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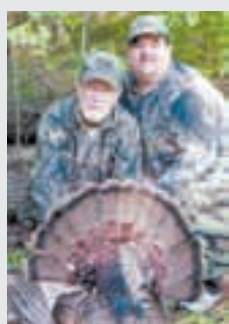
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Rep. Reynolds speaks on bills

Lake Bistineau bill heads back
to committee; Reynolds unsure how
'religious freedom' bill will turn out

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LAKE BISTINEAU

State Rep. Gene Reynolds says the Lake Bistineau bill will head back to committee Tuesday when Wildlife and Fisheries agents will be there to help plead the case for its passage.

It did go before committee Monday, Reynolds says, and he talked about the need for the bill.

"I did the best I could," he said. "I had some good feedback and some not so good feedback. (Some) people were asking why don't Wildlife and Fisheries just do this from the general fund? Money is really tight."

Before the 2015 legislative session began, he says they were asking for

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REYNOLDS

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The so-called "religious freedom" bill is causing a lot of controversy, but State Rep. Gene Reynolds says he's not sure how the final bill will read.

"Rep. (Mike) Johnson has three or four amendments that he's going to add to the bill, so nobody really knows what the bill's going to say until he presents it in committee," he said. "If it never gets out of committee, we'll never see it. Everybody is being asked that question, and it's hard to say if you're for or against it until you know what it does."

Reynolds says Johnson is working with "some people" on the amendments to garner support, but it also has its opposition.

"If we already have bills in place that does what this will supposedly do, why pass it and be redundant?" Reynolds said. "I've been told that we have plenty of state and federal laws on the books that do that for religious freedom. When or if it gets

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WEBSTER CRIME

Police: Man stole \$100K worth of items from home

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A Mooringsport man has been arrested in connection with several thefts in Webster Parish and was extradited from Maricopa County, Arizona, famous for its no-nonsense sheriff and pink prison uniforms.

Michael T. Schuler, 45, was arrested Friday, April 24, by Webster Parish Sheriff's detectives and charged on the following warrants: three counts of felony theft more than \$1,500, two counts of simple burglary, two counts of criminal conspiracy to commit simple burglary and three counts of criminal conspiracy to commit felony theft. Bonds totaled \$77,500.

Webster Parish Sheriff Gary Sexton says his arrest comes on the heels of four other arrests made over the last couple of months in connection to thefts from a Marathon Road residence

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SCHULER

WEBSTER CRIME

Fight over food stamp card leads to arrest

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A fight over a food stamp card led to the arrest of a Doyline man.

Anthony Shane Gay, 25, of the 100 block of Yates Lane in Doyline, was arrested April 22 and charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$20,000.

According to reports, Deputies Daniel White and Coby Barton responded to Gay's residence in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, White spoke with Gay and the victim and both stated they'd argued over her food stamp card.

Police say the victim stated the argu-

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Scaled-back tobacco tax hike gets House committee backing

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana's cigarette tax would be raised to match the rate charged by neighboring Mississippi, under a proposal that won approval Monday from the House tax committee as part of broader budget-balancing negotiations.

The bill offered a much smaller tax hike than health advocates wanted. But Rep. Harold Ritchie, D-Bogalusa, agreed to shrink the increase, saying he thought that was the only way to get his legislation to the full House for debate.

The proposal would raise Louisiana's cigarette tax from 36 cents per pack to 68 cents, rather than the \$1.54 national average Ritchie initially sought.

The House Ways and Means Committee voted 11-5 for the reduced tax hike, which would generate an estimated \$67 million in annual revenue for the state.

The tobacco tax increase is one of several proposals committee members advanced for debate as they seek new money to close a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall next year. Lawmakers also are considering bills that would scale back tax breaks and change tax

incentive programs.

Ways and Means Chairman Joel Robideaux, R-Lafayette, described tax breaks as a form of state spending that should be analyzed like other budget items and weighed against other priorities like higher education and health care services. He framed the financial negotiations as a "discussion about where to invest."

"Over our lifetimes, the Legislature has passed many tax incentives. I'm confident most, if not all, were well-intended," he said. "I'm not so confident that a calculation of 'return on investment' was required for their passage."

Aware of the difficulty of taking tax votes in an election year, Robideaux said: "Our citizens sent us here to represent them. Making difficult and unpopular decisions is included in that representation."

