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MINDEN CRIME

Murder trial set for June 15

*Dylan Turk's bond raised to \$100k***MICHELLE BATES**
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A man accused of the August 2014 murder of Omar Lott has been set to go to trial June 15, and his brother's original bond has been revoked and reset at \$100,000.

J'Son Turk's attorney, Chris Broughton, filed a motion to step down as counsel, and Judge Parker Self appointed the indigent defender board to take his case until such time he can retain paid counsel.

Eric Johnson, attorney for Dylan Turk, J'Son's brother, says his case was

continued until May 18 due to his brother's case.

"His bond was raised," Johnson said of Dylan Turk. "He had some new charges for which he was arrested last week, and Mr. (Hugo) Holland, in light of his arrest on the new charges last week, sought to raise his bond and Judge

Self granted that request on behalf of the state."

At this time, Johnson says he doesn't know that they'll fight the issue of his bond, but rather try to resolve the issue.

Dylan Turk is charged with accessory to first-degree murder that carries a sentence of 0 to 5 years, with or without hard labor, Johnson says.

"He was initially arrested and charged with principal to murder and then

**J. TURK****D. TURK**

Mr. Holland, after reviewing the case with Det. Scott Tucker with the sheriff's

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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

Harper woes topic at school board meeting



Members of the Webster Parish School Board will discuss problems at J.E. Harper Elementary at a buildings committee meeting Wednesday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Buildings committee to discuss school's issues

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The buildings and maintenance committee of the Webster Parish School Board is set to meet Wednesday to begin fixing the issues that plague J.E. Harper Elementary School.

Set for 4 p.m., Wednesday, in the school cafeteria, District 6 board member John Madden brought it up in Monday's school board meeting saying he just wanted to make sure they were going to do what they promised the people they would do.

"We just told the people a couple of weeks ago we were going to do something, and I wanted to start the ball rolling," Madden said, after he'd asked to name a committee to discuss the issue.

Harper's issues fall under the buildings and maintenance committee, he says and is fine with the committee taking the mantle.

The committee is made up of board members Linda Kinsey, Madden and Brandon Edens. It was made clear that it's a committee meeting and any board member is welcome to attend.

Teachers and Principal Janene Ashley have pleaded with the school board to make some much-needed changes to the school. Since that time, discussions have taken place as to what to do with the school as well as logistics on how to handle it all.

In 2010, several schools were consolidated to help the parish save money. In that consolidation, the elementary schools in Minden were completely rearranged and one was closed.

Kindergarten and first grade students were moved to Harper; second and third grade students were moved to J.L. Jones Elementary; and fourth and fifth grade students were moved to E.S. Richardson Elementary.

In March, a special meeting was called at Harper so the public and board members could see the issues firsthand that teachers and students face every day. Many of those issues are logistical ones where there are four restrooms for roughly 500 students, an open air classroom setting which allows for a lot of noise and security is not what it should be.

The board is now looking at ways to alleviate those issues and more, and cost and what to do with the students are large factors in the final decision.

LAWMAKERS

Jindal asks for no new taxes as legislative session opens

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — While state lawmakers focused on finances, Gov. Bobby Jindal used his final opening day speech for a Louisiana legislative session Monday to reprise ideas he's been pushing nationally as he readies a likely presidential campaign.

The Republican governor, speaking to a joint session of the House and Senate, defended his steadfast refusal to raise taxes, struck out against the Common Core education standards and vowed to fight for "religious liberty."

His relationships with lawmakers frayed and his approval ratings sagging, the term-limited Jindal recapped legislative victories from previous years, saying he and the Legislature have helped the state recover from Hurricane Katrina while improving education and growing the state's economy.

"Reform is always controversial. Democracy is messy. But the end result has been a stronger, more prosperous Louisiana for our children," said Jindal, nearing the end of his second term.

Foremost on lawmak-

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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

School employees of the month named

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A paraprofessional and custodian with Webster Parish schools were recognized by Taylor and Sons as employees of the month.

Holly Taylor, in the absence of Rodney Taylor, presented the plaques. Taylor is also a retired teacher after 25 years with the Webster Parish School system.

Employee of the month for March was Phyllis Wafer, a paraprofessional at Browning Elementary School.

"I don't remember not knowing Ms. Phyllis," Taylor said of Wafer. "I had the honor of teaching her child, and when you spend from 8 to 3 with a kid, you know what kind of parents they have at home. She had my child in her room."

Her letter of nomination touts her as an employee

who goes above and beyond her duties, and as an asset to Browning.

Employee of the month for April was Jimmie White, a custodian at North Webster Upper Elementary.

Speaking to White directly, Taylor says she talked to some of the teachers at the school and their response was, "He is a blessing."

