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### ARTS IN MINDEN



Kennedy Dent paints Olivia Velarice's face Saturday during the 21st annual Spring Arts Festival known as ChickenStock. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

# ChickenStock draws hundreds

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Chickenstock was a success despite strong storms that blew through Friday night.

With something for everyone of all ages, the family-oriented event displayed arts in Minden from many locals and art demonstrations took place throughout the day.

Bonnie Ferguson, owner of Pastry Moon Soap, helped with Kids Day at The Farm throughout the week as well as Saturday and says she's enjoyed ChickenStock for several years. A professional artist, Ferguson says this year's event is better than ever.

"It is so much bigger this year than last year," she said. "Last year, we only had a few vendors, so I really feel like the community has come out in full stride for this. The Farm itself is just perfectly put together. Everything has a little touch. Everywhere you look

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Youth Challenge Program Cadet Alex Argueta helps Adeline Hedrick paint a fish at one of the art stations at ChickenStock Saturday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



Chris Broussard gives painting lessons to Levi Rhodes, left and Logan Ray as their mothers, Kacey Rhodes and Anna Ray look on during ChickenStock Saturday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

### LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

# Lake Bistineau bill goes to House floor Monday

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A House bill to create revenue for Lake Bistineau that will help in the fight against giant salvinia is expected to go to the floor Monday.

House Bill 228, authored by state Rep. Gene Reynolds, if passed would dedicate \$300,000 of the state's mineral income from activities on certain water bottoms of Lake Bistineau to weevil production for control of giant salvinia on the lake.



**REYNOLDS**

In years past, Reynolds says, the bill did not make it. This year is a little different in that some things were amended that he feels will help it move forward.

"We amended it a little bit, and I think it will pass this time," he said.

The proposed law would dedicate the funds from of the state leases, royalties, bonuses and rights-of-way from activity on Lake Bistineau for weevil production. It would create the Lake Bistineau Management Account in the conservation fund.

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### LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

# Lawmakers seek overhaul of handling of sexual assaults

BATON ROUGE — The young woman had been raped near LSU's Baton Rouge campus, but that wasn't the only indignity she suffered, her mother later recalled.

In reporting the attack, the 18-year-old encountered apathetic authorities, harsh questioning and a hospital that not only billed her thousands of dollars for a medical exam, but also tacked on a late-night fee because she sought help after 10 p.m., the mother said.

In Louisiana, her story is not unique. "If our homes are broken into, we are not charged for evidence collection," said the woman's mother, who testified on condition of anonymity before a Senate committee last fall. "After being poked and prodded and interrogated, this was the last straw: over \$4,200 dollars in billings."

Now, the Legislature appears ready to address those concerns and more,

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ARTS IN MINDEN

## Soto: 'Homelessness a multi-faceted issue'

### Ruston artist finds meaning after filming documentary

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A Ruston artist found meaning in his art after finding his way to God, but it was after filming a documentary on homelessness that brought the issue home for him.

Trent Dion Soto spent 30 days as a homeless man on Skid Row in Los Angeles, choosing this path to document a prevalent issue and show them as real people with real emotions. "Among the Discarded," to be premiered at The Farm Saturday, May 16, is a documentary which follows Soto as he delves into the world of homelessness.

"I've had a taste of homelessness," he said. "In 1995, Hurricane Opal ripped up Panama City Beach and this Louisiana boy lost everything he owned. Everything – truck, my apartment, almost my life."

At that time in his life, he says he was making bad choices and literally had to choose between those choices or a place to live. It was in that moment he turned his life over to God, and in part, his own experiences led him to share the issues that are the epidemic of homelessness.

"I know the basics of homelessness," he said. "Throughout my life, I created art with no meaning. I am a Christian, and I know God gave me these talents and I'd been using my talents for 20 plus years for all the little gods. Some of the greatest art pieces I've done is a ministry to me. (Homelessness) is an epidemic in one of the richest countries in the world."

It will never go away, he says, and the 30 days he spent on Skid Row was an

enlightening one.

"There are many reasons behind it, but there's a lot that we can do," Soto said. "My first day on Skid Row was sensory overload. The noises, the smells, the movement – it was at first glance, to me, a true human wasteland. It was a place where people were discarded. It was something you see on TV you would figure would be in a third world country."

The hardest thing, he says, was watching everyone around him in need, hurting. There are things most people take for granted, like a fresh cup of coffee or the security of a locked door.

"You felt for them, and I felt helpless knowing that I couldn't help everyone," he said. "Since then, I've formed relationships that I still have with people on Skid Row and it's really about building a relationship one person at a time, and not taking on the whole community at once."

Soto is the son of a military man. Born in England, he and his family came back to the United States, to Ruston, where he was raised and graduated high school. His life experiences include an array of things many people in the Deep South might not ever see, and he delved into the world of art, music and television. He has produced art for the covers of music albums and done the stage backdrop for famous bands such as Aerosmith.

"I've always been artist," he says. "The first play I ever painted was the background on the stage in the third grade. It was 'The Christmas Carol.' I remember doing the bricks so detailed the teacher was like, 'Trent, you're so good.'

So that stuck with me."

That impression has followed him throughout his life, he says. His talent pulled him into the world of the music and film industry, allowing him to use his skills in music videos as well.