Advanced to the House floor for further consideration by the committee were measures to limit the tax credit Louisiana residents can take for income taxes paid to another state, to close corporate tax loopholes and to scale back and cap a solar tax credit program.

But the heaviest debate Monday centered on Ritchie's cigarette tax bill. Ritchie, a smoker for 50

years and a funeral director, said the tax hike would lessen smoking, improve health and generate money for the state budget. He said polls suggest people favor the increase.

"As far as our politics goes, it's probably the easiest tax vote that we can make," he said.

Supporters of the bill described the health conditions caused by smoking, saying treatment for the poor and uninsured who rely on state health services for smoking-related illnesses costs Louisiana taxpayers about \$700 million a year.

"The human and economic costs of smoking are staggering," said

Stephen Kantrow, director of the Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship Program for the LSU medical school in New Orleans.

Only Virginia and Missouri have lower cigarette tax rates than Louisiana, according to the nonpartisan Federation of Tax Administrators.

Opposition came from the tobacco industry and cigarette sellers.

"This bill will hurt businesses and consumers. Louisiana will lose jobs," said Fred Hoyt, a former state senator who owns 21 convenience stores across southwest Louisiana. Nearly one-third of his business comes from tobacco sales.

RELIGION

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on the House floor, I'll read it in detail and decide then."

Johnson has stirred up a flurry of controversy over the bill dubbed the "Marriage and Conscience Act." He says the bill does not focus on religion, but rather barring the state from discriminating against anyone based on their view of marriage.

Opponents of the bill say it could allow businesses to refuse service for same-sex weddings and deny benefits to employees in same-sex marriages.

"This state shall not take any adverse action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person acts in accordance

with a religious belief or moral conviction about the institution of marriage," the legislation reads.

It would apply to private employers as well, regardless of religious affiliation, and it could allow businesses to deny certain state benefits to members of same-sex marriages if the employer objects to the marriage, opponents say.

Johnson says it would stop the government from bullying or coercing people based on their views of marriage.

"This legislation simply prohibits discrimination by the state government against any person on the basis of their sincerely held beliefs about the institution of marriage, whatever those beliefs may be," Johnson wrote in a news release following the filing

of the bill.

Johnson made his case to pastors and others in a news conference last week sponsored by Louisiana Progress Action.

Local pastor Samuel Mims, in a news release, says he's against the bill.

"I know what it feels like to be discriminated against; I am against all forms of discrimination," he said. "What really bothers me is that this bill justifies discrimination in the name of Jesus Christ. He is all about love and not about what is in this bill."

BISTINEAU

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about \$100,000, but in House Bill 228, it is asking for \$300,000. Reynolds clarified, saying if passed it would generate up to \$300,000, equal to about \$95,000 per year.

"It's an amendment, and that only takes place if the locals build it," he said. "The up to \$300,000 would be the operations of it. This is the only shot we have of passing anything this year."

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.

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 bill proposes that mineral resources under Lake Bistineau be used to fund fighting giant salvinia, an aggressive invading aquatic weed that essentially chokes the life out of a body of water.

The bill proposes the construction of a small facility and operated for further research and breeding of weevils and/or endocides as an eradication method against the invasive plant.

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 end on or after July 1, 2017.

OBITUARY

Sandra Kay Carter Cook

Sandra Kay Carter Cook of Natchitoches, passed away in her home on April 25, 2015 at the age of 57. A service to scatter her ashes will be officiated by the Rev. David William Matlock of Christian Harmony Baptist Church at Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sibley at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches.



COOK

Sandra was born in New Orleans on Dec. 19, 1957. She graduated from Grace King High School in Metairie. She worked at the Webster Parish School Board for over 20 years. She enjoyed jet skiing, fishing and was active in her church.

She is survived by her children, Steven Carter, his wife Brandi, and their children Jaxon and Presley of Savannah, Georgia; and Dustie Federick and her children Vance Thomas and Kayson Federick of Natchitoches.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clydie May and William Buddy Cotton; her brother DeWayne Cotton; her sister, Sharon Olivier; and her grandson, Ashton Federick. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Webster Arrest Report

Arrests for the week of April 20 through April 27

Minden Police Department

Keisha D. Miles, 21, 1500 block of Shreveport Road in Minden. Charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Cedric A. Day, 56, 100 block of BF Martin Drive in Minden. Charged with driving under suspension, stop sign and resisting an officer.

