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ARTS IN MINDEN



Chris Broussard talks to the children at The Farm about the meaning of the mural behind her. As part of Kids Week at The Farm, several groups of kids are helping restore a mural of the Thornton sisters, who received a nod by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest African American living siblings in 2009. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

ChickenStock more
than just chickens

STAFF REPORTS

For 21 years, Cultural Crossroads has provided the children of Webster Parish with their first real art experience.

Every spring, the small arts organization transforms The Farm, their four-acre historic estate into a child's creative play area. A large tent houses their temporary children's hands-on museum where creative play and use of imagination are made possible.

ChickenStock started this week for nearly 500 fourth grade students who have been and will be bussed in to spend a day with professional artists. Students from across the parish are provided "Kids Day at The Farm" free of charge thanks to generous contributors who have come to understand and appreciate the value of the

arts.

Citizens Bank, Harper Motors and Milebar Hydro Testing of Shreveport are this year's title sponsors.

Students will complete their first giant mural depicting the lives of the three Thornton sisters who lived in Minden and were honored and celebrated in 2009 as the oldest African American siblings in the world. The completed mural will be displayed to the public on Saturday when The Farm will open to the public.

"Our kids days are strictly for the kids," Chris Broussard, co-founder and chairman of the week-long experience. "It's the part of festival week that the public doesn't get to see. It's the best part of the week because it is for the kids."

"Saturday is the day the public gets to come," Melissa

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ACTIVITIES
FOR THE DAY

- Children's art and poetry contest and exhibition (Awards ceremony set for 3 p.m. in the Children's Hands-on Museum tent.)
- Children's hands-on museum
- Fine Arts exhibition
- Arts and Crafts
- Farmers market
- Creation station
- Food vendors
- Leave Your Mark (Community Art Project will include the installation of personalized ceramic tile hand-painted by the children of Glenbrook School. As a gift to The Farm, the art students at the school donated their art. Festival goers will have a chance to help them install the tiles and create a wall of masterpieces for all to see this year and every year.)

MINDEN CRIME

Kidnapping
charge lands
man in jail

*Police say father refused to
return children to mother*

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A Minden man was extradited from Camden, Arkansas on charges of simple kidnapping Monday morning when he allegedly didn't return his children to their mother.

Eric M. Denny, 34, of the 200 block of Lauren Lane, was charged with simple kidnapping. Bond was set at \$25,000. Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Denny was taken into custody without incident.



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"He had visitation rights, and picked up his kids during visitation but didn't bring them back," he said. "The mother of the children found out he was in Arkansas, and we gave him the opportunity to bring the kids back, and he refused."

Cropper says they contacted authorities in Arkansas to be on the lookout for Denny. Camden authorities made contact with Denny and the children, Cropper says, in the parking lot of Walmart up there.

"It wasn't long after that BOLO went out they found him," the chief said. "He just didn't want to bring the kids back."

Cropper says it was a custody dispute, and the children were never in any danger.

Denny was arrested in Arkansas Friday, he waived extradition Monday morning, and Minden police picked him up soon after, Cropper said.

CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

Second EPA
workshop set
for Thursday

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The Environmental Protection Agency will host the second in a two-part series of educational workshops as officials review the recommended disposal method of millions of pounds of M6 propellant stored at Camp Minden.

This second workshop set for Thursday, April 23, will be at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 9961 Highway 80, just outside of Camp Minden. The meeting will take place from 6 until 8 p.m.

David Gray, director of external affairs for EPA Region 6, says the workshops are educational in nature as well as a forum for feedback.

"Our EPA-sponsored workshops are designed to provide interested citizens with educational information as well as an opportunity for feedback," he said. "Last week the workshop was on air monitoring and sampling and this week the workshop is about preparedness - both important topics as we look toward the disposal of materials at Camp Minden. We are looking to add future workshops based on the

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Electric outage scheduled for Friday

A scheduled electrical outage will take place at midnight, Friday and last one hour.

City officials say the outage is necessary to repair electric infrastructure damaged by a motor

vehicle accident. The possible areas affected by this outage will include Berry Drive, Emerald Drive, Lewisville Road (from Lakeshore Drive north to city limits), north side of Pecan View

Drive, north side of Virginia Avenue, Bonnie Lane, Ellis Drive, Roy Street and Howard Street. Residents in the near vicinity of these listed areas may be included in this outage.



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Minden High School hosting blood drive Wednesday

Lifeshare Blood Centers will be hosting a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday at Minden High School.

Lifeshare representative Mary Joe Henderson says the goal is to reach 85 units during the drive. If the goal of 85 units is collected, Minden High will be awarded a \$500 scholarship from Lifeshare Blood Centers.

Henderson says donations can be given in busses parked outside the school or in the auditorium, but reminds that guests must check in at the office when giving inside the school.



Briefs from the Legislature's regular session

Kratom

BATON ROUGE — A little-known drug derived from the leaves of a Southeast Asian tree would be added to Louisiana's list of illegal narcotics, under a bill advanced to the full House for consideration.

Depending on how much is ingested, Kratom can act as either a stimulant known to make users irritable, or a depressant with an opium-like effect, Calcasieu Parish District Attorney John DeRosier told the House criminal justice committee Tuesday. "Whether you want to be rockin' and rollin' or relaxed depends on how much you take," DeRosier said of the substance, which can be purchased by anyone over the age of 18.

Kratom — which can be smoked, ingested in gel tabs or steeped in tea — is on the Drug Enforcement Agencies list of "Drugs and Chemicals of Concern."

DeRosier said packets of the drug, which retail for around \$35 each, were recently the focus of a criminal investigation after the owner of a Lake Charles smoke shop reported the theft of \$60,000 worth of Kratom from his business.

"We started researching it then and discovered" Kratom is becoming "more and more prevalent as a drug of choice, especially among young people," DeRosier said.

The drug, which has been marketed on the Internet as "alternative medicine," has "no legitimate medical use," according to the DEA.

The criminal justice committee approved the prohibition bill (House Bill 174) by Rep. Bernard LeBas, D-Ville Platte, without objection.

Veterans

A proposal aimed at making it easier for veterans to get a college degree in Louisiana started moving in the Legislature, winning approval Tuesday from the House Education Committee.

The bill (House Bill 485) by Rep. Henry Burns, R-Haughton, would create a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus" designation for schools that meet a list of requirements intended to ease the transition to campus for students with a military background.

"This is basically like a veterans' seal of approval for a university," said Rep. Wesley Bishop, D-New Orleans.

For veterans, the campus would be required to waive application fees, provide specialized orien-

tation programs, offer priority class scheduling and adopt policies that allow for quick readmission after deployment, among other things.