"I did my last tour with Aerosmith in 1997, and I did two pieces that traveled with them," he said. "It was probably one of my favorites, getting to meet Steven (Tyler), getting his autograph and pictures. I did this for 13 years with MTV, then freelanced."

Soto and ChickenStock chairman Melissa Downer went to school together, and she says she reconnected with him on Facebook, where she discovered his love of the arts.

"When he decided to begin his journey to Skid Row, I was not really surprised as he has always been one to step out of the box and go a different route," she said. "But I was amazed at his strength and confidence in his mission. I am beyond proud of him and his work and we are absolutely thrilled to have him premiere his documentary with us at The Farm."

"I left a chunk of my heart and a sliver of my soul on Skid Row, and I will forever be a part of that community one way or another," he said.

Today, when he visits with the homeless, he gives back in the most basic way, helping to meet their physical needs first. When he travels, he emerges himself into homeless communities bringing with him hygiene kits, clothing and other materials, but he also sits with them and talks to them.

In the film, he only scratched the surface of



Ruston native Trent Dion Soto paints 'angel wings' on the side of Zenobia's House at The Farm Saturday. Soto has done many of these paintings, done by hand, and calls them 'Angels Among Us.' Children who watched the demonstration were given an opportunity to have their picture taken in front of the 'angel wings.' Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

the many issues that face the homeless, but the one that stuck out to him the most is the homeless military veterans. One he talked about was a veteran Soto thanked for his service, and his last words always were, "It was an honor to serve."

"I think it is a great travesty that men and women serve our country and they're truly discarded," he said. "They suffer the highest suicide rate of any social group that exists – 22 suicides a day."

Tearfully, he spoke of a veteran who took his own

life at only 30 years old.

"Because he couldn't afford a house, he couldn't afford to live," he said. "And he lost everything. He didn't have anything to live for. So I'm here to be a voice. My journey will continue and it will be lifelong."

## LAWMAKERS

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with support from Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Two New Orleans Democrats — Rep. Helena Moreno and Sen. J.P. Morrell — have proposed legislation they say will reform the way law enforcement, hospitals and colleges across the state address sexual assault.

One key component of the legislation would ban hospitals from billing

women for a post-assault exam — a practice that is common, though not universal, in Louisiana despite a federal law against charging victims for a forensic exam.

Moreno's bill would let health care providers instead seek payment from a state crime victim's board.

"These are horrific crimes, and we need to do everything we can to help these women so they are not victimized yet again when they seek medical help," said Jindal, who wants to pay for the med-

ical exams with an estimated \$2.5 million in yearly unclaimed gambling winnings.

Many other states have for decades paid for post-assault exams, said Ebony Tucker, executive director of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault.

But in Louisiana, some parishes have refused to pay for victims' medical exams unless they are willing to report their assault to authorities. Authorities in some parishes have also reportedly administered lie detector tests to vic-

tims.

Other legislation would address college campus sexual assaults, which are often underreported.

Morrell described learning how many colleges handle claims of sexual assault as "akin to reading a horror novel."

"Everyone is doing something different and all of it was bad," he said.

One of Morrell's bills would require colleges and law enforcement agencies to release annual figures on the number of sexual assaults reported and investigated, along with

the number of forensic sexual assault kits sent away for analysis — data that is currently lacking.

Colleges, hospitals and investigators would also be required to follow clearer and more stringent guidelines for investigating sexual assault claims and providing victims with counseling and medical care.

Morrell is also seeking to require colleges to conduct an annual study to measure students' awareness of sexual assault.

"So many of them don't understand the law," the

senator said. "That's a failure of universities to educate these young people with very different ideas about what is rape and what (it) is not."

Another bill was proposed in response to a well-publicized backlog of sexual assault evidence exams, some of which sat on shelves for months, if not years. If approved, law enforcement agencies would have seven days to collect a forensic kit from a hospital. After that, they would have 30 days to send it off for DNA testing.

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One of the LCD digital display screens at the Shreveport Regional Airport where Webster Parish will be advertised is shown. Lynn Dorsey, executive director of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, says the advertisement will run for one year and be seen by 600,000 passengers. Courtesy Photo

## Spring Arts Festival in 21st year

### ARTS

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there is something fantastic to see. This is my third or fourth year this year, so I've kind of seen it grow, and I'm excited about it."

Participating in the event all week, she says she's proud to see how far it's come.

"I love it," she said. "I'd have been here rain or shine."

Andrea Riggan Wilkerson, owner of Madame Junk, was a vendor at ChickenStock for the first time, and within the first hour, she sold almost everything at her booth. She says she met Chris Broussard, co-founder and chairman of the event, and she absolutely loves her.

Wilkerson met Broussard at a beauty salon in Minden and said she'd noticed her work.

"She's the one who told me I'm an artist," Wilkerson said. "I never considered myself an artist until she said it."

Wilkerson takes older furniture or furniture people don't want and turns it into art pieces.

"This is the first event I've ever done," she said, "and because she helps the kids, I wanted to try to draw traffic here. I love it here, and I would come back here year after year."

Ashtyn Brittian, a fifth grade student at E.S. Richardson Elementary, came to ChickenStock to participate in the various events throughout the day. She even watched as Trent Dion Soto painted "angel wings" with only his hands

on the side of Zenobia's House. She says she was excited to watch him paint.