Latravion Minix, 22, 600 block of Chestnut Street in Minden. Charged with driving under suspension and failure to yield.

Amy Garcia, 28, 200 block of Beckham Camp Road in Ringgold. Charged with theft of goods, possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of CDS in presence of a minor, two counts of obstruction of justice, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Amanda Anthony, 30, 300 block of Gum Street in Minden. Fugitive from St. Tammany Parish.

Jason Ford, 28, 100 block of Oliver Speaks in Sibley. Charged with warrants for disturbing the peace, reckless operation, interference with medical treatment and simple assault.

Billy Peters, 61, 900 block of Pine Street in Minden. Charged with battery of the infirm.

Antonio Thornton, 37, 100 block of George Street in Minden. Charged with simple drunk.

Timal Norton, 20, 600 block of North Main Street in Sibley. Charged with failure to appear for trial.

Dontravious Henix, 23, 700 block of Sims Street in Minden. Charged with general speed, no proof of registration, possession of CDS Schedule I with intent to distribute (marijuana), possession of CDS Schedule I with intent to distribute (ecstasy).

Shayla Marie Jones, 23, 100 block of Country Lane in Dixie Inn. Charged with interfering with an officer, resisting an officer, and public drunkenness.

Hollie Diane Meshell, 26, 100 block of Mouser Lane in Minden. Charged with driving under the influence (first offense), reckless operation, and open container.

Springhill Police Department

Michael Henderson, 44, 700 block of Curry Street in Springhill. Charged with driving while intoxicated, driving on suspended license, and domestic abuse.

Jerri Leatherman, 45, 800 block of Highway 615 in Shongaloo. Charged with failure to appear in court for traffic violations.

Marcus Bowling, 36, 100 block of Jones Road in Sarepta. Charged with two counts of theft by shoplifting.

Amanda Elton, 41, 100 block of Jones Road in Sarepta. Charged with two counts of theft by shoplifting.

Emily Pickard, 23, 200 block of Sherwood Lane in Springhill. Charged with public battery.

Abbett Echols, 23, 400 block of North Hayes in Taylor, Arkansas. Charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana).

Juliah Ugartechea, 20, 800 block of North Arkansas in Springhill. Charged with theft by shoplifting.

Brice White, 18, 800 block of North Arkansas in Springhill. Charged with theft by shoplifting.

Zilethia Washington, 21, 300 block of Moore Street in Springhill. Charged with simple battery.

Kadarryl Ogden, 18, 1000 block of 7 Southeast in Springhill. Charged with disturbing the peace.

Keuneu White, 17, 200 block of Pafford Street in Cullen. Charged with burglary.

Lance Souter, 52, 7000 block of Columbia I in Taylor, Arkansas. Charged with speeding.

Toby Hawthorne, 40, 1300 block of 3rd SE Street. Charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense).

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Linda Taylor, 51, homeless. Charged with home invasion, simple criminal damage to property, and simple burglary.

Laportia Willis, 33, 500 block of Moore Street in Springhill. Charged with improper lane use, driving under suspension, and possession of Schedule I with intent.

Amy Garcia, 28, 200 block of Beckham Camp Road in Ringgold. Charged with theft of goods, possession of CDS Schedule I, possession of CDS in the presence of a minor, two counts of obstruction of justice, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Quatarus Solomon, 19, 1200 block of Shiloh Road in Doyline. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS with intent to distribute and illegal carry of weapons.

Malcolm Jones, 21, 700 block of Durwood Drive in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS with intent to distribute and illegal carry of weapons.

weapons.

Keith Washington, 18, 500 block of Penal Farm Road in Sibley. Charged with felony theft, possession of Schedule I CDS with intent to distribute and illegal carry of weapons.

Tadezion Jackson, 18, 500 block of Penal Farm Road in Sibley. Charged with possession of Schedule I with intent and illegal carry of weapons.

Shannon Strother, 46, 1700 block of Highway 79 in Minden. Charged with burglary, possession of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of CDS Schedule I (marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, and probation and parole violation.

Kimberly Strother, 45, 1700 block of Highway 79 in Minden. Charged with felony possession of CDS Schedule I, possession of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jimmy Nutt, 44, 400 block of Shadows Lane in Dubberly. Charged with burglary.