The Board of Regents would handle the application review.

The education committee backed the measure without objection, sending it to the full House for debate.

Rape Terms

Lawmakers are considering whether to change the terms used to describe the crime of sexual assault.

Authorities currently use "simple rape", "forcible rape" and "aggravated rape" to describe the varying degrees of sexual assault charges.

Under a bill (House Bill 139) backed by the House criminal justice committee Tuesday, those terms would be changed to third-degree rape, second-degree rape and first-degree rape.

Proponents of the changes said they are galled that the criminal justice system uses terms like "simple rape" to describe a serious crime.

"There is no such thing as a simple rape," Rep. Valarie Hodges, R-Denham Springs, the bill sponsor told the committee.

The measure heads next to the House floor for consideration.

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(Gate proceeds go to the MHS Band instrument fund.)

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MINDEN CRIME

Police: 2 arrested after search yields 9 grams cocaine

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Two Minden men were cuffed following a search of a house that yielded several grams of suspected cocaine and more in suspected marijuana.

Boss F Walker Jr., 34, of the 700 block of Sibley Road, was arrested Satur-

day, April 18, and charged with possession with intent to distribute Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession with intent to distribute Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine). Bond was set at \$30,000.

Courtland Jerel Hill, 29, of the 100 block of Rebecca Road, was arrested Saturday, April 18, and charged

with conspiracy to distribute Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and conspiracy to distribute Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine). Bond was set at \$33,500.

"We'd gotten an anonymous call indicating there were some people on the front porch of this residence on Sibley Road," Minden Police Chief Steve

Cropper said. "Officers made contact with these two guys on the front porch and in plain view, they observed a partially smoked rolled cigar with what they believed was marijuana laying on the porch."

At that point, officers placed Walker and Hill under arrest, Cropper says.

The officers asked for consent to search the residence, and it was given, the chief says.

"Once inside the residence, they located nine rocks of what field-tested to be positive for crack cocaine, 31 grams of marijuana and a set of digital scales," he said.

The two were transported to the Minden Police sta-



WALKER



HILL

tion, booked and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.



A group of children spent time making a "crazy hat" to wear during one of the art sessions at The Farm Tuesday. This week is Kids Week at The Farm, giving children exposure to the arts by more than just painting. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

ARTS

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Downer, ChickenStock chairman, said. "Mixing art and agriculture has been a perfect fit for us."

Artists and arts and crafts vendors will be scattered around the landscaped grounds that include a variety of public art sculptures and square foot garden beds.

The children's art exhibition will open with the largest exhibit of children's work in the area. More than 1,000 pieces of art from students K-12 will have been judged earlier in the week with the

top 10 and winners on display for Saturday's event.

The little blue house that has served as a focal point for the property will be open for tours. The little blue house was once the home of Zenobia West, who donated the four acres to the organization some 15 years ago. The home was built during the Great Depression and house many of the original fixtures and features of that era.

"We use the house as a backdrop for storytelling," Downer explains. "We share that time in our history with the children when people grew what

they ate, made what they wore and lived simply."

Chickens are on tap – live and painted. A petting zoo area will include The Farm's chickens, Dr. Alan Cameron's Highland cow and calf, some goats and bunnies.

Live music in the courtyard, great food and more eye candy than imaginable is on tap. Art stations will be set up to entice a variety of age groups to sit down and create anything from painting on canvas, making a crazy hat, weaving a potholder, to printing a fish or watching a style show of altered couture designs by area children.

Admission to Saturday's event is \$3 with all proceeds going to Minden High School's band instrument project. Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

ChickenStock was funded in part this year by the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Louisiana Division of the Arts and the Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

To learn more about Cultural Crossroads and The Farm, visit them on the web or Facebook.

Louisiana unemployment rate improves

Louisiana's unemployment rate continued to fall in March, even as employer payrolls fell.

The state's jobless rate declined to 6.6 percent from 6.7 percent in February. That's well above the 5.5 percent the state recorded in March 2014, and Louisiana is tied with West Virginia for the fourth-highest rate among the states. Unemployment has declined in each of the past three months as what had been a rapid increase in job seekers has eased.

"Overall, it looks like hiring in Louisiana is catching up with the rapid

growth in our workforce," Louisiana Workforce Commission Executive Director Curt Eysink said in a statement.

The civilian labor force and number of people reporting jobs both again set records in March.

The report found 145,000 Louisianans unemployed in March. That's down almost 3,000 from February but almost 30,000 above March 2014.

Unemployment rates fell in 23 states in March, rose in 12 and were flat in 15. Slowing oil and gas drilling meant that for the first time in years, North

Dakota didn't have the nation's lowest jobless rate. Instead, it was Nebraska with the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent. Nevada had the highest rate at 7.1 percent.

The national unemployment rate was flat from February to March at 5.5 percent, down from 6.6 percent in March 2014.

Figures, adjusted to cancel out seasonal changes, were released Tuesday by the U.S. Labor Department.

The unemployment rate is calculated by a survey that asks how many people are looking for a

job. A second survey each month asks employers how many people are on their payrolls, a measure many economists use as their top labor market indicator.

Louisiana payrolls fell by 3,000 in March to 1.98 million, a third month of decline after hitting an all-time high of almost 2 million payroll jobs in December. Employers report 14,000 more jobs than in March 2014. The state's payrolls have risen 5.9 percent since bottoming out in early 2010 and are 2.3 percent above pre-recession levels.

EPA

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interest expressed by attendees."

The workshop is to inform the public about "response preparedness, including how local officials will notify you if an incident occurs, who will respond, and some basic actions you should be prepared to take to protect your family," according to a news release.

"This is not a formal meeting," EPA officials say in the release. "You will have the opportunity to learn from and talk directly with agency representatives in an informal setting.

We welcome your participation."

EPA officials are in the process of reviewing a method of disposal for nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant and another several thousand pounds of clean burning igniter stored at Camp Minden.

Camp Minden is designated as a Superfund site, as defined by the EPA is, "an uncontrolled or abandoned place where hazardous waste is located, possibly affecting local ecosystems or people."

In October 2012, an explosion at Camp Minden brought attention to the alleged gross negligence of Explo Systems Inc., a company designed to take in

and dispose of discarded munitions. Following an investigation by the Louisiana State Police, the Louisiana Military Department and other agencies, seven individuals with or affiliated with the company were arrested and face various charges.

Earlier this year, a dialogue committee was formed in the wake of the decision by the U.S. Army to use the open burn method of disposal to destroy the improperly stored propellant. The dialogue committee, sponsored by the EPA, was made up of scientists, elected officials and concerned citizens that discussed alternative methods of disposal.

Most recently, Dialogue Committee member and concerned citizen Ron Hagar is heading up the formation of the Citizens Advisory Group that will help oversee the remediation of the M6 from beginning to end. That committee will be similar in makeup to the dialogue committee.

For anyone who would like to attend the CAG meetings, they are at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church of Doyline.

For specific needs or questions, contact Jason T. McKinney, U.S. EPA community involvement coordinator at 1-800-533-3508, toll free, or 214-665-8132, direct.

BUSINESS NEWS

IntegriCo Composites hosting job fair

SPRINGHILL — A job fair for positions at IntegriCo Composites will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Frank Anthony Community Center in Springhill.

IntegriCo Composites announced a year ago its plans to establish a \$20 million manufacturing facility in the North Webster Parish Industrial Park and create 300 jobs.

The company manufactures transportation infrastructure components, including railroad tires, rail crossings and industrial mats from landfill-bound plastic waste.

For more information and to submit a resume, visit www.integricolajobs.com and www.integri-colouisianajobs.com.

COURT NEWS

Webster Parish Civil Suits

Cases filed between April 2 through 16.

Antaveious Stephens vs. Kianndrea Carter, Custody Charles Ray Tellis vs. Wanda Faye Harris Tellis, Divorce Kristie Wilson vs. Bradley Wilson, Protective Order John Marshall Merritt vs. Christa Coulson Divorce Latarya N. Morris vs. Adovon Thomas, Divorce Darren Lewis vs. Regina Lewis, Divorce Claudia Myers OBO Scott Seabaugh vs. Ralph P. Seabaugh, Protective Order Bank of America NA vs. David L. Mason, Open Account Thomas Lynn Baker vs. Anndra Lebre Dildy, Custody Michael G. Upton vs. Randy Wane Duck, Petition Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. Shannon H. Striplin, Executory Process Ivan Smith Furniture Co. LLC vs. Arniquia Harden, Monies Due Moore Finance Company vs. Edwin Leathers, Monies Due Renata Sue Rodriguez Brand vs. Jeffrey Cole Brand, Divorce Gibbsland Bank & Trust vs. Lola Blakeley, Executory Process

Randy Sanders vs. Walt-netrise Gilbert Sanders, Divorce James E. Crow vs. Hal-liburton Energy Services Inc., Damages Gregory Scott Bernard vs. Tonya Eubanks Bernard, Divorce Tominesia Hol-ingsworth vs. Donald Turner, Damages Republic Finance LLC vs. Dreaema Evans, Suit on Note State Farm Bank vs. Johnny R. Mason, Open Account State of Louisiana vs. Kenyun Grigsby, Forfeiture Cavarly SPV LLC vs. Judy Coleman, Petition Rhonda Haynes vs. Esther Abdelkader, Dam-ages Bradley W. Duke vs. Lisa Lindsey Duke, Divorce Alice Allen vs. Jessie Ann Allen, Custody John L. Cole vs. Ella M. Frazier Cole, Divorce U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For vs. Linda Darlene Woodall, Executory Process Dana Shirley vs. Eric Denny, Protective Order Marie Duke Jackson, Succession Springleaf Financial Services of Louisiana vs. Willie T. Beene, Damages Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Gary Heath Warford, Executory Process

BIRTHDAYS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

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Anthony "Amp" Tellis

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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Scurrilous corporate thieves are stealing workers' comp

They say there's honor among thieves, but I say: That depends on the thieves.

Your common street thief, yes — but not those princely CEO's of corporate larceny. America's working families have learned the elites in the top suites are rewarded for being pickpockets, swindlers, thugs and scoundrels, routinely committing mass economic violence against the majority of America's working people to further enrich and empower themselves.

But now comes a cabal of about two-dozen corporate chieftains pushing a vicious new campaign of physical violence against workers. The infamous anti-labor bully, Wal-Mart, is among the leaders, but so are such prestigious chains as Macy's and Nordstrom, along with Lowe's, Kohl's and Safeway. Their goal is to gut our nation's workers compensation program, freeing corporate giants to injure or even kill employees in the workplace without having to cover all (or, in many cases, any) of the lost wages, medical care or burial expenses of those harmed.

Started more than 100 years ago, workers comp insurance is one of our society's most fundamental contracts between injured employees who give up the right to sue their companies for negligence when injured on the job and employers who pay for insurance to cover a basic level of medical benefits and wages for those harmed. Administered by state governments, benefits vary, and they usually fall far short of meeting the full needs of the injured people. But the program has at least provided an important measure of help and a bit of fairness to assuage the suffering of millions.

But even that's too much for the avaricious thieves atop these multibillion-dollar corporations. Why pay for insuring employees when it's much cheaper just to buy state legislators who are willing to privatize workers' comp? This lets corporations write their own rules of compensation to slash benefits, cut safety costs — and earn thieving CEO's bigger bonuses.

But who, you might ask, would help these corporate crooks in their callous and calculating scheme to rob workers of their hard-earned benefits? Why, that would be the work of ARAWC — the Association for Responsible Alternatives to Workers' Compensation.

What a deal! But it's a raw deal for injured workers. In Texas, which already has this write-it-yourself loophole, more than half of the corporate plans — get this — pay nothing to the families of workers who're killed in job accidents! Similarly, under an ARAWC-written opt-out provision that a Tennessee senator sponsored this year, employers wouldn't have to cover artificial limbs, home care or even funeral expenses of on-the-job accident victims.

Also, the Tennessee bill lets a company simply walk away from maimed workers after just three years or after paying only \$300,000 in expenses. Corporations always claim to "value" their employees — and this tells us exactly how little that value is.

By the way, the CEO of ARAWC also happens to be the head of "risk management" at the mingiest of workplaces: Wal-Mart. And that's what this opt-out scam amounts to — corporate profiteers hoping they can manage to escape paying for risking the lives of America's workforce. Yes, this shiftily move is a scurrilous crime, but it's a crime that pays richly for those at the top. And the money can fill the hole in their souls where their honor used to be.

Jim Hightower is a national radio commentator, writer, public speaker and author.



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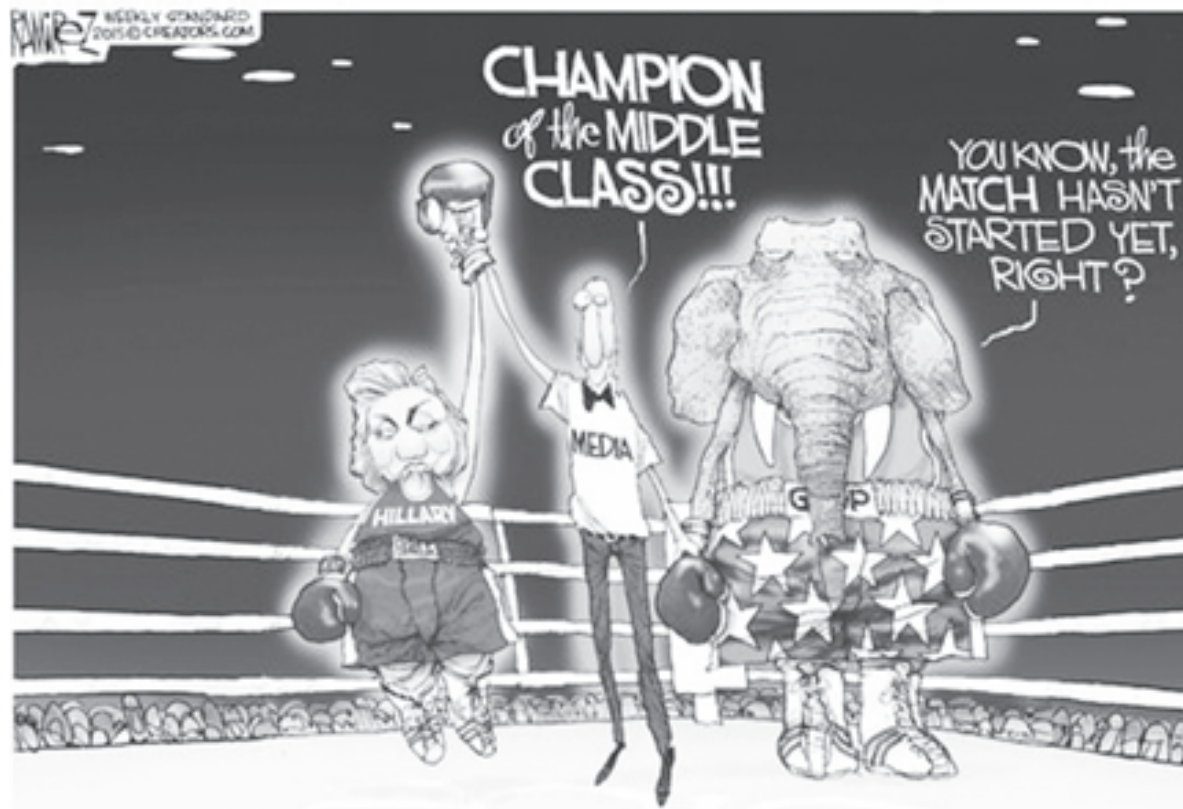
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The numbers game

If the old saying is true that the numbers don't lie, then the story of this year's legislative session is quantifiably easy to tell. The 144 members of the Louisiana Legislature face a \$1.6 billion governmental operating deficit this session. The governor enters his eighth and final year, which means Louisiana will have a new leader in 2016.

Legislators have until 6 p.m. on June 11 to finalize action on all bills, including the budget. In preparation of this year's session, legislators introduced over 1,070 bills covering a host of topics ranging from the budget to education to health care to the size of crawfish. Using a simple word search of all introduced bills, it is quite easy to see where their focus is going in to this annual spring ritual of politics and policy.

There are 433 pieces of legislation dealing with the word "tax" and 143 for "taxpayer." Unfortunately, the word "reduction" was only found in 69 bills as compared to the word "increase" which is used in 201 bills. Rather than cutting spending, these numbers leave little doubt with where officials are hoping to go to solve our state budget challenge.

State government is estimated to collect over \$10.5 billion in taxes, licenses and fees, and fees projected for FY16 but only \$8.5 billion is available to spend. (Meanwhile, expenditures anticipated for FY16 are \$10.1 billion, leaving a \$1.59 billion deficit.) While this appears to be a seemingly simple mathematical answer to our problems, the answer is quite fuzzy since a large portion of those dollars are not easily usable in times like this due to a budget locked up in restricted uses and dedicated funds.

Perhaps related to this self-inflicted obstacle, 55 bills are introduced dealing with "dedi-

cations" and 244 are pertaining to "funds."

The word "jobs" is found in only 54 bills and "economy" is listed in only 22, despite the fact that our private sector growth has been an impressive statistic compared to our regional peers and should be a source of pride for those running for election this fall. However, there is no discussion around the Capitol of the private sector growth we have.

The unquenchable thirst for more of your dollars for government is simply drowning out any talk of the private sector. Even the governor's speech to kick off the legislative session gave private sector growth only a passing comment before he then talked about the importance of raising taxes on inventory.

The lack of interest in learning the lessons of our growing private sector should be scary for anyone hoping for good economic policy to come out of this session. The money grab is on and folks don't care where the money comes from.

Louisiana's private sector growth, while admired around the country, is viewed almost warily by most in the Capitol. It is thought by some to be either an aberration or a source of guilt by those who value Louisiana's might solely by the size of its government growth.

Instead of focusing on priority issues to help grow our economy even more, such as elementary education (72 bills), higher education (59 bills), transportation (127 bills), health care (66 bills), workforce (40

bills) and coastal (22 bills), legislators aggressively filed instruments focused instead on grabbing more of your dollars by introducing a host of bills pertaining to credits (300 bills) and revenue (251 bills).

Our state pension costs have increased 80 percent over the last 10 years and our teacher pension costs have gone up 124 percent over the same time, leaving a huge cost burden on the budgets of K-12 and higher education. These escalating costs are threatening the productivity of our government and our refusal to address the problem is continuously increasing the debt burden for our children. Despite this well-known challenge to our budget stability, lawmakers introduced only 19 bills dealing with pensions.

Coincidentally, tobacco (34) and cigarettes (18) are mentioned roughly the same amount of times as tuition (32) and TOPS (14). Legislators seem to also have balanced interest on issues pertaining to locals (252) and businesses (255).

The 144 legislators representing the 18th State of the Union have their work cut out for them and a quick subject review of the bills they have already filed paints a clear picture of the plan. Efforts to raise taxes are being pushed more aggressively than ways to shrink a government that has grown \$9 billion over the last decade.

A quick review of the bills introduced this session tells a distinct story. The numbers behind that story paint a clear picture. Tax increases are en vogue in the Capitol these days, even if the numbers behind their harmful impact on our growing economy don't add up.

Stephen Waguespack is president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.



STEPHEN WAGUESPACK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scott Angelle prepared for governor's office

Dear Editor:

Scott A. Angelle is one of several preparing and is fully prepared for the high office of Governor of the State of Louisiana. Scott comes from a large Christian family; he is very well prepared because of Louisiana family. Many achievements in the business field, oil and some varied experience in the political field.

I will not attempt to try and list all of his accomplishments; you can look them up and be sure. You may have an opportunity to speak with him somewhere along the way. I do not know Scott Angelle; have only heard him speak once on T.V. I feel strongly he is a man of his word. And is a problem solver and a honest go getter.

Scott loves Louisiana, its people and is ready to serve. Please check him out when you do, I believe you will agree. Good luck Scott and God bless you and your family.

For God, Louisiana & America,

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Remember our military as we near Memorial day

Dear Editor:

As we near our U.S. Memorial day we salute and appreciate our American Military, especially those fallen in combat, our active duty, and all veterans that have served our country "honorably." Our US Military Reg's, regulations, state that anyone that defects or deserts his post in a combat situation will be charged with a penalty of death or life imprisonment.

Today we have U.S. soldiers locked up at Fort Leavenworth. Their "crime", is doing their sworn job as a U.S. soldier, in combat shooting and killing an enemy combatant, to include two U.S. Army Officers, both Lieutenants. One is for giving the order to his men to fire on the enemy. The other Lieutenant for shooting an enemy, he is now paroled after serving five years of a fifteen year sentence. Something is very wrong with this political situation in our military. I also know of and support a former U.S. Navy Chaplain that was discharged after serving honorably over fifteen years. His crime was for praying in Jesus Name in uniform at a military funeral. Something is wrong America; our U.S. Military is our National Defense.

An Old Soldier,
Jack L. Daniels

Give us your two cents!

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Around Town

Friday, April 24

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church's choir gospel quartet "The King's Servants" will be hosting a fish fry fundraiser in Ark-La-Tex Collision's parking lot from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fundraiser is to help fund a mission trip to Alaska. Price is \$10 per plate.

Saturday, April 25

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.

Pine Grove Baptist Church will celebrate "Annual Women's Day" at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Sister Lillie M. Norton of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

Excel to the Top (a community-wide youth extravaganza) for kids age 12 and older will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Central Community Center, 5500 Hwy 531., Dubberly. Free breakfast, lunch and registration with breakfast/registration from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by Marilyn Wallace.

Pine Grove Baptist Church will hold its first leadership workshop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration is from 8 until 9 a.m. Worship speakers include the Rev. James Smith and Sister Rashunda Myles of Galilee Baptist Church in Dubberly, Sister Rosie Horne of Saint Joe Baptist Church in Rayville and Sister Ophelia Green of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Minden.

Sunday, April 26

Miller Chapel Church's pastor aide program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with host pastor the Rev. Sherman Bradford.

Sunday, April 26-Wednesday, April 29

St. James Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Revival with guest speaker the Rev. Milton Caesar, pastor of St. Mark B.C. of Jonesville on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. The Rev. Thomas N. Bessix, pastor of New Gideon Baptist Church of Baton Rouge will be guest speaker April 27 through 29 7 p.m. nightly. All are invited.

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.

EDUCATION

Lakeside Students of the Month



Lakeside students of the month for March include, from left, Ariel Wallace, Abby Reynolds, Jalen Gould, Kendall Williams, Logan Baile and Yasmine Rogers. Courtesy Photo

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Coach Carlisle
skills camps

ATHENS — Former Minden High and Louisiana Tech star Randy Carlisle is hosting a series of fundamental basketball camps.

With over 30 years professional coaching experience with a proven successful track record, Carlisle's passion and skill for coaching and for the sport of basketball itself is evident. Being success driven and motivational, his teams have received numerous honors, awards and recognitions.

"The passion for basketball runs deep within my family as I, as well as my father, son, and daughter have achieved five State Championships, setting an extraordinary record for a family to bear state ring," Carlisle said.

The dates for the camps are the Saturdays, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 and will be held at 15520 Hwy 9 in Athens at the old Athens gym.

The camps are for boys and girls, kindergarten through seventh-grade (8:30 a.m. till 10 a.m.) and grades 8th through 12th (10:30 a.m. till 12 p.m.).

The fee for the camp is \$100 and each child must bring their own basketball.

For more information and the Parent/Guardian permission forms please visit ultimateseven.com or call or text Carlisle at (318) 579-3363 or (318) 579-3297.

NHL
Blackhawks beat
Preds in 3OT

CHICAGO (AP) — They played for 101 grueling minutes, beginning Tuesday night and running into early Wednesday morning.

The Chicago Blackhawks, looking for control of the first-round series. The Nashville Predators, searching for a split of their first four playoff games.

Enter Brent Seabrook, a physical defenseman with a penchant for big postseason goals.

Seabrook scored on a booming slap shot 1 minute into the third overtime, and the Blackhawks beat the Predators 3-2 in the longest game of this year's NHL playoffs so far.

"Long game, it was a late night," a smiling Seabrook said. "It's nice to end that one."

Seabrook's long drive off a pass from Patrick Kane beat a screened Pekka Rinne on the 100th shot of the longest game in Nashville history. Rookie Scott Darling made 50 saves for Chicago.

"It was awesome," Darling said.

Brandon Saad and Antoine Vermette also scored for the Blackhawks, who grabbed a 3-1 series lead and can close out the Predators with a win in Nashville on Thursday night.

Colin Wilson and James Neal scored for Nashville, which carried a 2-1 lead into the third period. Rinne finished with 45 stops.

"Our guys are a resilient group," Predators coach Peter Laviolette said. "They will not cave. They will not go away quietly. They'll be ready to play Game 5, I promise you."

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Little league returns



Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

Little Leaguers were back on the diamond Monday and Tuesday evening for the start of another exciting season at the Minden Recreation Center.

Coach Pitch
Southern Stone 10
Roma 4

Southern Stone picked up their first win of the season, led by Cash Frizzle's two homeruns and two RBI.

Remington Arendar had a triple for Souther Stone, while Connor Bolton, Eli Greer, Cameryn Davis and Gage Williams all had doubles. Ryan Reagan had two singles, and Judson Boothe, Hudson Glasscock, Derrick Bryant and Bo Clary added singles.

Peyton Houston, Garrett Adams, Preston Blakely and Brody Walker all had base hits for Roma.

Defiance Energy 5
Minden's Finest Storage 2

Landon Brewer homered, singles and drove in a RBI to lead Defiance. Jakob Frasier also homered and drove in a run to help lead the way. Adding singles for Defiance were Keshun Williams, Malachi West, Brendon Frasier, Tymarion Erving, Aiden Fizer, Jacoby Hartwell and Jayveion Jackson.

For Minden's Finest Storage, Noah Cox, Lyndon Garland, Blake Lewis, DeRodney Bryant, Keregion Jackson and Nolan Waller all had singles.

AA
Timberland Services 0
Wrecking Crew 15

Wrecking Crew was led by Braydon Winston who singles and doubled. Preston Luke Frye had a big game too, adding three singles of his own. Grayson Gorum, Hayden Hammett, Jekoye Knowles and Levi Pope all had two singles, and Kyler Ray and Jack Price III had base hits.

Bandits 4
Exterminators 0

Wyatt Whorton led the Bandits with a double and single. Tanner Johnson added two singles, while Hayden Watkins, Everonte Williams and Willie Jenkins pitched in with singles.

Connor Williams and Gavyn Davis each singles to lead the Exterminators.

Alpha Energy 0
Wonder Boys 11

Hunter Sutton had the only hit for Alpha, a single.

For the Wonder Boys, Reagan Coyle had a big game, hitting three homeruns. Easton Sanders and Landyn Huddleston got in on the action with homeruns of their own.

Hudson Brown had a triple, Jaxon Smith had two singles and Kevin Berry, Gage Machen and Bryson Ranger each had a single.

Lil' Soldiers 2 Elm St.
Dental 3

Quinn Jackson, Ethan Turner, Seth Mangrum, Eli Santelices and Kennedy Burns all singles to help lead Elm Street Dental to the win.

Brandon Davis Jr. had a triple to lead the Lil' Soldiers. Josiah Jordan, Christian Ambrosio, Kristofer Jackson and Jonathan Bryant all singled for the Lil' Soldiers.

AAA
Skeeters 15 Minden
Farm & Garden 1

Bruce Benton doubled and drove in three, Jaden Baugh singled twice and drove in two and C.J. Davis triples and singled to lead Skeeters. Ethan Vice added a single for Skeeters.

Jace Pate pitched for Skeeters, tossing a no-hitter in first start, while striking out nine batters in an excellent outing.

Minden Farm & Garden pitcher Gavin Hicks pitched well, striking out 11 batters.

Alpha Railroad 13
Kirk's Towing 0

Price Miller tripled and singled to lead Alpha, while Seth Levesque, Mason Lewis and Trey Yetman all singled.

Darius Carter had the lone hit for Kirk's, a single.

Price Miller pitched three innings for Alpha, giving up no hits and striking out nine batters. Trey Yetman tossed one inning, giving up one hit while striking out the side.

Cooper Parker Dale struck out four batters to lead Kirk's on the mound.

Dixie Youth
U.S. Silica 6 Rangers 3

Chance Hammon led Silica with a double and two RBI, and Thomas Rhames doubled and drove in one. Xander Turner singled and drove in one run and Keegan Frizzell added a single.

Parker Cupples did it all for the Rangers, totaling their only two hits of the day, both singles.

Andrew Fegley struck out seven batters for the Rangers and only gave up one run.

Keegan Frizzell and Connor Humphreys both struck out six batters for Silica to help take the win.

Bulldogs 10 Tide 1

Jackson Mayfield and Grady Brasher each pitched two innings and struck out four batters to help the Bulldogs to the win.

Seth Johnson, Jake Moro and Cooper Parks singled for the Tide.

Johnson led the Tide on the mound as well, striking out three.

Tigers 1 Minden
Athletic 2

Drake Freeman pitched Minden Athletic to a win by striking out eight batters in five innings on the mound.

Hayden Engel doubled, singled and drove in a run to lead Minden Athletic. De'Mareya Howard, Kyle Spears and Blake Bradley each singled.

For the Tigers, Ryan Sheets pitched well, striking out seven and allowing one hit. Jake Walker led the Tigers at the plate with two singles, and J.T. Edge singled.

Swain's Sluggers 2
Braves 1

Caid Thomas and Cale Hollis tripled to lead Swain's. Luke Dickson singled twice, while Hayden Brown, Je'Dyah Taylor, Brian Foster, Bryce Swain and Drew Cale all added singles.

Javis Moore had the only hit for the Braves.

Cale Hollis and Jackson Powell each struck out six batters to lead Swain's on the mound, while Connor Dunfey pitched well for the Braves, striking out seven batters.

Darlings
Kennon Crushers 15
Grey's Jewlery 1

Bailey Haulcy had a homerun and a single to lead Kennon's. Leigha Kennon-Gilbert and Dakota Howard each doubled and singled, while Leyla Slaughter, Kristen White and Kennadie Keener singled twice.

Aubrey Gorman, Tatum Oliver, Belle and Charlie all added base hits.

Baylee Bonsall, Lauren Barrett and McKenna Chreene each singled for Grey's.

Lady Rangers 4
Minden Lions Club 0

Asia Blow, India Norton and Chelsei Hampton singled twice to lead the Lady Rangers. Ahmani Hawkins, Haylee Guthrie, Kabreyia Forbes, Kabryn Hayden and Kyrin Clary each singled.

Sydney Bates and Aaliyah Allen had base hits for Lions Club.

Dixie Angels
Kennon Dazzlers 5
Cooksey's Tax 1

Ada Gilbert homered and singled to lead the Dazzlers, and Elisabeth Cage singled.

Katelin Weston singled for Cooksey's.

Elisabeth Cage struck out eight batters in the circle for the Dazzlers, while Kelsie Morgan struck out five for Cooksey's. Hilary Bates struck out three for Cooksey's.

Minden Athletic Divas
8 Timberland 1

Ella Floyd doubled and homered for the Divas to lead the way. Sydney Robinson added a triple, Gabby Salas had two singles and Kenzie Warmack added a single.

Floyd also struck out six batters to lead Minden Athletic.

Lauren Still had the only hit for Timberland, a single. Landry Malone struck out for batters from the circle for Timberland.

Ponytails
Gotshall Girls 7 Sky
Rangers 0

Taylor Bumgardner homered to lead Gotshall. Bridgett Morgan had a big game also, with a double and a single. Karli Gotshall, Hollan Haynes, Olivia McKenzie, Madison Bumgardner and Madeline Dunn all singled for Gotshall.

Amari Knapp had the only hit for the Rangers.

Taylor Bumgardner struck out six for Gotshall, and Ame'lia Coleman struck out five for the Rangers.

Subway 0 CWW Fire
15

Hannah Mosley had a homerun to lead the Fire, Laney Taylor doubled and Alex Reynolds singled.

Mosley struck out eight batters on the mound for

CWW.

Holly Estes, Kendall Lynn and Reagan Lee all threw well from the circle for Subway.

Tuesday Games
AA

Lil' Soldiers 2 Alpha Energy 1

Josiah Jordan and Kris Jackson doubled for the Lil' Soldiers, and Christian Ambrosio added an RBI double to lead the way. Johnathan Bryant and J.R. Hogan added singles.

For Alpha, Hunter Bell led the way with an RBI single, and Jordon Dick, Hunter Sutton and Drake Lewis added singles.

Roughneck Rentals
3 Elm St Dental 6

Levi Rhodes, Kennedy Burns and Dawson Day all had RBI doubles to lead Elm St. Dental. Ethan Turner and Seth Mangrum had two singles, while Quinn Jackson, Kaleb Cornelius and Connor Williams added singles.

Braxton Glover had a single and a double with three RBI to lead Roughneck. Garrett Simpson and Zander Powell each had two singles.

Wrecking Crew 6
Braves 1

Braydon Winston led the Wrecking Crew with two singles and a double, while Levi Pope and Grayson Gorum doubled. Nick Ray, Preston Frye and Kyler Ray all added singles for the Crew.

Eli Campbell had a big game for the Braves with two doubles, and Jesse Montoya added a double of his own.

Wonder Boys 17
Exterminators 1

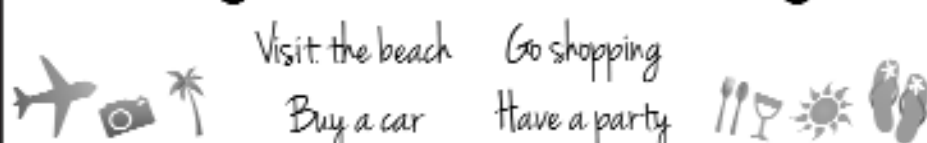
Bryson Ranger had a single, double and triple, Easton Sanders a single and two doubles, Brody Bower two singles and a double and Reagan Coyle added a single and double to lead the Wonder Boys with multi hit games.

Landyn Huddleston and Kevin Berry had singles and Hudson Brown doubled to round out the Wonder Boy attack.

A.J. Sterling had a sin-

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Apaches, Cooksey's Tax get big wins Tuesday night

BASEBALL

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gle to lead the Exterminators.

AAA Lion's Club 18 Regulators 1

Bryce Powell had two doubles and Jake Williams singled and tripled to lead Lion's Club. Ethan Latour had three singles, Kevin Johnson had two singles and Caleb Condit, Travis Randall and Brandon Winston all singled.

Bryce Powell and Dayton Sims combined for a no-hitter, with Powell striking out six and Sims three.

Chase Hammons and Ric Harris pitched for the Regulators, combining for four strikeouts.

Alpha Energy 0 Apaches 17

Landry Powell singled and tripled, Garrett Brown tripled and Maddox Mandino and Jakobe Jackson each had two singles and a double for the Apaches. Cameron Pope doubled, Grayson Williams singled and Tucker Pitman singled.

Landry Powell struck out four batters on the mound for

the Apaches, combining with Cason Clemens in relief for a no-hitter.

Jaylin Williams struck out six batters on the mound for Alpha.

Dixie Youth Tigers 6 U.S. Silica 5

Peyton Allen had a two RBI single, Trenton McLaughlin an RBI single and Caleb Rhodes and Cameron Herman added singles.

McLaughlin struck out seven batters on the mound.

Xander Turner had an RBI double for Silica, Thomas Rhames an RBI single and Keegan Frizzell an RBI single.

Corbon Kendrick smashed a double and Matthew Seales had a single.

Kendrick had a big game on the mound too, striking out 10 batters.

Rangers 5 Minden Athletic 7

Kyle Spears and Blaine Sparks led Minden Athletic with RBI singles, while Hayden Engel and De'Mareya Howard added singles.

Spears struck out eight batters on the mound for Minden Athletic.

For the Rangers, Parker couples had three singles and an RBI, Andrew Fegley a

single and an RBI double and Trevor Chachere added an RBI single.

Fegley also struck out eight batters on the mound for the Rangers.

Dixie Boys Glenbrook 10 Farm Bureau 1

Cade Clemons singled, doubled and drove in four RBI to lead Glenbrook. Nick Mourad singled and doubled also, driving in two RBI, while Haynes Mandino singled, doubled and drove in one RBI. Trevor McLean had two singles and Thomas Parnell had an RBI single for Glenbrook.

Trevor McLean and Nick Mourad each tossed two innings, combining to one-hit Farm Bureau.

Cade Volentine singled for Farm Bureau, and Brittain Rangers led Farm Bureau on the mound, striking out seven batters.

Lakeside 2 Herbert Town & Country 3

Tyler Gillespie tripled and Gage Edwards had an RBI single to lead Herbert's.

Trevor Randle doubled for Lakeside and Michael Watts had a run scoring single. Braedyn Frye and D.J. Harvey each added singles for Lakeside.

Drake Austin pitched for

Lakeside, striking out eight batters in five innings of work, and Nathan Willis sat down five for Herbert's.

Darlings Blaze 7 Global Pressure 2

Riley Robinson, Hallie Harmon and Audrie Teutsch all had two singles for Blaze. Addison Monk doubled and singled, Jewelyn Hays doubled and Paiton Levesque singled.

Kylie Ryan doubled to lead Global Pressure and Lindsey Ryan singled.

State Farm 0 Dirt Divas 12

Hadley Haynes and Rebecca Mosley doubled and singled to lead the Divas. Vivian Still crushed a triple, Anna Williford smashed a double and Matti Fowler had two singles. Isabella Vise and Lainey Mercer had singles for the Divas.

Mackenzie McCoy doubled and singled to lead State Farm, and Synyah Rabb singled.

Dixie Angels Cooksey's Tax 7 Mark Dunn Tigers 3

Hilary Bates tripled and Katelin Weston singled to lead Cooksey's.

Cadence Williamson and Kaleigh Foster doubled for

the Tigers, and Gracelyn Pepper and Alyssa Streetman singled.

Kelsie Morgan struck out five batters for Cooksey's in the circle. Alyssa Streetman sat down six for the Tigers.

Fuzion 0 Minden Athletic 10

Emma Pitman, Maci Tanner and Ella Floyd all hit homeruns to power Minden Athletic. Sydney Robinson had two singles and Kenzie Warmack, McKenzie Gates and Clara Robinson all added singles.

Gracie Green had a single and Molly Fanning struck out three batters to lead Fuzion.

Sarah Margaret Mosley and Pitman each struck out three batters for Minden Athletic.

Ponytails Rangers 8 Subway 7

Nunu Franklin had a triple to lead the Rangers, while Kenya Harris, Anointess Scott, Whisper Mason and Kehonesty Williams singled.

Reagan Lee doubled for Subway and Rayne West singled.

CWW Fire 4 Gotshall Girls 4

Lawren Williams tripled to lead the Fire, and Kaylee Davis and Hollie Payne sin-

gled.

For Gotshall, Alyssa Valentine, Taylor Bumgardner and Karli Gotshall all singled.

Karli Gotshall struck out five batters for Gotshall Girls, and Hannah Mosley sat down five for CWW.

Dixie Belles Pink Pratique 3 Haughton Heat 9

Myers and Ward led the Heat with a double and a single respectively, and Giese struck out four batters to lead Haughton.

Kimberlee Shepard, Shania Freelon and Kelsey James tripled for Pink Pratique. Nancy Silva, Sha Whiting, Ty Shehee and Zimya Manning all singled.

Whitney Aubrey had five strikeouts from the circle for Pink Pratique.

OWC 19 First Methodist 0

Karlee Osbon led OWC with two doubles and a single. Halie Cross hit a home-run and a single, and Kaylee Butler homered as well.

Abigail Johnson doubled for OWC and Haley Machen, Abby Cross, Olivia Osborne and Chelsea Mays singled.

Audrey Plants singled for First Methodist and also struck out two batters.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NFL releases regular season schedules for all 32 teams



NEW YORK (AP) — Among the Patriots' rewards for winning the Super Bowl is hosting the season opener.

The opposition this year is another team with championship pedigree:

the Pittsburgh Steelers.

New England and Pittsburgh will begin the NFL season on Thursday night, Sept. 10 with a game matching quarterbacks with six Super Bowl rings and nine Super Bowl appearances: Tom Brady vs. Ben Roethlisberger.

Since Brady became New England's starting quarterback in 2001, he is 6-3 against the Steelers — he missed the 2008 game while injured — including

2-0 in the playoffs.

Other prime-time matchups on opening weekend will have the New York Giants at Dallas on Sunday, Sept. 13; Philadelphia at Atlanta, followed by Minnesota at San Francisco in a Monday night doubleheader.

Both conference championship rematches will be Sunday night affairs: Seattle at Green Bay in Week 2, Patriots at Colts on Oct. 18.

Yet another Sunday game will be the latest Brady-Peyton Manning faceoff when the Patriots are at Denver on Nov. 29.

Three days earlier, the traditional Thanksgiving Day games will feature Detroit hosting the Eagles, followed by Carolina visiting the Cowboys.

The holiday evening contest is a renewal of the NFL's longest-running rivalry, with Chicago at Green Bay. The Packers

reportedly will honor Brett Favre that night, placing his jersey on the facade of Lambeau Field.

"I think it's great, and it will be great for our fans, the first time we've had a Thanksgiving night game here at Lambeau Field," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "I think it will definitely be a special night."

The Packers also open the season at Chicago.

"Going to Chicago is always a big game,"

McCarthy said. "Doing it Week 1 with a new (Bears) coaching staff brings some extra challenges, but we're looking forward to starting off with the oldest rivalry in the National Football League."

Three games in London will have the Jets against the host Dolphins at 9:30 a.m. ET on Oct. 4; Buffalo facing host Jacksonville on Oct. 25; and Detroit against host Kansas City on Nov. 1.

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Piers Morgan quizzed by police over tabloid phone hacking

LONDON (AP) — Former CNN host Piers Morgan was questioned for a second time by British police Tuesday about tabloid phone hacking.

Morgan, who edited Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper between 1995 and 2004, said he attended a voluntary interview with detectives.

"As this is an ongoing investigation, I am unable to comment further until its conclusion," he said in a statement.

London's Metropolitan Police said "a 50-year-old man was interviewed under caution ... in connection with suspected conspiracy to intercept telephone voicemails."

"Under caution" means Morgan was not arrested, but the interview was recorded and could be used in future prosecutions.

Morgan, 50, was previously questioned by police investigating hacking in December 2013.

He has denied knowing that reporters were eavesdropping on mobile-phone voicemails when he was an editor.

Britain's phone hacking scandal was triggered by the 2011 revelation that employees of Rupert Murdoch's News of the World listened to the voicemails of politicians, celebrities and even crime victims in a quest for scoops.

Since then, police investigations, criminal trials and a public inquiry have revealed that phone hacking was widespread at Britain's tabloids more than a decade ago. Former News of the World editor Andy Coulson was sentenced last year to 18 months in jail for hacking that went on when he was in charge.

Murdoch's News Corp. and Mirror Group Newspapers — two of Britain's main tabloid publishers — have admitted hacking and paid millions in compensation to victims.

Judge Brian Leveson, who led the phone-hacking inquiry, called Morgan's claim that he had no knowledge of the practice "utterly unpersuasive."

Morgan was fired by the Daily Mirror in 2004 after the newspaper ran pictures claiming to show British soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners which were discovered to be fakes. He hosted an interview show on CNN between 2011 and 2014.



MOVIE NEWS

Head of movie association predicts record year at box office

LAS VEGAS — It matters where you watch a movie, the head of the Motion Picture Association of America stressed Tuesday at the opening of an annual gathering of theater owners in Las Vegas.

Chris Dodd, chairman and CEO of the association, also said piracy and illegal downloading remain top concerns for the industry, especially

with 2015 expected to be a record-breaking year at the worldwide box office.

At stake, Dodd said, are the jobs of 1.9 million American workers who depend on the success of the film and television industry.

Those workers are the ones whose "faces we will never see on a movie screen, who will never walk a red carpet," he said.

Dodd used the opportunity to promote the newly launched website www.wheretowatch.com, a search platform presented by the six member studios of the MPAA to provide information on where films can be seen legally online or in theaters.

But the major theme of the presentation was the upcoming slate of movies. National Association of Theater Owners President

John Fithian noted a number of reasons that 2015 will be a banner year, including the fact that studios are finally embracing the entire calendar year for releases.

"Clint Eastwood presented serious drama in January, February is a great time for love," said Fithian, referencing high-earners "American Sniper" and "Fifty Shades of Grey."

In a year that includes

blockbuster releases such as "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," "Avengers: Age of Ultron," and "Jurassic World," Fithian said there will be "at least four, and maybe six, billion-dollar global movies spread across the year."

Key, though, is the fact that there are more films with women at the center, and more films that appeal to all ages. Films such as "Cinderella,"

"Insurgent" and "Fifty Shades of Grey" had women in leading roles and women making up 60 percent of the ticket-buying audience.

"Personally I'm so pleased that my daughter can see more women in leading roles than ever before," he said.

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