"He said I'd have to be a stand-in so he could get the size and where the wings need to be," she said. "It's fun."

She says she is good at art and might be an artist someday.

"It's fun, and I get a bunch of art stuff for Christmas every year," she said. "I feel like I'm good at it."

For 21 years, the Spring Festival for the Arts has drawn area residents to experience all types of art and participate in making art.

This year, hundreds of art entries were made in various categories and age groups. The top 10 were chosen and displayed at The Farm Saturday.

### REYNOLDS

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Reynolds says he is looking at a public/private partnership to help cover some of these expenses, as the requested amount won't cover it all.

"The \$100,000 requested doesn't cover the whole year, so that's why I'm

looking into a public/private partnership," he said in an earlier edition of the Press-Herald. "We've got some people that are interested in trying to work with us."

The idea is to get a bill passed that would generate funding from the oil and gas underneath the lake to build a weevil breeding station as well as research into endocide.

Endocide is a process developed by researchers at Stephen F. Austin State University by which the salvinia would produce lethal chemicals that would turn on itself, thereby killing it from root to flower.

If passed, the bill would go into effect July 1 and sunset on or after July 1, 2017.

### OBITUARIES

#### Janet Roberts Cox

Memorial services for Janet Roberts Cox will be at Minden Cemetery at 2 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2015. Janet was born May 10, 1952 in Minden and entered into rest April 24, 2015. Her parents, G.E. and Helen Roberts; granddaughter, Abby Edrington; and nephew Patrick Stone preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, Stuart Edrington and wife Jennifer of Munford, Tennessee; two grandchildren, Trent and Cole Edrington; and sisters Joanna Reeve and husband Max of Minden and Patricia Stone and husband Dane Sr. of Minden.



COX

Martha was then a bank teller for the Federal Reserve in Houston in the early 1960s where she recalled being there the day that President JFK was assassinated in 1963 in Dallas. She also worked at the Federal Bank of Shreveport. In the early 1980s, Martha began working in a flower shop in Dixie Inn where she met her husband of 29 years, James Rodney "Big Rod." The couple married in 1983 at Pleasant Valley Church. Over the next several years, the husband and wife duo had several flower shops and liquor stores in Dixie Inn. In between those times, the couple found the time to care for their grandson, Matthew and they later legally adopted him as their son.

Martha is survived by her adopted son, Matthew Hortman and wife Samantha of St. Augustine, Florida; step-daughter, Rhonda Hortman Connor of Shreveport; step-son James Rodney Jr. of Minden; grandchildren, Michael Connor and Kaitlyn Connor Jeansonne and husband Jeremy, and Kim Hortman; great-grandchildren, Ellie Grace and Brooklyn Jeansonne, McKenzie Hortman; sister, Patricia Dykes and husband Leroy of Cotton Valley; and brother, William "Bill" Tyre of San Jose, California/Cotton Valley; and many nieces and nephews.

Martha was preceded in death by both of her parents, husband, James Rodney "Big Rod"; and sister Linda Childress.

Honoring the life of Mrs. Hortman will be Matthew Hortman, Charles Hortman, Michael Connor, Billy Dykes, Phillip Isherwood and Kerry Phillips.

Honorary pallbearer will be George Hortman.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hines and his staff for the many years of loving care.

#### Martha Sue Tyre Hortman

Martha Sue Hortman, 73, of Minden went home to be with her late husband, "Big Rod" on April 25, 2015 at her home after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., April 28, 2015 at Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church located at 16835 Hwy 371 in Minden. Interment will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. The Rev. Jim Kennedy will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 until 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden for family and friends.



HORTMAN

Martha was born on July 11, 1941 to William Earl Tyre and Mattie Sue Tyre Martin in Texas City, Texas.

She attended a business school in Texas where she learned to type and use a 10-key.

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# OPINION

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## Trade deals that put American workers first

I've talked a lot lately about why new trade deals are important to our economy. Today, I want to talk about why new trade deals are important to our values. They're vital to middle-class economics -- the idea that this country does best when everyone gets their fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules. These are simple values. They're American values. And we strive to make sure our own economy lives up to them, especially after a financial crisis brought about by recklessness and greed. But we also live in a world where our workers have to compete on a global scale. Right now, on an uneven playing field. Where the rules are different. And that's why America has to write the rules of the global economy -- so that our workers can compete on a level playing field. I understand why a lot of people are skeptical of trade deals. Past deals didn't always live up to the hype. They didn't include the kind of protections we're fighting for today. We have lessons to learn from the past -- and we have learned them. But trying to stop a global economy at our shores isn't one of those lessons. We can't surrender to the future -- because we are meant to win the future. If America doesn't shape the rules of the global economy today, to benefit our workers, while our economy is in a position of new global strength, then China will write those rules. I've seen towns where manufacturing collapsed, plants closed down, and jobs dried up. And I refuse to accept that for our workers. Because I know when the playing field is level, nobody can beat us. That's why, when I took office, we started thinking about how to revamp trade in a way that actually works for working Americans. And that's what we've done with a new trade partnership we're negotiating in the Asia-Pacific -- home to the world's fastest-growing markets. It's the highest-standard trade agreement in history. It's got strong provisions for workers and the environment -- provisions that, unlike in past agreements, are actually enforceable. If you want in, you have to meet these standards. If you don't, then you're out. Once you're a part of this partnership, if you violate your responsibilities, there are actually consequences. And because it would include Canada and Mexico, it fixes a lot of what was wrong with NAFTA, too. So this isn't a race to the bottom, for lower wages and working conditions. The trade agreements I'm negotiating will drive a race to the top. And we're making sure American workers can retool through training programs and community colleges, and use new skills to transition into new jobs. If I didn't think this was the right thing to do for working families, I wouldn't be fighting for it. We've spent the past six years trying to rescue the economy, retool the auto industry, and revitalize American manufacturing. And if there were ever an agreement that undercut that progress, or hurt those workers, I wouldn't sign it. My entire presidency is about helping working families recover from recession and rebuild for the future. As long as I'm President, that's what I'll keep fighting to do. *President Barack Obama's weekly address runs every Monday in the Minden Press-Herald.*



**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

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ANALYSIS

## Lawmakers hear about gaps in LSU hospital deals

Two years after Gov. Bobby Jindal began privatizing the state-run charity hospital system, problems and financial questions continue to appear as lawmakers and communities sift through the spill-out effect. The private managers that now operate the hospitals say they're \$159 million short in Jindal's budget of what they need to provide adequate care for the poor and uninsured in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The LSU medical schools in New Orleans and Shreveport are stuck with millions of dollars in annual costs associated with former and retired hospital workers they say they can't afford. And in two of the state's largest cities, Baton Rouge and Shreveport, more acute problems have developed. The Baton Rouge privatization deal is blamed for the closure of a private hospital emergency room that received a flood of uninsured patients when the LSU hospital was shuttered and its services moved to a hospital in another part of town.

Meanwhile, the Shreveport outsourcing is considered a threat to the viability of the nearby medical school, and the hospital's long-term viability under its current management is questioned. Jindal has privatized nine LSU-run hospitals and their clinics since 2013 through no-bid contracts. In most instances, the management company of a nearby hospital took over operations. Three contracts closed an LSU hospital and shifted its services to private hospitals. The Republican governor and the hospital operators say the arrangements have improved patient care, expanded services and cut down on wait times. Even critics of the deals say they don't see a way to return to the old charity hospital model.

But there are transition pains, repeatedly showing up in legislative financial discussions. Jindal's \$1.1 billion budget proposal for the hospital deals next year would provide standstill funding. Hospital managers say they need \$159 million more, nearly \$88 million to pay for the New Orleans hospital, which will shift services from an interim facility to a larger, new hospital this summer.

Without the bump in spending, hospital leaders say they may have to scale back those heavily-touted improved services. While they took over the services, the private managers of the LSU hospitals and clinics didn't take on the liabilities associated with former and retired hospital employees, costs like termination pay, retiree health insurance and workers compensation expenses. Millions of dollars in those costs are expected year after year, and LSU's medical schools have been saddled with the payments, struggling to cover costs estimated at more than \$56 million next year.

So far, the Jindal administration hasn't come up with a plan to provide any money for those costs, though administration officials say they're looking at options. Asked what happens if the medical schools are forced to absorb those costs, Larry Hollier, chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, replied: "The term bankruptcy comes to mind."

Sen. Ed Murray, D-New Orleans, said he was amazed "these things were not taken into account when we went down this road with privatization."

Already struggling with the costs from the hospital employees, LSU's Shreveport medical school is considered to be "at risk financially and programmatically," according to a consulting firm's review of the privatization deal struck for the state-owned hospitals in north Louisiana.

Control of LSU's Shreveport and Monroe hospitals was turned over to the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, which had never run a patient care facility. The foundation operates the hospitals as University Health. An audit showed the foundation lost more than \$703,000 during the first year of its hospital management — though Stephen Skrivanos, chairman of the foundation board, told a Senate committee the audit "basically shows that our expenses matched our revenues."

Sen. Sherri Smith Buffington, R-Keithville, questioned claims that services had grown under private management, saying many items listed as new or expanded were done when LSU was in charge. She also raised concerns about an outside analysis that said the foundation's baseline financial projections show multimillion-dollar shortfalls continuing for years that are "not sustainable."

"I am concerned about the financial stability of the (medical) school, and candidly, I'm concerned about the financial stability of University Health," Buffington said. *Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.*



**MELINDA DESLATTE**

PERSPECTIVE

## On the Internet, nobody knows you're a fraud

There's been some tense back-and-forth over the Canadian mother who said she had stopped opposing vaccinations after all seven of her kids came down with whooping cough. Some say we should loudly thank Tara Hills for publicly disowning her anti-vax campaign. Others — me, for instance — are feeling less grateful.

Hills went beyond spreading lies about the "dangers" of vaccinations and exposing her Ottawa neighbors to serious disease. She strongly implied that the best medical authorities are "puppets of a Big Pharma-Government-Media conspiracy," according to The Washington Post — and on a site demoniacally named TheScientificParent.org.