Cleanup underway from Monday's severe weather

NEW ORLEANS — Power company workers continue to restore electricity to homes and businesses across southeast Louisiana that lost power during Monday's severe weather.

Entergy says 5,000 customers in New Orleans and 9,000 customers in Jefferson Parish remain without power Tuesday.

Over 100,000 last power during the storms.

High winds downed trees and utilities poles as the weather system moved across southeast Louisiana.

Trees damaged homes from Lake Charles to New Orleans. State officials report no one was hurt during Monday's storms.

Union Pacific Railroad will continue their cleanup of five rail cars carrying 10 freight containers that were blown off the Huey P. Long Bridge approach by high wind gusts.

Weather forecasters say some additional rain fall is expected to Tuesday, but nothing like Monday's downpour.

ARREST

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in Cotton Valley. Webster Parish sheriff's investigators say the thefts began in August, with the ring of alleged thieves hitting the same residence several times between then and December, stealing nearly \$100,000 worth of items belonging to Robert "Bud" Holloway. And that's only what they've recovered.

"All of these suspects that have been arrested have criminal histories," Sexton said. "All these individuals have had past acquaintances with each other. We know they are all connected with each other."

Items stolen from August until December include a full Harley-Davidson classic motorcycle and trailer, a 36-foot

travel trailer, a black car hauler, tools, tool boxes, welding machines, and Harley-Davidson equipment and parts. Many of the items recovered were in Caddo, Bossier, Lincoln and Jackson parishes.

According to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Schuler was arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Service in Maricopa County, Arizona following a traffic stop there on April 3.

"Caddo detectives, working with the Webster Sheriff's Office, recovered \$31,660 in stolen property from a residence on Honeycreek Lane in February," Caddo officials said in a news release. "Detectives identified Schuler as a suspect in the case and obtained a warrant for his arrest on two counts of illegal possession of stolen things."

However, Sexton says

Holloway also has a criminal history and was acquainted with the others who have been arrested. Sexton says his office has to treat the case just like any other and investigate it to its end.

"It's a triangle of people stealing from each other," Sexton said. "They've been connected over the years, and their dealings got crossed; it's a network of illegal doings, and some were taking advantage of others."

Others arrested on the same charges in this case are as follows: Kevin Mitchell Martin, arrested Feb. 4, Angela Wolfe, arrested Feb. 4, Jason Scott, arrested March 18, and Raymond Smith, arrested March 19.

Sexton says while most of the stolen items have been recovered, the case is still under investigation.

Jackpots rise for 3 big lotteries

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Lottery Corp. says nobody won the jackpots in Saturday's big drawings, so the top prizes are rising for Wednesday's drawings. The estimated jackpot for the Powerball will be \$60 million, with Lotto rising to \$525,000 and Easy 5 to \$180,000.

The lottery corporation

says the biggest prize won Saturday for tickets sold in Louisiana was \$2,455 each for 10 Lotto tickets. Those tickets matched five of six Lotto numbers drawn.

Saturday's winning numbers were:
Easy 5: 07-16-20-21-34
Lotto: 09-20-21-26-34-35
Powerball: 21-33-35-

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FIGHT

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ment started when she tried to remove her card from his wallet. Deputies noticed injuries consistent with the argument, and the house appeared as if a fight

had taken place.

According to reports, Gay appeared to be intoxicated.

Arresting deputies were White and Barton.

He was placed under arrest on the above charges and booked at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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What doesn't kill us makes us stronger

"What doesn't kill us makes us stronger" was first attributed to Friedrich Nietzsche, a German philosopher, back in the 1800's, it is the key line from Steel Magnolias, set in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

I've enjoyed this life with all it's challenges, heartaches and broken dreams, if I had it to do over again I wouldn't change anything. Next time around it might turn out worse.

We can't undo our mistakes so we might as well not keep on beating ourselves up.

I always say "I'll let someone else beat me up because there are enough others who can do it for me.."

Even though I lived in an orphanage as a child, had a nervous breakdown in 1981, not to count numerous other situations in my life that would be called unbearable, I see life as a patchwork quilt. We have to wait until the end of life, in eternity, if not sooner, to see God's hand in every step of our journey.

A few things I have learned, along the way, are that this life is not forever and I want to go to heaven. Also I know that I have made many mistakes in my life, and if I were capable of living my life over again I might make even more wrong decisions next times if there are wrong choices. Sometimes mistakes lead us to a brighter day.

Life is a learning process. We have all made mistakes but with God in the center of our lives things have a way of working out no matter how dreary the circumstances we face.

Life is simply not easy. No matter what happens to us, including losing limbs or family members, these tragedies can somehow be used to benefit others and help us fulfill our purpose on this earth.

God sees our heart. I recently watched a segment with John Stossel who had a most enlightening discussion about separation of church and state. He also said he has yet to really believe in God but he wants to.

I suspect there are a number of people who really want to believe in God. I know there will always be a hunger deep inside our souls until we know and accept the existence of God and allow Him to take that place in our life -- and not in just a "church house" way which comes across as false and often hypocritical to those round about us.

God can use each one of our experiences to make us a light to a lost and dying world no matter where we are or how deep our depression.

Life is just too beautiful to give in.

We must not give up. Our family and friends need us too much.

We must keep on keeping on and look to Him for the answers. Sometimes God places people in our paths to help us do that.

Though I am sometimes just as confused as the rest I know that "one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess."

The joy I possess comes from knowing that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and that He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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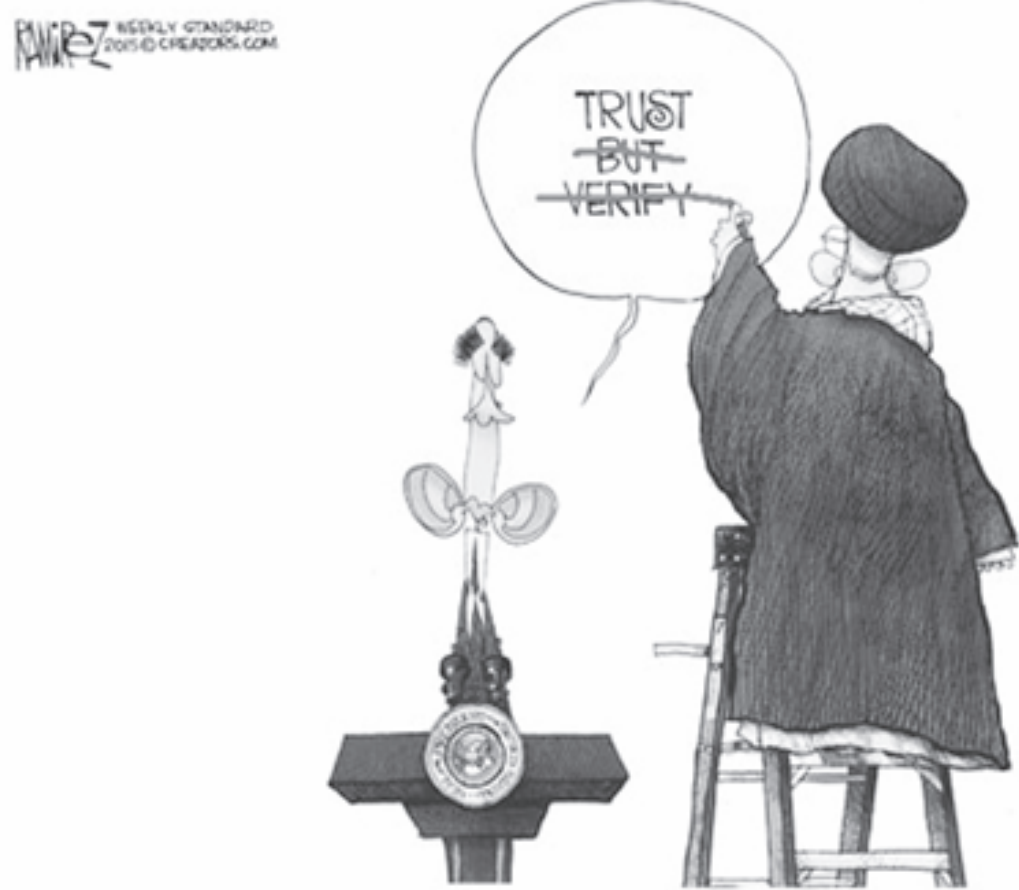
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The next president

It's not smart to get too enthusiastic about any politician. I've been disappointed often. I believed Bill Clinton when he said, "the era of big government is over." I thought George W. Bush was a "small government guy." And Barack Obama ...

Well, never mind. If I want limited government and individual freedom, to whom do I turn?

Ted Cruz? I want to like him. He's smart. He's read economists Mises, Hayek, Rothbard, etc. He confronted Obama's attorney general about constitutional limits on killing Americans with drones. He fought hard against Obamacare.

But he also seems so eager to go to war. It also bothers me that he praises states' independence but then criticizes President Obama for giving states a tiny bit of free rein to set drug policy.

I like Jeb Bush personally. I like Govs. Walker, Kasich and Perry. But they also seem eager to go to war in the Middle East and continue the destructive drug war in America.

So I plan to vote for Rand Paul.

Sen. Paul confuses people. Some Ron Paul fans say Rand is not as committed to liberty as his father. But some of their complaints seem ambiguous. Yes, Rand avoids alienating conservatives because he wants the Republican nomination. But has he violated his principles?

He doesn't call for drug legalization but wants to decrease penalties, and he doesn't vote out legalization.

He ruled for sanctions on Iran, which bothers hardcore libertarians, but of the policies under consideration, sanctions were better than war.

And Rand wants the Senate to fulfill its constitutional role by approving any war. That's libertarian.

He supported increases in defense spending, but at least he said they should be offset by reductions in other spending.

Paul disappoints me by opposing gay marriage and saying a "moral crisis allows people to think there would be some other sort of marriage." What? If anything, there are fewer "moral crises" in America: Crime, teen pregnancy, teen sexual activity and use of marijuana are all trending down. I wish politicians would get off their "moral crisis" pedestal.

At least Rand did not ask the government to ban gay marriage. It's a relief when a politician draws a line between what his religion tells him and what government ought to do.

Where Rand Paul shines is in the clarity of his plans to shrink government. When elected to the Senate, he said his big priorities were "the debt, the debt and the debt."

Good. With the federal government \$18 trillion in the hole, we can't afford another big-government president.

Paul presented budget proposals (visible online) that left-wing critics like Vox say are "the most radical vision of limited government ever presented by a major American presidential candidate (apart, perhaps, from Paul's father, Ron Paul)."

He wants to eliminate the Department of Education,

Amtrak subsidies, the Department of Energy, foreign aid and other programs that do more harm than good. He would privatize Medicare and partially privatize Social Security.

Paul criticizes crony capitalist subsidies, and, unlike most politicians who suck up to Midwestern farmers by offering ethanol subsidies, he proposes merely eliminating regulations that inhibit ethanol production. That's libertarian.

Paul's practicing politics, but it's still pretty libertarian politics. In fact, he seems to lean over backward to stick to libertarian principles — even while trying to sound like a mainstream politician.

Most politicians just change their "principles" to fit the needs of their campaign. And maybe keeping things vague is the way to win. Hillary Clinton's website doesn't even give any specific policy positions.

Liberals should consider voting for this Republican. Paul's been more vocal than any Democrat in his warnings about civil liberties violations by police, the Dept. of Homeland Security and the NSA. His criticism of policies that disproportionately harm minorities let him reach out to groups that Republicans have often ignored. A recent poll of swing states found Paul would beat Hillary Clinton in Colorado and Iowa.

Rand Paul is not perfectly libertarian, but of those who might be president, he's the best thing we've got.

In 2012, I voted for Gary Johnson. Next year: Rand Paul.

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



JOHN STOSSEL

PERSPECTIVE

Storms of life

Heavy thunderstorms and possible tornadoes were predicted and supposedly headed directly toward us. We kept watching the TV which scrolled the affected parishes and counties, searching for our location, but hoping it wouldn't be there.

For hours we felt the possible danger, then before too long, the storms had passed without touching down or causing damage. Just some wind, lightening, thunder and rain.

I have never had a great fear of storms, but I do have a healthy respect for them. When we were growing up, we had a storm cellar that was used quite often.

My mother always tended to remain calm, but Daddy would wake us in the middle of the night and hurry us outside and into the shelter.

I always believed that he had been in a storm while growing up, thus his fear. But later, after I became a parent, I realized that it might not have been so much fear, as responsibility for his family.

We children would grumble about being awakened and getting wet as we made our way to the cellar. He ignored us and assured us it was for our safety. He would bravely stand by the door, holding on for extra assurance it would not be blown open.

Years later, I would find myself in the same position of responsibility, but we had no shelter to go to.

It seemed it never failed that the bad weather always appeared while Hubby, who worked shifts, was at work and I was home alone with three little ones. I could not allow them to see my fear, I tried to mask it as just a bit of concern. I didn't want them to develop a fear, just a respect.

We would get as far from the windows as possible. I would try to stay calm and tell them that we would just stay there while the lightning was bad and then we'd be okay.

After the storm passed, I would say a quick thank you prayer and breathe a sigh of relief. Another storm, come and gone.

How truly like our lives were the storms are going to come, often when we least expect them. How are we going to handle the storms?

With fear and trembling, or with calm assurance from our Heavenly Parent that everything is going to be all right?

After the storms passed, the earth was washed clean. The trees and the grasses were a more vibrant green and the flowers shone brilliantly against the green background.

It seems that the world was awakened in the onslaught of the storm and came out on the other side in a better place.

Hopefully, as we face our storms in life, we'll do the same and be better persons for having gone through the turbulent times.

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Give us your two cents!

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Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Minden branch of the NAACP will have its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 6:30 p.m., May 8 at the Minden Civic Center. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Earl Griggin Jr., presiding elder of Monroe District of the CME Church and former pastor of Mt. Zion CME in Minden. For ticket information, contact Tan Grigsby at 470-3364 or Sharon Wallace at 840-1165.

Around Town

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. Ages 9 - 12 only from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Ages 13 - 18 only 7 until 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

The NAACP Minden, La Branch will meet for its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. For more information contact Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

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 Methodist 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.

Spring Arts Festival Art Exhibit Winners

Paintings:

Pre-K – K

- 1.Landon Stallings – The Children's Center
- 2.Levi Royer – The Children's Center
- 3.Lily Campbell – First Baptist Church
- 4.Hannah Whorton – The Children's Center

1st – 2nd

- 1.Grant Harrington – Glenbrook
- 2.Emily Chandler – Glenbrook
- 3.Easton Sanders – Glenbrook
- 4.Mattie Fowler – Glenbrook

3rd – 4th

- 1.Paige Timmons – N. Webster
- 2.Lyidia Sanders – Glenbrook
- 3.Genevieve Thomas – N. Webster
- 4.Chase Sentell - Glenbrook

5th – 6th

- 1.Jackson Powell – Glenbrook
- 2.Brianna Lewis – N.W. Upper
- 3.Jonah Thomas – Homeschool
- 4.Skye Zaraba – Brown Upper Elementary

7th – 8th

- 1.Alex Reynolds – Lakeside
- 2.Jordan Davis – Webster Jr.

9th – 10th

- 1.Amber Buggs – NWHS
- 2.Summer Sasser – NWHS
- 3.Jessie Roy – NWHS
- 4.Summer Sasser – NWHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Allie Bridges – NWHS
- 2.Allie Bridges – NWHS
- 3.Anquanetta Hawkins – NWHS
- 4.Abi Shirley – NWHS

Pencils:

Pre-K – K

- 1.Kynzie Smith – Glenbrook
- 2.Carter Martin – Harper
- 3.Carter Martin – Harper
- 4.Lela Margaret Miller – Glenbrook

1st – 2nd

- 1.Seth Mangrum – Glenbrook
- 2.Marley Black – Glenbrook
- 3.Baylee Ware – Jones
- 4.Sophie Downer – Glenbrook

3rd – 4th

- 1.Colin Campbell – Richardson
- 2.Kaylee Jordan – Ghs
- 3.Dalen Robinson – Richardson
- 4.Marissa Franklin – Richardson

5th – 6th

- 1.Anne Grace Adams – NWJH
- 2.Ruben Soto – Central
- 3.Ashton Rayner – Richardson
- 4.Grady Brasher – Glenbrook

7th – 8th

- 1.Jordan Davis – Webster Jr.
- 2.Jesse Schumacher – NWJH
- 3.Aaron Fuller – NWJH
- 4.Anna Beth Smith – NWJH

9th – 10th

- 1.Alli Treece – NWHS
- 2.Domonic Rasco – NWHS
- 3.Amber Buggs – NWHS
- 4.Taylor Holland – MHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Andrew Holford – MHS
- 2.Shana Deschler – NWHS
- 3.Shana Deschler – NWHS
- 4.Emerald Clark - MHS

Mixed Medium

1st – 2nd

- 1.Garrett Adams – Glenbrook
- 2.Bryant Slayton – Glenbrook
- 3.Grant Harrington – Glenbrook
- 4.Gaige Machen – Glenbrook

3rd – 4th

- 1.Rebecca Harrington – Glenbrook
- 2.Maddox Mandino – Glenbrook
- 3.Aaron Edwards – Richardson
- 4.Rebecca Harrington – Glenbrook

5th – 6th

- 1.Grayson Blakeley – Glenbrook
- 2.Reese Hanson – Glenbrook
- 3.Chase Holley – Glenbrook
- 4.Mary Evelyn King – Glenbrook



9th – 10th

- 1.Amber Buggs – NWHS
- 2.Madison Youngblood – NWHS
- 3.Jessie Roy – NWHS
- 4.Jerricho Tems – NWHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Stormey J. Sanders – NWHS
- 2.Sydney Tilley – NWHS
- 3.Gwen Black – NWHS
- 4.Victoria Gulan – NWHS

Photography:

3rd – 4th

- 1.Colin Campbell – Richardson
- 7th – 8th
- 1.Gracie Milam – Glenbrook
- 2.Jemma Killingworth – Glenbrook
- 3.Jemma Killingworth – Glenbrook
- 4.Jemma Killingworkth – Glenbrook

9th – 10th

- 1.Shelby Vaughn – NWHS
- 2.Shelby Vaughn – NWHS
- 3.Merry Ward – MHS
- 4.Merry Ward – MHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Catharine Willis – Glenbrook
- 2.Justin Le – Glenbrook
- 3.Justin Le – Glenbrook
- 4.Catharine Willis – Glenbrook

Collages:

3rd – 4th

- 1.Conner Wood – The Children's Center
- 2.Alyssa Vela – The Children's Center
- 3.Aliysha Butler – The Children's Center
- 4.Caden Thorton – The Children's Center

5th – 6th

- 1.Chris Batton – The Children's Center
- 2.Trinity Wallace – The Children's Center
- 3.Aiden Klick – The Children's Center

9th – 10th

- 1.Jessie Seymore – MHS
- 2.Matthew Estes - Doyline
- 11th – 12th
- 1.Sydney Tilley – NWHS
- 2.Victoria Galan – NWHS

Digital Art:

9th – 10th

- 1.Brandon Thompson – NWHS
- 2.Alli Denman – NWHS
- 3.Jericho Tims – NWHS

Sculptures:

1st – 2nd

- 1.Brianna Wade – The Children's Center
- 2.Lucas Whitten – The Children's Center

3.Porter Neal – The Children's Center

- 4.Lucas Whitten – The Children's Center

3rd – 4th

- 1.Raegan Davis – The Children's Center
- 2.Raegan Davis – The Children's Center
- 3.Aloral Ligenfelter – Glenbrook
- 4.Xavier Whitten – The Children's Center

7th – 8th

- 1.Zachary Upya – Dhs
- 2.Sebastian Watson – Dhs
- 3.Sebastian Watson – Dhs

9th – 10th

- 1.Madison Mccormich – MHS
- 2.Taylor Holland – MHS
- 3.Karen Woods – MHS
- 4.Tristin Williams – MHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Alexandre Rose Bridges – MHS
- 2.Laken Lee – MHS
- 3.Stormey Sanders – NWHS
- 4.Kourtlyne Stevenson – MHS

Misc.:

7th – 8th

- 1.Angeli Engel – Doyline
- 9th – 10th
- 1.Elayna Pool - NWHS

11th – 12th

- 1.Laken Lee – MHS

Woodwork:

5th – 6th

- 1.Jonah Thomas – Homeschool
- 9th -10th
- 1.Travan Morris – NWHS

Sewing:

1st – 2nd

- 1.Mylie Piper Thomas – Home-school
- 5th – 6th
- 1.Embeth Coyle – Glenbrook

9th – 10th

- 1.Armonis Crockett – Nwh
- 2.Armonis Crockett – Nwh
- 3.Octavion Hemphill - Nwh

Crochet/Knitting/Cross-Stitch:

5th – 6th

- 1.Hannah Mosley – