors finished in the top five in the 10 team event.

Alissa Lander led the way winning the 800 (2:38.5) and the 3200 (13:10) in scoring 20 points.

The 400 relay made up

Seniors Darryl Moore and Frankie Miles led the way in the field.

Moore won the long jump (19' 5") and was second in the triple jump (39' 6 1/2"). Miles took second in the high jump (5' 10") and second in the shot put (43' 8"), a personal best. DJ Harrison threw a personal

The Crimson TIde was led by sprinters Kenneth Francis and Patrick Heard. Both turned in 11.2 in the 100

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS Turkey hunting tips from the master

With turkey season kick-ing off in less than a week, it's time to get serious about it. It's not impossible but not too far from it if you saunter out in the woods Saturday, March 28 without having made any preparations to do battle with one of the cagiest critters the Good Lord ever put on this Earth. Chances are, if you get a gobbler without preparing, it'll probably be the result of dumb luck.

Ruston is home to a turkey hunter who is as serious as any when it comes to putting the pop on several gobblers every season. Dr. Jim Dickson recently retired as head of the Wildlife Department at LA Tech, which means he'll have even more free time to chase gobblers.

We visited with Dr. Dickson last week to pick his brain a bit about what he

does to get ready for turkey season.

"The opening of turkey season is one of the most fun times of

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Dickson said, "is to scout. This is of utmost importance because you want to know where turkeys are hanging out.

"This time of year, turkeys are in transition from wintering territory usually in the bottoms to open areas where they'll be strutting with the gobblers zeroing in on hens for breeding.

"You need to be out in the woods looking for turkey signs. Things like finding tracks, feathers, droppings, dusting spots and actually spotting turkeys is important. You'll also want to go out early mornings, especially if it's clear with no wind and listen for gobbling and hen yelps and cackles on the roost," Dickson added.

"Before season opens, you should go through your turkey vest and clean out things left there - like a halfeaten sandwich - from last season. Start running your box calls and slates and prepare to replace any that are longer functional. Diaphragm calls will go brittle and stiff if you forgot to refrigerate them during the off-season and they'll need to be replaced.

"If you haven't fired your shotgun since last season, be sure to pattern your loads to

be sure you'll be hitting where you aim. Most of today's ammunition manufacturers have improved their turkey loads and some claim to be deadly at 50 yards and beyond. However," Dickson said, "it's really risky to try shots that far because you run the risk of wounding a turkey that can't be recovered.'

Dickson suggested that when you set up to call in a gobbler, use a range finder or make visual estimates as accurately as possible as to where you want the turkey to be before you shoot.

When he's coming in and you get excited, a strutting gobbler looks bigger and closer than he really is and you can misjudge his distance, running the risk of taking an ill-advised shot," he said.

There are two basic schools of thought when calling to turkeys. Some hunters let the hammer down on calls while calling of others is much more subdued.

"I try to take the gobbler's temperature. If he's showering down on his gobbling, I'll let him know where I am with a soft call or two and then just shut up. Every time you call, he's fine-tuning your exact location. However," Dickson said, "if he's more nonchalant with his gobbling, I might ramp it up more to try and fire up his interest.'

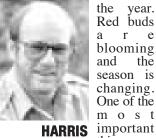
Turkey season is right here on us and hunters would be well advised to follow the tips and pointers this seasoned turkey hunter utilizes to fill his tags each spring.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL LSU basketball left with plenty of questions



The 2014-15 men's basketball season didn't end the way LSU wanted it to when it started with great expectations, but they did take another step under coach Johnny Jones. Three years in, he's gone from not making the postseason to the NIT to the NCAA tournament. Expectations will nonetheless be even greater next season with an expected top-10 recruiting class, led

by the nation's top jected as early second-player in 6-foot-10 for- round picks, will probward Benny Simmons, on board. Until they throw the ball up again in November, here are five things that will have a direct impact on what we see a year from now at tournament time.

1. Decision time

You can't start a discussion of LSU's future without talking about All - Southeastern Conference forwards Jarell Martin and Will Jordan Mickey. they stay, or will they go to the NBA? We don't know, but if at least one returns, the Tigers will once again have an imposing presence down low with Simmons in the mix. Martin and Mickey, who are already pro-

round picks, will probably seek official NBA evaluations before the April 26 deadline for applying for the draft. 2. Coming

and going?

Simmons, of course, is the headliner of this year's recruit-ing class. Guard Antonio Blakeney, who is committed, ranks 14th on the ESPN 100 list; and LSU is

after another star in guard Malik Newman, who's rated fourth overall. Throw in Arizona transfer Craig Victor, a 6-7 forward who will be eligible in December, and LSU has an impressive group of newcomers

even if Newman goes elsewhere. Depending on what Martin and Mickey do, LSU could lose only one scholarship player in senior John Odo.

> 3. Who'll step up?

Sophomore guard Tim Ouarterman took a major step forward from his freshman season and blossomed **JONES** into arguably the МVР team's when you con-

sider his offense, defense and leadership. LSU would definitely benefit from having Aaron Epps, Elbert Robinson III and Brian Bridgewater take a similar path from Year 1 to Year 2 because it just didn't have enough

depth this year. Four a willing passer if players averaged more than 33 minutes a game, so if any of the above can help out, it could make a huge difference.

4. Bigger and better

If Martin and/or Mickey stay, the pro-gram would certainly benefit. They, in turn, would also get better from having another year to build their upper bodies, particularly Mickey, and prob-ably work their way into the middle of the first round. They would benefit even more offensively with Simmons, who shot 71 percent from the field this season, drawing some of the attention away down low. opposing teams try sending two or three defenders his way. 5. For starters

If one of the two bigs leave, LSU could have Simmons and Martin/Mickey down low with the powerful Victor at the other forward. That would leave Quarterman or Jalyn Patterson at the point, with Keith Hornsby at shooting guard. Quarterman could return to his sixth-man role, giving the Tigers the bench scoring they didn't have when he went into the starting lineup. Or it could be Quarterman at the point with Patterson and Blakeney coming off the bench, giving Jones more options Simmons is more than than he did this season.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Darren Sharper gets nine years for sexual assault

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Removing any doubt that he drugged and raped women, Former NFL star Darren Sharper has taken the first of several steps to own up to sexual assaults in four states that will send him to prison for about nine years.

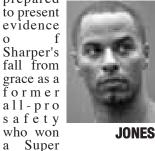
In two separate court cases, Sharper pleaded guilty to sexual assault in Arizona and no contest in California to raping two women he knocked out with a potent sedative mixed with booze.

On Tuesday, he's scheduled to make a similar plea via video conference in Nevada.

Sharper, 39, wearing a striped, light blue suit, similar stories of blacking

said in court Monday that it was in his best interest to enter the pleas.

The pleas came as Los Angeles prosecutors were prepared



with the New Orleans

Saints. His clean-cut repu-

tation took a hit when

women began telling

police in several cities

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to find they had been sexually abused. Defense lawyers had

previously said the sexual intercourse was consensual. One lawyer had said Sharper didn't mix the sleepy shots of alcohol. But Sharper wielded no

out while drinking with

him and waking up groggy

defense in court Monday.

By not contesting the California charges, he admitted he raped two women he drugged after meeting them at Bootsy West Bellows, а Hollywood bar. The pleas have the same effect as a conviction.

Both encounters were eerily similar.

2013, October In

Sharper invited a woman and her friend to go to a party but stopped on the way to get something at his Century City hotel and invited them upstairs.

He insisted they drink a shot and they blacked out. One woman awoke with Sharper on top of her having sex.

The women were not in court, but prosecutors said they had agreed to the plea.

Under the unusual deal negotiated by Sharper's lawyers and state and federal prosecutors, Sharper will serve sentences concurrently in federal prison, though the full term has not yet been announced.

He was sentenced to nine years in the Arizona case and will face 20 years in the California case when sentenced July 15. However, because the crimes in California only require serving half the term and he gets credit for 13 months spent in jail, he'll serve about nine more years, lawyers said.

The sentence is no slap on the wrist, but it spares Sharper a potentially longer term if sentences involving at least nine alleged victims were added together and he also avoids notoriously rough state prisons, said Jeffery Rubenstein, a former Los Angeles prosecutor.

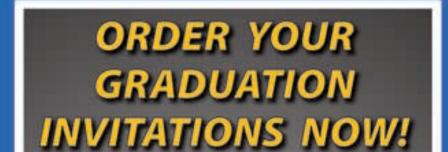
This could have got-

ten really ugly and very likely this guy would have never seen the light of day," said Rubenstein, who didn't work on the case.

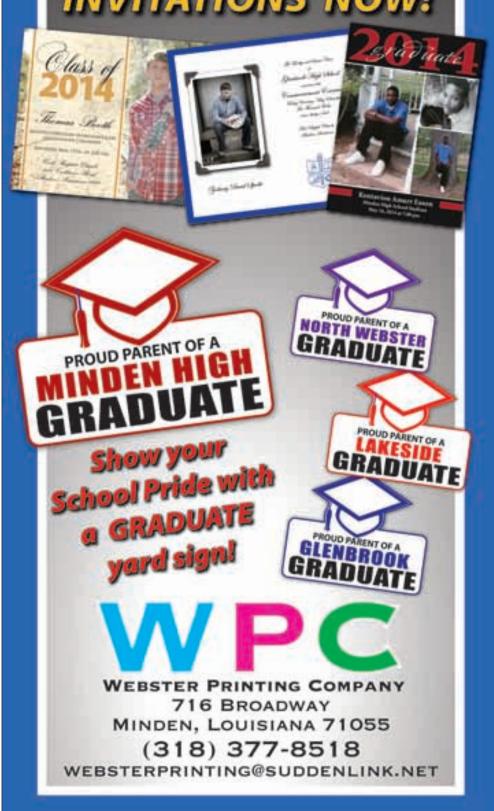
From the prosecution standpoint, victims were saved from reliving the event through testimony and having their credibility questioned by a sea-soned team of defense lawyers, Rubenstein said.

Hearings will follow in Las Vegas on Tuesday and in New Orleans in the next month. In each state, he's accused of drugging and sexually assaulting women when they were unconscious or otherwise unable to resist or consent.

Making Memories & Friendships







New Orleans storyteller's HAPPILY EVER AFTER

NEW ORLEANS — You may recognize Marjorie Kouns' voice before you recognize her face.

As a voice-over actor — she prefers to be called a storyteller — Kouns gives voices to Senora Gigante, the Castle Walls and the Hairy Trees in "Dora The Explorer" and to Popeye's Olive Oyl and Superman's Lois Lane in the Fleischer Cartoon digital remix series. She also professionally impersonates the voices of politicos Sarah Palin and Ann Coulter, reads news stories in Spanish for Time Magazine for Kids online, provides phone prompts, GPS audio and other voices for the Miami Tour Company, has been a live announcer for the New York City Marathon and has voiced numerous radio, television commercials and telephone on-hold messages.

She's also an international public artist, scenic designer, body painter, tango dancer, silver level professional figure skater, qi gong and t'ai chi devotee, flutist, alto/mezzo soprano and juggler.

The willowy actor is a multi-lingual "NY/NO," dividing time between her Greenwich Village apartment in New York and her voice-over studio in New Orleans' Central Business District.

Thanks to the Hollywood South movement, Kouns can support herself as a working actor in a city she's grown to love.

The movement isn't just a New Orleans phenomenon, she said. "It's been exploding in the neighborhoods of Baton Rouge and Lafayette. The radius of Hollywood South reaches out to Mississippi and all over the Gulf Coast now. It's just a very collaborative and comprehensive environment. Working both sides of the camera has been a joy, and the food down here is really great. It makes a difference."

According to Voices.com, a voice-over actor can make more than \$1,000 an hour narrating a movie trailer, producing telephone system recordings, providing internet audio and voices for video games.

Kouns, who markets her vocal range as including childlike, cultured, lilting, powerful, resonant, soothing and velvety voices, said pay varies widely. "You can get offered a minuscule amount or get paid in the thousands," she said. "The range is all across the board, based on the project or scope of the job."

As a member of SAG-AFTRA, the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Kouns is entitled to union rates and works full-time as an actor and storyteller in a very competitive field.

She said membership in the New Orleans Chapter of Women in Film and Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, she

Entertainment Association (LFEA) and the New Orleans Film Society have provided support available only in a strong, vibrant community of artists.

Kouns, who's half Greek, was born in Illinois but moved to New York in 1980, a year after graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University with an art degree. In Berlin, Istanbul, Beijing, Hong Kong, New York and Washington she created "Urban Sundials," outlining the shadows of some of her favorite buildings on city streets. In Greenwich Village's Washington Square Park she created "Well-Lit Chess Pieces" in 2005: huge chess pieces and whimsical lampshades on 26 tall standing lights along the four corner park entrances.

As an artist-in-residence in Shreveport, Kouns put those same lampshades on street lights along a block of Texas Street as part of "Shades of Shreveport" in 2010. To further the revitalization project for downtown Shreveport through art and culture, with the help of a 2011 National Television, the Louisiana Film and created murals around the city including

"What's Cooking Shreveport."

In 2012, she played Wynona Ryder's Aunt Rochelle in the movie "The Iceman" and Mrs. Sibley in the TV series "Salem," both shot in and around Shreveport.

"I was in the movie, and one of the murals I painted was in the movie, and the film was featured in the LFEA Film Festival in Baton Rouge," she said. "That's a classic example of Hollywood South at work."

In one traveling exhibit, "Body as Canvas," Kouns paints to music, decorating women's bodies and faces. It has toured in Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago, Miami and Bossier City.

"The body is my favorite canvas, and I love to paint," she said. "I use my hand as a brush and paint subjects from professional dancers to regular people. Clothes are just an illusion how we make ourselves. Take that away, and we're all human beings with an even playing field."

Kouns also rediscovered her Louisiana roots. Her grandfather Andrew Lawson it's a great energy to have and I teach peo Kouns was born in Shreveport and came ple how they can use it to their advanfrom a long line of Kouns in the steamboat tage."

industry. His great grandfather and eight brothers owned and operated the ERA and Col. A.P. Kouns Steamboat line, shipping cotton via the Red River to both New Orleans and Jefferson, Texas.

Agents and auditions kept bringing her to New Orleans, so that's now home, half of the time. Despite all her other artistic ventures, words seem to be her true love.

Kouns, who speaks Spanish, French, Italian and taught herself Mandarin as a lark, offers coaching in conversation, acting, writing and public speaking.

"I offer unique, untraditional, customized methods," she said, teaching in person or over Skype. "I help people with script analysis and show them how to take care of their voices."

"Being nervous is normal," Kouns said about the biggest oration obstacle. "I'd be worried if someone wasn't nervous, but



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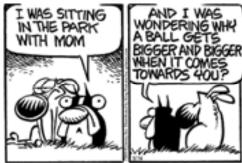


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