"It's a nice thing to get to say you're loved and appreciated," Taylor said. "His nomination actually came from a student; it was really very touching, especially when a kid looks up to you. "After reading his letter of nomination and talking to some of the teachers, I am honored to get to do this tonight," she said of presenting the plaques.

Taylor and Sons recognizes employees of the month each month at the school board meeting. Each employee received a plaque and a goody bag.



Employees of the Month Phyllis Wafer and Jimmie White are pictured with Holly Taylor, of Taylor and Sons. Wafer, March employee of the month, is a paraprofessional with Browning Elementary School. White, April employee of the month, is a custodian at North Webster Upper Elementary School. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

CRIME TRACKER

Webster arrest report

Arrest made April 6 through April 9.

Minden police:

■ Kortonio Jones, 34, 600 block of Woods Street in Minden. Charged with aggravated second degree battery and parole hold.

■ Kendrick Jackson, 31, 600 block of Long Street in Minden. Charged with violation of protective order.

■ Sandy Finley, 35, 300 block of Hickory Hills in Minden. Arrested on warrant for felony theft.

■ Chauncy Wills, 29, 1600 block of Jewella Avenue in Shreveport. Charged with disturbing the peace, drunk, and open container.

■ Ricky Harris, 23, no address given. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

■ Joshua Payton, 23, 180 block of McCrary Road in Heflin. Charged with hit and run, driving under suspension.

■ Justin Ricardo Bailey, 26, 700 block of Theus Street in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery, two counts of resisting an officer and one count of resisting an officer with force or violence.

Webster Parish Sheriff's Office

■ Brianna L. Redden, 35, 2000 block of Duckworth Road, in Pioneer. Charged on two warrants of speeding and one warrant on driving under suspension.

■ Timothy Whitfield, 47, 800 block of Caney Lake Road in Minden. Charged with unauthorized use of a moveable and unauthorized use of access card.

■ Rashawn U. Jefferson, 35, 100 block of Wiggins Lane in Minden. Charged with possession of marijuana.

■ Charles A. Lawrence, 27, 8000 block of Highway 71 in Elm Grove. Department of Corrections transfer.

■ Britt Jacoby Moody Jr., 29,

400 block of Plum Street in Minden. Charged with misdemeanor theft and simple criminal trespass.

■ Terry Lyn Bonner, 44, 100 block of Duck Circle in Sarepta. Charged with parole violation.

■ Candice Nicole Prudhomme, 24, 11000 block of Milton Street in Minden. Remanded per judge for 26th judicial district.

Springhill police:

■ Mikel Farnham, 38, 400 block of SE 5th Street in Springhill. Charged with failure to register and notify.

■ Stephon White, 19, 700 block of Curry Street in Springhill. Charged with resisting an officer, battery on a police officer, public intimidation and retaliation, resisting a police officer with force or violence. (Date of arrest 4-12-15)

■ Stephon White, 19, 700 block of Curry Street in

Springhill. Charged with disturbing the peace and resisting an officer. (Date of arrest 4-10-15)

■ Shanon W. Echols, 41, 1500 block of 3rd Street Southeast in Springhill. Charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of CDS Schedule I marijuana.

■ Chancellor Jacobe Crow, 17, 180 block of Wheelbarrel Street in Cotton Valley. Charged with theft of goods (shoplifting)

■ Tammy Jo Collins, 38, 1500 block of 3rd Street Southeast in Springhill. Charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Joshua McKay, no age given, 200 block of N. Lemon in Cullen. Charged with flight from an officer and a warrant through the Cullen Police Department.

■ Destiny Paige Pardue, 21, 400 block of Hickory Street in Springhill. Charged with simple battery.

■ Lacey Leigh McLain, 21,

1300 block of Lee Street in Minden. Charged with improper lane change, driving while intoxicated – first offense and driving under suspension.

■ Makia Lamont Hickman, 40, 1009 N. Polit Street in Bradley, Arkansas. Charged with speeding and driving under suspension.

Dixie Inn police:

■ Michael W. Foster, 50, 60 McCanahan in Minden. Charged with parole violation.

■ Jimmy C. Fisher, 28, 600 block of Evans Street in Minden, simple criminal damage to property, hit and run driving and driving under suspension/operating vehicle with suspended license.

Doyline police:

■ David Scott Fuller, 31, 1000 block of Spencer Lane in Doyline. Charged with misdemeanor issuing worthless checks, speeding, two counts of careless operation and two counts of contempt of court.

TURK

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office, decided instead to charge him with accessory after the fact," Johnson said. "At some point, in all likelihood, we'll enter a plea and have him sentenced by Judge Self."

His brother, J'Son Turk, is charged with first-degree murder. Sheriff Gary Sexton and District Attorney Schuyler Marvin initially said J'Son Turk admitted to firing the fatal shots after an alleged drug deal involving synthetic marijuana.

Originally, Murphy Robertson was charged with Lott's murder, but once J'Son confessed, those charges were dropped. Not dismissed were weapons charges when he was initially arrested.

Lott's remains were found in a wooded area off Walter Lyons Road three days after he was killed.



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ers' minds for the 60-day session is a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall that threatens to force deep cuts to health care services and public colleges.

Jindal sidestepped criticism that his financial decisions helped to cause the state's budget problems, while offering a limited roadmap for closing the gap for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"I thought it was a nice farewell speech. I think it lacked some specifics for the budget. Right now, what we have is a budget that's good for about six months, and we're going to have to find ways to deal with it beyond that, obviously," said Sen. Robert Adley, R-Benton, of the budget proposal submitted by Jindal.

The governor wants to decrease more than \$500 million in spending on refundable tax credits in which the state writes a check above a business' tax liability. Jindal called it "corporate welfare" and "wasteful state spending."

Lawmakers haven't embraced the proposal and are working on their own ideas, such as shrinking tax breaks for specific industries, closing loopholes that allow companies to skirt taxes or a temporary suspension of tax breaks.

Jindal said he won't support anything he considers a net increase in taxes, limiting the options for lawmakers trying to raise money to balance next year's budget. To get around his self-imposed restrictions, the governor describes caps on refundable tax credits as reductions in state spending, a position supported by national anti-tax activist Grover Norquist.

"Our businesses are a great asset. But we cannot stand idly by while companies pay zero in state taxes and then continue getting free taxpayer money from the government on top of it," the governor said.

Senate President John Alario, R-Westwego, said lawmakers will try to "stay within those swim lanes" that Jindal set for addressing the budget gap.

But the House Demo-



State Sen. John A. Alario Jr., district 8, opened the Senate session Monday as the 2015 Legislative Session got underway. Several topics of discussion and prefiled bills will be heard during the session, including education and the state budget. This year's session is a fiscal session. Courtesy Photo

cratic leader, Rep. John Bel Edwards, blamed Jindal's political ambitions for limiting tax policy discussions in the Legislature.

"He's made decisions over the last several years that were not in our best interests, but that he cal-

culated might be in his political best interest. I think outsourcing tax and fiscal policy to Grover Norquist is one of those things," said Edwards, D-Amite, who is running for governor.

Away from the budget

discussion, Jindal has a light legislative agenda. He wants to yank the Common Core education standards from Louisiana's public school classrooms, calling them part of federal efforts to nationalize education.

He faces opposition from Louisiana's education superintendent and a majority of its state education board members, who say the multistate standards better prepare students for college and careers.

As he courts evangelical Christians, Jindal also is supporting a religious objections proposal, wading into a debate that caused controversy in Indiana and Alabama.

The bill by Rep. Mike Johnson, R-Bossier City, would prohibit the state from denying licenses, certifications, employment, contracts or tax deductions because of actions a person takes "in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction" about marriage. Jindal said he intends "to fight for passage of this legislation."

The issue puts Jindal at odds with one of his closest legislative allies, Alario, who said he opposes the measure in its current form, calling it discrimination against same-sex couples. He said he'd take a second look at the measure if it were modified.

OBITUARIES

James ‘Eddie’ Lee

Funeral services for James “Eddie” Lee will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden. Interment will follow at Andrews Chapel Cemetery in Heflin. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Eddie was born June 10, 1943 in Minden and entered into rest April 12, 2015 in Minden.

His father Bennie Lee and brother Donald Lee preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Kim Lee of Minden; mother, Bernice Lee of Minden; sons, Tracy Lee and wife Kim of Minden, Shane Lee and wife Stephanie of Kansas, Alex Mansell of Minden, Humberto Mata and wife Brandy of Haughton; daughter, Jamie Taunton and husband Steven of Minden; sisters, Christia Walker and husband Howard of Dubberly, Darlene Adams and husband Ron of Sibley, Vicki McGough of Haughton; brother, Darryl Lee and wife Christine of Doyline; nine grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Ralph Laymond Hock

A richly rewarded life in heaven has begun for Ralph Laymond Hock after almost 101 years of faithful and hard work on this earth. His dedicated Christian life here began on June 24, 1914 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Ralph's next true and much anticipated life with his loved Lord and savior



HOCK

began April 12, 2015.

Ralph's entire life was the art of work and learning. Setting the example as the eldest of five brothers, his first job was at the age of six years, delivering groceries and newspapers in Norman and Oklahoma City. He worked three jobs while attending the University of Oklahoma, earning two degrees in petroleum and chemical engineering. Ralph began a lifelong career in the oilfield in the 1930's and never looked anywhere but forward to the special world of the oil patch.

Ralph served his country with honor, achieving the rank of Captain, first in the 630th ordnance company of the U.S. Army in New Guinea, behind enemy lines and later in the Pentagon. After World War II, he was a petroleum engineer for many major oil companies. He was chief engineer for the design, construction, and plant superintendent of the CVOC plant in Cotton Valley.

He then caught the eye of A.J. Hodges, who asked Ralph to assume all engineering responsibilities for his oil and gas production company. Ralph also had the privilege to assist Mr. Hodges in the design and construction of the fabulous Hodges Gardens near Many.

Ralph later started his own private petroleum and engineering service, Petro-Chem Engineering Services. His expertise has always been widely respected and highly valued in all phases of the oil, gas, and petrochemical industry.

Always mindful of the future and independence, for his family, he purchased land near Minden and developed it into a farm, timber and ranch operation with many facets. This progressed into offices, industrial properties, warehouses, and retail businesses still in operation today.

Ralph married Elsie Alice Krouse in June of 1939 and greatly missed her since her death in 2008 at the age of 92 years.

They always strived to have a country home on the farm where all were welcomed and nature was at it's best. They had two sons, Larry L. Hock (wife Norma), and Bruce Hock (wife Betty). Also surviving him are grandchildren Bill, Bryan, Cody, Debbie, and Lisa, five great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at First Baptist Minden, on Tuesday April 14th, where Ralph and Elsie were faithful members and teachers since 1952. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. with services at 2 p.m. Burial will be held thereafter at the private family cemetery, Woodland Haven.

Honoring Ralph, as pallbearers will be

Johnny Addison, Jimmy Brantley, Rev. Bill Crider, Benny Sanders, Byron Trust, and Bill Weeks. Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Freddy H. Cordova, M.D., Francis Otto Krouse, William G. Still, Cindy and Rebekah Sullivan, Jack Woodard, and all the grandchildren.

Special thanks from the whole family to all the caregivers whose special gifts and love touched Ralph's heart and have kept him healthy and comfortable in his final years: Becky, Karen, Kay, Lottie, and Susan.

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Around Town

Monday, April 13-Wednesday, April 15

New Light Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual spring revival at 7 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Kaled Adams of New Orleans. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday, April 14

Town and Country Health and Rehab will host its Souper Supper at 6 p.m. in the dining room to honor its volunteers. Bring at least one can of soup to donate to UCAP.

Tuesday, April 14-Thursday, April 16

Mt. Olive Christian School will host an “Open School” event. All parents of both attending students and prospective students are invited to come sit in the classroom of their choosing to get an idea of what a day in the life of a Mt. Olive School student is like. The classrooms will remain open for your visit until dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

New Zion Baptist Church, located at 570 Amos Cutoff Rd., will host its annual spring revival at 7 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Richard Jefferson, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Doyline. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, April 18

The Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Association will convene for its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Givens Hall at Evergreen Union Church. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a buffet meal at noon. This provides the perfect opportunity to address any concerns about the cemetery and to add any spring flowers to loved ones’ graves.

Sunday, April 19

Annual choir anniversary program at 3 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church. Special guest is Springfield Baptist Church of Mt. Lebanon. Other guests will be soloists and choirs from the surrounding area.

Lakeview Preschool plate lunch fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Plates will include Hugh Woods pork chop dinner with pork chops, au gratin potatoes, dirty rice, roll and a dessert. Plates are \$10 each, carry out only. For tickets call 377-1226 or 377-1302 before noon.

St. John Divine Baptist Church will celebrate Minister Herbert L. Rhone and his wife’s 10th anniversary at 3 p.m. at 517 Lake Road in Sibley. Come and share this special occasion with guest speaker Minister Rodney Williams, pastor of King Solomon Baptist Church in Sibley. The theme will be “Don’t give out, don’t give in, don’t give up,” Galatians 6:9.

Sunday, April 19-Friday, April 24

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will host its spring revival. At 3 p.m., speaker for Sunday, April 19: Pastor James E. Smith. At 7 p.m. each night: April 20: Pastor Reggie Lofton, Mt. Nebo BC, April 21: Pastor Billy Hawkins, Mt. Pilgrim BC, April 22: Pastor Ray Jiles, Valley Spring BC, April 23: Pastor John Cole, Mt. Comfort BC, and April 24: Pastor Royal Scott Jr., Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.

Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26

The 10th pastoral appreciation honoring Bishop Charles A. Blanks will be at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 329 Shady Oak Ext., in Springhill. The guest speakers will be Bishop Kimberly Randle at 7 p.m., Friday, April 24, a musical at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25, and Pastor Rodney Williams at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, April 25

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church will host a 5k race and fun run. “Race Towards a Mission” is a fundraiser for the youth’s planned mission trip. The fun run begins at 8 a.m., with the 5k race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Photo booth and face painting will also be available. Register online at www.active.com or call 393-6150 for a race application. Prizes will be available for every age group.

Eastside Missionary Baptist Youth Fundraiser “Race Towards a Mission” will begin at 8 a.m. with a Fun Run at the church. There will be a 5K at 8:30 a.m., a photo booth and face painting. Register online at www.active.com or call 393-6150 for a race application. Prizes will be available for the winner of every age group.

Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29

Annual youth revival, 7 p.m. each night at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Minister Brian Jackson of Union Springs Baptist Church in Shreveport. Theme is “Doing What My Parents Say.” All are invited.

Saturday, May 2

Mt. Lebanon Historical Society presents “Stage Coach Days” at Mt. Lebanon. Live music, cake walks, a silent auction, quilt raffle will be available. Gourmet hot dogs at noon and supper at 5 p.m. with grilled hamburgers. Lots of food and fun. Also, a fun game of Mt. Lebanon Jeopardy will be played with trivia questions and answers about the history of Mt. Lebanon. The event begins at 11 a.m. Exit 61 off I-20, Mt. Lebanon is on Highway 154, three miles south of Gibsland.

Sunday, May 3

Union Grove Baptist Church will host its 111th church anniversary at 3 p.m. The guest speaker and church will be Pastor Donald Crawford and Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church of Emerson, Arkansas.

Rocky Mount Baptist Church will host its 17th anniversary for Pastor Billy R. Ellis at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Julian Burns of Springville United Baptist Church of Gibsland. Rocky Mount BC is located at Highway 534 in Homer.

MINDEN CIVITANS

April is Civitan Awareness Month

April is "Civitan Awareness Month" and the Minden Civitans promote their activities and encourage residents to become new members of the club. By telling the community about their projects such as the Fair Pageant, working the fair, the Civitan Golf Tournament, Christmas party for handicap citizens, Civitan Santa, Clergy Banquet, riding in the Minden Mardi Gras Parade, working the Minden High football games, Operation Shoebox, helping with the Special Olympics, sponsoring youth teams, having guest speakers, doing an environmental project, helping judge the local sincere fair, providing fruit baskets for schools, helping provide food for the youth working with the Fuller Center, fruitcake sales at Christmastime and operating the candy boxes located in several Minden businesses. The Minden Civitans meet on Tuesdays at noon at Exata Inn and the last Tuesday of the month a special meeting is held at the Minden Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m.



Minden Mayor Tommy Davis presented the proclamation for “Civitan Awareness Month” to Minden Civitans President-elect Jeff Clemons. Courtesy Photo

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BASEBALL Minden Night at Louisiana Tech

The Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Louisiana Tech Baseball and is excited to present “Minden Night” at J.C. Love Field, Friday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

The Bulldogs will be taking on conference opponent UAB at, “The Love Shack” with tickets being sold at the Chamber for just \$8.

This will be a great chance for Minden residents to get out and support the Bulldogs.

NFL Crabtree signs with Raiders

Michael Crabtree will try to salvage his NFL career by remaining in the San Francisco Bay Area, but by switching teams.

The free-agent veteran wide receiver has agreed to a contract with the Oakland Raiders, the team announced Monday. The deal is for one year and \$3 million, with another \$2 million in incentives, a league source told ESPN NFL Insider Adam Schefter.

Crabtree, the San Francisco 49ers' No. 10 overall pick of the 2009 draft, confirmed his decision on Twitter.

Crabtree's production waned last season, and he appeared to lose explosion from a 2013 Achilles injury. Crabtree has had just two 100-yard receiving games in the 24 games since he returned from his injury. Crabtree's highest yardage total in 2014 was 85 yards, and he averaged 10.3 yards per reception on 68 catches.

NBA Thompson leads Warriors past Griz

OAKLAND, Calif. -- Klay Thompson turned a meaningless game for the Golden State Warriors -- and a huge one for the Memphis Grizzlies -- into must-see TV for a moment.

Thompson scored 26 of his 42 points in a sensational second quarter, and the Warriors held off a frantic rally to beat the undermanned Grizzlies 111-107 on Monday night.

The All-Star guard, who set an NBA record with 37 points in a quarter against Sacramento in January, outshined teammate and MVP candidate Stephen Curry with another streaky shooting stretch. Thompson finished 15-of-21 from the floor, including 8-of-10 from 3-point range, to stir memories of his unprecedented performance.

The top-seeded Warriors (66-15), who are merely trying to tune up for the playoffs, led by 32 points in the third quarter before resting their regulars. Memphis outscored Golden State 41-18 in the fourth quarter, moving within four in the final seconds to give the game a little drama.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL WHAT TO WATCH FOR



Here's a look at where to find your area teams.

Minden Crimson Tide
The Minden Crimson Tide travel to Stonewall Tuesday to face off with the North DeSoto Griffins at 6 p.m. The Tide needs a win to improve their playoff chances.

Glenbrook Apaches
The Apaches had their final two games of the year with Claiborne Academy and Monroe Home School canceled due to inclement weather, ending their season at 13-8 (4-4).

Lakeside Warriors
The Lakeside Warriors will be on the road Tuesday to take on the Calvary Cavaliers in a matchup of district 1-2A's top teams. First pitch in that contest is 6 p.m. at Calvary.

Doyline Panthers
The Doyline Panthers will look to get back on the winning track as they take on the Saline Bobcats Tuesday at Doyline's Panther Park. First pitch is set for 5 p.m.



HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL Tide continue road stint Tuesday



The Minden Crimson Tide will travel to Stonewall Tuesday for a crucial district contest with the North DeSoto Griffins, starting at 6 p.m. This will be the third game of a six-game road trip for the Tide who won't be back at Griffith Stadium until April 23 for senior night versus Fair Park. Courtesy Photo/Russell Hedges

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK Warriors run well at Plain Dealing relays



Special to the Press-Herald

The Lakeside Warriors travelled to the Plain Dealing Relays with fewer people due to spring break. These few performed at a high level.

Destine Joiner and Alissa Landers led the way for the Lady Warriors. Joiner had a personal best high jump of 4' 6" for fourth place. She also long jumped 14' 3" for fifth place. On the track Joiner sprinted to a

13.6 for third in the 100 meters. Lander took second in the 800 (2:37) and third in the 16000 (5:37) and the 400 (1:10). Heather Schenck was second in the javelin (42' 5").

Zach Zaldivar led the Warriors in the field.

Zaldivar threw a personal best of 135' 6" to win the javelin and threw 33' 2" for fifth in the shot put.

Eric Greene won the 3200, running a time of 10:30. Cody Robinson took second in the 1600 (4:57) and sixth in the 800 (2:19). Eighth grader Tyler Davis placed fourth in the 3200 at 11:37.

Next action for the Lakeside Warriors and the Minden Crimson Tide will be at Houghton, Thursday, April 16.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS A memorable gobbler encounter

Since this turkey season has basically gone south for me so far, I have to find solace in remembering some hunts that are memorable. It's helpful to recall some of those exciting experiences with gobblers that have been much more successful.

One of the most exciting hunts I ever made occurred on opening day, March 21, 2008 on my Jackson Parish hunting club.

My excitement began building for opening day that year when I drove a back road on the club to a well-site a couple of days before season opening. What I saw as my truck topped the hill and the well site came into view was the stuff dreams are made of. There were at least a dozen wild turkeys on the site, four of which were strutters.

Quickly exiting the area, I served notice to other turkey hunters in our club that I had found the spot I'd

be hunting opening day, hoping I'd be able to do business with this group of birds without interference. My plan was laid; I'd put out my

Pretty Boy strutting gobbler decoy in back of a submissive hen decoy.

HARRIS The afternoon prior to season opening, I sneaked back into the area and was just a tad disappointed when I saw just a solitary gobbler. However, I set up my ground blind back in the brush in shotgun range of where all the turkeys were; I was ready.

Opening morning, I was there long before daylight, placed my decoys out and began dreaming of the fun I was about to have. Then

the thought occurred to me; what if the lone gobbler I'd seen was the only one around the area that morning and he'd be intimidated by the big strutting decoy I had out. Making a quick change of plans, I sneaked out and removed the strutter, leaving only the little hen decoy out.

As daylight approached, the woods became alive with turkeys gobbling from the roost a couple hundred yards down toward the creek. Another change of plans – I tiptoed out and put old Pretty Boy back on his stake, settled down and started softly calling.

My calls were answered immediately from several birds and frankly, it was a little difficult to control my excitement. I felt that once they flew down, at least one of the gobblers would come check me out.

As the woods became quiet, signaling that the turkeys had all left the roost, I saw three red heads

pop up on the back side of the well site; there were three gobblers ganged up together coming to investigate the fake hen they'd heard.

What happened next was something I'd seen on turkey hunting shows on television. As soon as the trio spotted the big strutter next to the little hen decoy, all three came running flat out across the well site, intent on teaching the old boy a lesson. They jumped on my strutting gobbler decoy and knocked it ten feet, proceeding to thrash the daylights out of the strange gobbler that would dare to invade their territory.

As I watched the show, one of the gobblers separated from the other two and I pulled the trigger. He hit the ground flopping and I assumed the other two would high-tail it out of there, but no; they proceeded to jump on the dying gobbler I'd just shot and

flailed the daylights out of him. Had it been legal, I could have easily had a gobbler trifecta that morning. In a moment, other turkeys, including a couple of strutting gobblers began filtering onto the well site.

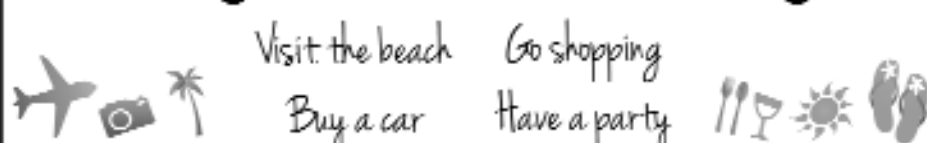
I heard a truck coming down the road so I jumped up and frightened the turkeys away; I didn't want just anybody to know about my turkey bonanza I'd stumbled upon.

The next weekend, I called up and downed one of the other gobblers just off the well site. Two birds in two hunts; it couldn't get any better than that.

Recalling this super-special hunt provides just a little balm to the fact that the gobblers have thumbed their beaks at me this season.

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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 player in 6-foot-10 forward 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 Jordan Mickey. Will 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-

jected as early second-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 recruiting 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 Quarterman took a major step forward from his freshman season and blossomed into arguably the team's MVP when you consider 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 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 program would certainly benefit. They, in turn, would also get better from having another year to build their upper bodies, particularly Mickey, and probably 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. Simmons is more than

a willing passer if 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 than he did this season.



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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,

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

The pleas came as Los Angeles prosecutors were prepared to present evidence of Sharper's fall from grace as a former all-pro safety who won a Super Bowl with the New Orleans Saints. His clean-cut reputation took a hit when women began telling police in several cities similar stories of blacking

out while drinking with him and waking up groggy 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 defense in court Monday.

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

Both encounters were eerily similar.

In October 2013,

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 seasoned 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.



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AT THE BOX OFFICE

Box office top 20: ‘Furious 7’ speeds to \$59.6 million

NEW YORK (AP) — "Furious 7" continues to run loops around the competition, taking the box office checkered flag for the second straight week with a commanding \$59.6 million in North American theaters.

The Universal action sequel has made \$251.5 million in two weeks, making it easily the biggest hit of the year so far. The only other new wide release, the Fox rodeo romance "The Longest Ride" opened somewhat weakly with \$13 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Rentrak:

1. "Furious 7," Universal, \$59,585,930, 4,022 locations, \$14,815 average, \$251,516,400, 2 weeks.
2. "Home," 20th Century Fox, \$18,532,280, 3,703 locations, \$5,005 average, \$129,085,777, 3 weeks.
3. "The Longest Ride," 20th Century Fox, \$13,019,686, 3,366 locations, \$3,868 average, \$13,019,686, 1 week.
4. "Get Hard," Warner Bros., \$8,218,246, 3,132 locations, \$2,624 average, \$70,783,826, 3 weeks.
5. "Cinderella," Disney, \$7,137,814, 3,025 locations, \$2,360 average, \$180,686,540, 5 weeks.
6. "The Divergent Series: Insurgent,"



- Lionsgate, \$6,710,498, 3,118 locations, \$2,152 average, \$114,708,645, 4 weeks.
7. "Woman In Gold," The Weinstein Company, \$5,483,125, 1,504 locations, \$3,646 average, \$8,934,023, 2 weeks.
8. "It Follows," Radius-TWC, \$1,943,868, 1,633 locations, \$1,190 average, \$11,715,129, 5 weeks.
9. "Danny Collins,"

- Bleecker Street, \$1,483,138, 738 locations, \$2,010 average, \$2,379,683, 4 weeks.
10. "Kingsman: The Secret Service," 20th Century Fox, \$1,308,312, 1,013 locations, \$1,292 average, \$124,521,609, 9 weeks.
11. "While We're Young," A24 Films, \$1,212,033, 246 locations, \$4,927 average, \$2,190,064, 3 weeks.

12. "Do You Believe?" Pure Flix, \$931,305, 1,042 locations, \$894 average, \$11,511,905, 4 weeks.
13. "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," Fox Searchlight, \$636,318, 741 locations, \$859 average, \$31,459,822, 6 weeks.
14. "American Sniper," Warner Bros., \$595,041, 616 locations, \$966 average, \$347,211,278, 16 weeks.

15. "McFarland, USA," Disney, \$421,414, 518 locations, \$814 average, \$42,605,917, 8 weeks.
16. "Focus," Warner Bros., \$300,316, 424 locations, \$708 average, \$53,344,851, 7 weeks.
17. "Run All Night," Warner Bros., \$300,016, 422 locations, \$711 average, \$25,916,827, 5 weeks.
18. "Ex Machina," A24 Films, \$237,264, 4 loca-

- tions, \$59,316 average, \$237,264, 1 week.
19. "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water," Paramount, \$230,460, 308 locations, \$748 average, \$161,305,500, 10 weeks.
20. "Chappie," Sony, \$198,202, 280 locations, \$708 average, \$31,121,710, 6 weeks.

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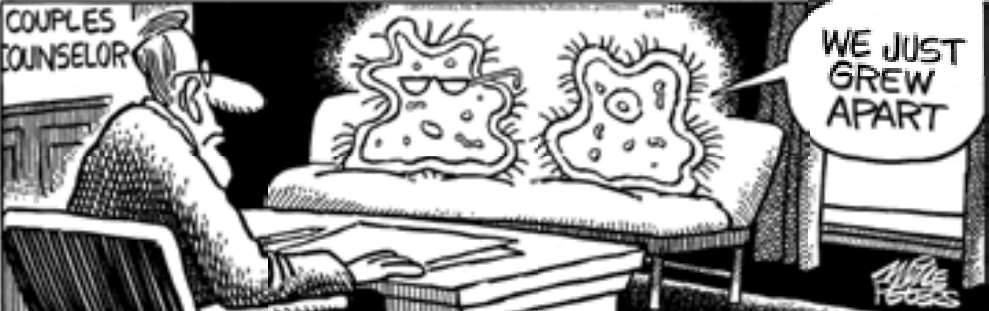
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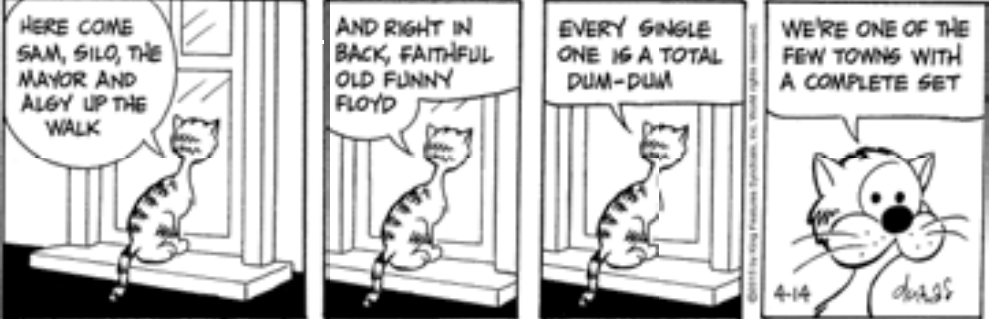
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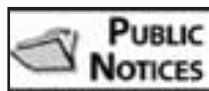
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H I S F T K H F Z ? A W Z F F I !
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GROUP OF SINGERS DRESSED UP AS FORMER IRANIAN MONARCHS PERFORMING CLASSIC OLDIES: SHAH-NA-NA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1 Did some weeding
5 Cudgel
8 "Left Behind" actor
12 Roundish hairdo
13 Inventor Whitney
14 Rainbow
15 Just lie there
17 Gridlock elements
18 Deity
19 Within one's power
21 Xbox enthusiast
24 Crow or crane
25 "Meta-morphoses" poet
26 Military headquarters
30 Automaton, for short
31 Leans to one side
32 Singer DiFranco
33 Cameo's opposite

DOWN
1 Owns
2 Frequently
3 Mound stat
4 Followed relentlessly
5 Rosary component
6 Elev.
7 Included as a part of
8 Locust
9 Speedy steed
10 "You go, —!"
11 Being, to Brutus
16 Neither mate
20 Table scraps

35 Shell-less
36 Mah-jongg piece
37 Tether
38 "—
41 Preacher Man"
41 Vast expanse
42 Related (to)
43 Ham-burger's hello
48 1492
49 Greek vessel
50 Pop choice
51 Carina
52 Tatter
53 Basin accessory

21 Asian desert
22 Shake-speare's river
23 Catcher's prop
24 Prove untrue
26 Pirate
27 Festive
28 Responsibility
29 At hand
31 Work-week's end initials
34 Lacking a musical key
35 Rap session?
37 Director Spike
38 Foundered
39 "Grapes of Wrath" type
40 Baseball team
41 Unescorted
44 Actress Hagen
45 AAA job
46 Hearly quaff
47 Needle-fish

Solution time: 22 mins.

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