You've probably seen the famous cartoon showing a dog at a computer saying to another dog, "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog." The word "dog" could have been replaced with "fraud." As more Americans turn to online forums for advice on everything from where to eat to whether they need surgery, concerns mount about the quality of the information. Readers often use the consensus of forum participants to bypass the views of recognized experts. And because these forums are usually little-monitored, the "weight of opinion" is often determined by the most verbose and those with too much time on their hands.

Millennials have become especially reliant on (apparent) group consensus, according to a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers on the "sharing economy." "If trust in individuals and institutions is waning or at best holding steady," the report notes, "faith in the aggregate is growing." That is, consumers who disbelieve a hotel chain's claims of fine accommodations will show up at the door of a total stranger, renting a room via Airbnb — their trust totally based on reviews submitted by who-knows-who. As we know, interested parties or crazy people can create a phony consensus. Then you have people like the Ottawa mother, who seemed truly committed to her beliefs but was unable or too lazy to examine expert opinion in reaching them.

In a similar vein, Sarah Watts wrote an interesting essay about her online confab with other millennial new mothers on caring for an infant. At the time, her own mother was on the scene urging her not to worry if baby June cried shortly after a feeding. The crying will stop, the mother's mother said. That advice turned out to be good. "I had been scouring message boards and Facebook groups during June's nursing sessions," Watts said, "and I had stumbled on discussions of every kind of parenting issue imaginable." Some were issues she had never heard of, such as cord clamping and vitamin K shots.

Most posted questions, Watts observed, resulted in respondents "bandying conflicting research like a weapon, every one of them armed with a battery of qualifiers to describe her personal parenting philosophy." (I might take her skepticism one step further and wonder whether the other "moms" were actually mothers or even women.) We see the clamor of anonymous and inexpert posts on everything from foreign policy to breast-feeding. Certain forums are purposely designed to buttress one point of view. They attract like-minded commenters, who leave the impression of overwhelming support for a position. It's crazy out there. Good sites are often so plagued by armies of the uninformed filling their forums with dimwitted comments that smart people stay away. But some well-run forums are hugely interesting.

It's a sign of the times that Californians trying to tighten the vaccination mandate for schoolchildren now worry that the drawn-out legislative process will open the door to anti-vaxxers intent on poisoning public opinion. In many cases, readers won't even know who they are. The scary part is many won't even care. *Follow Froma Harrop on Twitter @FromaHarrop. She can be reached at fharrop@gmail.com.*



**FROMA HARROP**



## Around Town

## FASHION SHOW

### 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.

### Tuesday, April 28

Minden Medical Center will host "Just 4 Girls" at the Webster Parish Library Meeting Room. More more information and registration, visit [www.mindenmedical-center.com/just4girls](http://www.mindenmedical-center.com/just4girls). Ages 9 - 12 only from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Ages 13 - 18 only 7 until 8 p.m.

### 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.

A special meeting to discuss the development plans proposed by Creighton Hill Development Corp. will be at 1 p.m. in the fellowship building at Great Saint Paul Baptist Church.

The Pine Grove cemetery fund annual memorial service will be at Pine Grove Baptist Church at 11 a.m. The offering is used to maintain Pine Grove, Crow and Miller cemeteries. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. All are welcome.

### 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.



Clients of Best Kare Journey modeled outfits for their "Style Show." Pictured are a few of the models. Above are Charlie Tilman and Catherine Jackson. Below, from left, are Dorothy Richardson and Irene Standford. Jordan Wilson/Press-Herald



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## Best Kare Journey Style Show

Best Kare Journey Adult Day Health Care Center recently hosted a "Style Show," where clients got to enjoy modeling outfits. Some of the clothing was purchased from the local business "Say Baby."

Best Kare Journey is an adult day health care center, a "home away from home" for the elderly to spend time with their peers and enjoy fun activities,

as well as manage their day to day needs. Best Kare Journey is located at 282 Shepherd Street. For more information on Best Kare Journey and the service they have available, call 382-1110. The next event Best Kare Journey will host is a garage sale on May 7 and 8. Money raised goes towards field trips for the clients.

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## SPORTS briefs

### MLB

#### Rodriguez blasts homerun No. 659 in Yankees win

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is one big swing from matching Willie Mays. Whether the New York Yankees would celebrate that achievement — or pay for it, for that matter — remains to be seen.

Rodriguez hit his 659th home run to move within one of Mays for fourth place on baseball's career list, and the Yankees took advantage of several mistakes by the suddenly sloppy New York Mets in a 6-4 victory Sunday night.

"Willie was my father's favorite player. I remember hearing about Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle all the time. He's one of my heroes," Rodriguez said.

The Yankees and Rodriguez have a \$30 million marketing agreement that calls for him to receive \$6 million each for up to five accomplishments, but with A-Rod's career tarnished by performance-enhancing drugs, the Yankees are thinking about letting the milestones pass without making a designation, which could lead to another legal fight between the sides.

### NBA

#### Clippers even series with road win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Los Angeles Clippers answered their worst loss in playoff history with one of their most uplifting victories.

Chris Paul had 34 points and seven assists, Blake Griffin added 20 points and 19 rebounds, and the Clippers beat the San Antonio Spurs 114-105 on Sunday to even their first-round series at two games apiece.

The Clippers, who bounced back from a 100-73 loss in Game 3, host Game 5 on Tuesday. This is the only series that is tied after four games.

"Doc pretty much went at all of us," Paul said. "He told us about ourselves and he told us what we didn't do. He told us that when it comes to the playoffs, it is the players' time."

The Clippers responded by shooting 54 percent from the field after being held to 34 percent Friday.

J.J. Redick scored 17 points for Los Angeles and Austin Rivers provided an unexpected boost off the bench with a postseason career-high 16 points.

San Antonio was 6 for 25 on 3-pointers and 25 for 35 on free throws.

"We lacked a lot of discipline," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We didn't execute sharply enough in what we wanted to strategy-wise or just in general basketball play."

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points, Tim Duncan had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Tony Parker added 18 points for San Antonio, but Paul proved too much.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Gray's big day

## WARRIORS TOO MUCH FOR EAGLES ON BOB GRAY DAY



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**SIBLEY** - When Bob Gray took over the Sibley High School baseball program in 1985, it marked the emergence of a perennial power in LHSAA baseball, and Saturday, April 25, the town of Sibley and Lakeside High School held a special ceremony prior to the Warriors' game with Evangel to honor the 2015 senior players, 1990 and 1991 state championship teams and the man responsible for bringing big time success to a small town, Gray himself.

"The English language hems you up sometimes," Gray said. "Sometimes there aren't enough words to describe what you're trying to say. It was one of the most special days of my life."

It's something I did for 30 years and loved every day of it. Those guys from the old teams that showed up made it even more special. I would like to thank all the people that went through the trouble to put it together."

Lakeside Principal Johnny Rowland and Mayor of Sibley Jimmy Williams took turns sharing sentiments about Gray. Then, long-time friend and Gray's personal scout Pete Brunson and Rita Bates who has ran the concession

stand at home games for nearly two decades, presented Gray with customized bats, made from the heart, in honor of Gray's 609 career wins as leader of Lakeside baseball.

More importantly, Mayor Williams ended the ceremony by dubbing April 25, 2015 as Bob Gray Day.

And boy, was it ever his day.

On the field, the Warriors dismantled the Eagles using the same winning formula they have for 30 years under Gray: hitting for contact, moving runners with precision bunting and applying pressure on the basepaths.

"It was a blueprint," Gray said of the game. "The first part of the game was all about me, the second part was all about those kids. They were nervous about the old-timers who showed up. We told them they didn't come to see you win, they came to see you play your hearts out."

Gray's nephew, Cameron Gray and senior Luke Griffith, were outstanding on the mound, limiting Evangel's opportunities and never getting in any real trouble.

Logan Clark was big for the Warriors in the leadoff spot, starting the game off with a double.

Then, Josh Prince blasted his sixth homer of the season to the deepest part of the park for a two-run dinger to give Lakeside an early lead.

After back-to-back walks by Griffith and Jake Gray, senior Thomas Lambert stroked and RBI double to score.

Coulson White singled to start the second, bringing up Prince who delivered like he has all year with an RBI



Lakeside seniors Thomas Lambert and Luke Griffith dump the water bucket on head coach Bob Gray following a 9-1 victory over Evangel on Bob Gray Day. Courtesy Photo/Robert Summerlin

double.

In the fourth, Griffith delivered with an RBI single to score Coulson White.

"We've been waiting on our bats to wake up," Gray said. "They seem to have done that. Maybe we're coming around at just the right time. If we're going to last long in the playoffs we're going to have to do those things we did against Evangel are going to have to happen."

Cameron Gray pitched five innings, striking out four, allowed seven hits and

giving up one earned run.

Then the crowd was treated to a special moment, as Jake Gray dug in to lead off the inning.

Already leading 5-1, Gray turned around a first pitch fastball, sending it soaring way over the left field fence; a no-doubter to give Lakeside a 6-1 lead.

Coach and son shared a spirited fist-bump as Jake came around third base.

"Good luck Jake" means the world to him," Bob Gray said. "And 'thanks Dad' means the world to me. That

was the extent of the conversation."

Lakeside tacked on a few more insurance runs late and at this point, there was no other way to look at it.

Whether you were hitting, pitching or orchestrating the whole show from the third base coach's box. It was a great day to be a Gray.

"I guess one way to put it is this is how you shuffle an old goat out of the gate," Gray said.

Another way to put it: this is how you honor a legend.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Crimson Tide hold on to beat Calvary, 10-9



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**SHREVEPORT** - The Minden Crimson Tide traveled to

Calvary Baptist for a contest with the No. 7 ranked team in Class 2A, with hopes of entering the playoffs on a high note.

They did just that, taking advantage of their opportunities and some timely hitting for a 10-9 road win over the Cavs.

"We jumped out on them, scoring five or six runs in the first

inning," Crimson Tide head coach Dean Francis said. "We hit it better than we have all year. The kids were ready to play. A lot of teams this year get tired and are ready to get it over with, but I haven't had to battle that with this team. They're focused and ready to go."

Cameron Morgan, Jay Beene and Matt

Eskew had RBI hits in the first to extend Minden's lead to 6-0. Beene drove in two more in the second with a two-run single to make it 8-0.

Trace Francis made it 9-0 with an RBI single in the fifth, and Gunner Stephens drove in what would end up being a crucial run with a single in the seventh.

Jay Beene got the win on the mound, and Trace Francis came in to get the save and shut down a Calvary threat in the final frame.

Minden will travel south today, as they begin the LHSAA playoffs with a road game at Latcher.

First pitch for that ballgame will be at 4 p.m.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

# Pine Hills Memorial Classic set for July 11-12



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Pine Hills Country Club is getting ready to host their annual Memorial Classic Golf Tournament on July 11-12.

This year, the two-day tournament will honor the memory of longtime Minden resident and avid golfer, Leo Elshout.

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two person teams and better ball format.

This year, first place in each flight will receive \$750. Additionally, participants will have the chance to win a whopping \$10,000 for making a hole-in-one during the tournament. Also, keep an eye out for other on-course activities and surprises.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served Saturday and Sunday, with

Dinner and other festivities included on Saturday night.

For additional information or to register for the tournament, visit pinehillscminden.com.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

What we learned on day one of the NCAA Tournament

Fourteen is the new 12 this year at the NCAA Tournament.

The heart-pounding first full day of the tournament was headlined by two No. 14 seeds taking down two No. 3 seeds before the day was even half over. Trendy Final Four pick Iowa State lost to UAB, 60-59, and Georgia State edged Baylor, 57-56. Northeastern nearly made it a clean sweep for the three 14s in action on Thursday when it put a scare into Notre Dame before falling 69-65.

Northeastern and UAB had two of the five one-point victories on the day, the most ever for a single day in the tournament and as many as the previous two tournaments combined. Now at least one

14-seed has beaten a 3 in each of the last three tournaments. It was the first time since 1995 that two No. 14s have advanced.

Conventional wisdom when filling out brackets includes always picking a 12 seed to beat a No. 5. It happens practically every year. But this time around, Utah beat Stephen F. Austin and Arkansas beat underdog Wofford to make the No. 5s 2-0 on the day.

There is one more 14 seed waiting to play. Albany will play No. 3 Oklahoma on Friday.

"I'm very surprised," Sooners coach Lon Kruger said of Iowa State and Baylor losing. "Two great teams that had great years and outstanding players. That's the nature of the NCAA Tournament, I guess. It's surprising any-

time that happens, but it's happened before."

Here are some of the things we learned on Thursday:

**Brackets Busted**

The losses by Iowa State and Baylor decimated millions of brackets across the country in a matter of minutes. Just six games into the tournament, only 14,797 of the 11.57 million filled out on ESPN.com were perfect, according to ESPN's metrics. That just 0.12 percent.

**Tight Site**

Louisville was the place to be on Thursday, with three of the five games that were decided by one point. The Blazers beat Iowa State and No. 11 UCLA nipped No. 6 SMU by identical scores, 60-59, while No. 8 Cincinnati

beat No. 9 Purdue, 66-65 in a game that was tied at 59 at the end of regulation.

**Texas Tumble**

Disappointment is bigger in Texas. All five teams from the state lost on Thursday. Baylor, SMU, Texas Southern, Stephen F. Austin and Texas all made early exits.

**Close Call**

UCLA prevailed over SMU when Mustangs center Yanick Moreira was called for goaltending on a 3-pointer by Bryce Alford to put the Bruins ahead. The shot appeared to be off line, but officials ruled that Moreira touched the ball before it had a chance to get to the rim. The NCAA's head of officiating said goaltending was the right call.



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# Lauer, DeGeneres team for racy Daytime Emmys opening

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Lauer and Ellen DeGeneres helped the Daytime Emmys make a gender-bending return to television with a comedy bit involving pasties and black stockings — and not worn by DeGeneres.

"General Hospital" and "The Young and the Restless" were the top winners Sunday with three trophies each, while the latter shared the best drama series award with "Days of Our Lives."

The ceremony opened with a pretaped segment in which Lauer and DeGeneres agreed to end their faux feud. The punchline: DeGeneres had sneakily edited the tape to put Lauer's head atop a man's chiseled body clad only in tasseled pasties, briefs and lace-topped stockings.

It was reminiscent of a previous DeGeneres prank on her talk show in which she doctored a Lauer "Fifty Shades of Grey" cast interview to show him in a similar outfit, whip and all.

The "Today" host, or his shimmying facsimile, agreed to donate a thousand dollars to an unspecified charity each time he was thanked by winners during the ceremony.

"CBS Sunday Morning" host Charles Osgood, whose show was honored as best morning program, offered a heartfelt shoutout to Lauer.

"Thank you for doing what you did because, God knows, I don't want to do that," said the 82-year-old Osgood.

The ceremony took a dignified turn when Betty White was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

"Hello, beautiful," she said to her trophy. "When I started in 1949 I had no idea that I'd still be around at this point, for one thing, or that I'd still be privileged enough to still be in this business. And it is such a privilege."

Tyra Banks hosted the ceremony that aired on the Pop cable channel. The Daytime Emmys, which once had a secure home on the broadcast networks, settled for streaming online last year after a two-year turn on the cable news channel HLN.

On Sunday, the Pop channel was forced to fend off the ceremony's unauthorized streaming after discovering its server had been hacked, a spokesman said. In a statement, the channel warned that any streaming was not sanctioned by the TV academy.

The issue apparently was resolved during the ceremony, the spokesman said.

The show's year-to-year change in



**Betty White accepts the lifetime achievement award at the 42nd annual Daytime Emmy Awards at Warner Bros. Studios on Sunday.** Courtesy Photo

location is a reflection of the dwindling daytime audience and programming shifts, but that didn't diminish the winners' enthusiasm.

A beaming Craig Ferguson, replaced by James Corden as host of CBS' "The Late Late Show," accepted the trophy for best game show host for "Celebrity Name Game."

"I never win anything. This is fantastic," Ferguson said, adding, "Thank you, Hollywood, for a job."

Freddie Smith was honored as best younger actor in a drama for his role as Sonny in "Days of Our Lives." His character and that of Will (played by Guy Wilson) were part of daytime TV's first gay wedding with two men.

Smith paid tribute to "the LGBT community for showing strength and courage.

You're an inspiration to all of us."

The ceremony featured the reunion of Anthony Geary and Genie Francis, the former "General Hospital" couple of Luke and Laura, who presented the trophy for best drama series, a tie, to "Days of Our Lives" and "The Young and the Restless."

Geary was a winner as well, accepting his eighth Emmy for his "General Hospital" role, while fellow series star Maura West was named best lead drama actress.

Other winners included Amelia Heinle, best supporting actress in a drama series for "The Young and the Restless," and Chad Duell, best supporting actor for "General Hospital."

"Un Nuevo Dia" received the award for best Spanish-language morning program at the National Academy of Television Arts

& Sciences awards.

An in memoriam tribute was introduced by Melissa Rivers, who said her mother's career was reinvigorated by a daytime talk show after her late-night show was canceled. "The Joan Rivers Show" won a Daytime Emmy in 1990, the only Emmy her mother ever got, Melissa Rivers noted.

Among the winners Sunday were "Jeopardy!," best game show; Steve Harvey, host of an informative talk show; "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," entertainment talk show; "Entertainment Tonight," entertainment news program; Hunter King, younger actress in a drama series, "The Young and the Restless"; and Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan, entertainment talk show hosts, for "Live! with Kelly and Michael."

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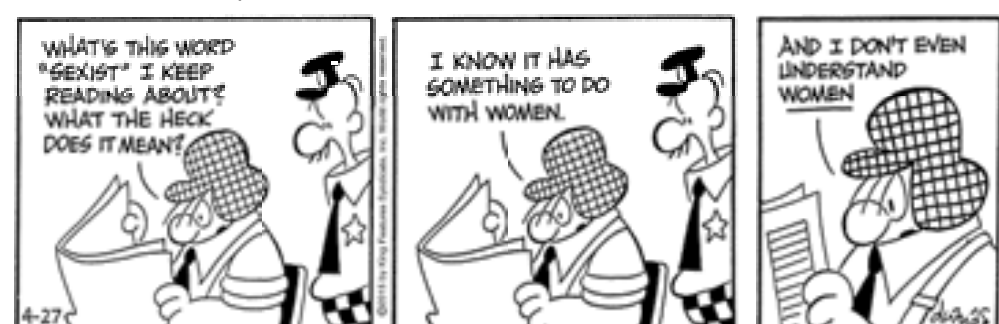
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<b>1 Cushions</b>	opposer	<b>1 Folk singer</b>	<b>22 Twine fiber</b>
<b>5 Insecticide letters</b>	<b>41 Untrustworthy sort</b>	<b>2 Pinnacle</b>	<b>24 Gear tooth</b>
<b>8 Cooking fat</b>	<b>42 Slept soundly?</b>	<b>3 Frisbee, e.g.</b>	<b>25 Lawyers' org.</b>
<b>12 Cast-of-thousands movie</b>	<b>45 Monkey in a lab, maybe</b>	<b>4 Plot</b>	<b>26 Incorrect term</b>
<b>13 Blackbird</b>	<b>49 Victoria's Secret buy</b>	<b>5 Long-short-short, in poetic meter</b>	<b>27 Fans</b>
<b>14 Medley</b>	<b>51 "— Karenina"</b>	<b>6 "CSI" evidence</b>	<b>29 Aviv preceder</b>
<b>15 New Age musician John</b>	<b>52 "So be it"</b>	<b>7 Occasion</b>	<b>33 Colorful fish</b>
<b>16 Seek votes</b>	<b>53 Scratch</b>	<b>8 Fraudulent, as dice</b>	<b>36 Removing rind</b>
<b>18 But</b>	<b>54 Drunkards</b>	<b>9 Estrange</b>	<b>38 Item in a KFC bucket</b>
<b>20 Firstborn</b>	<b>55 Titanic thwarter</b>	<b>10 Predetermines the outcome</b>	<b>40 "Of course"</b>
<b>21 Baseball legend Willie</b>	<b>56 Type squares</b>	<b>11 "Cut it out!"</b>	<b>42 Wound cover</b>
<b>23 Longing</b>	<b>57 Pairs</b>	<b>17 Thickness</b>	<b>43 Appellation</b>
<b>24 Showy white flower</b>			<b>44 Capitol cap</b>
<b>28 Appointment</b>			<b>46 Winter forecast</b>
<b>31 Sapporo sash</b>			<b>47 "Do — others ..."</b>
<b>32 Blunder</b>			<b>48 Back talk</b>
<b>34 Ball prop</b>			<b>50 Felonious flight</b>
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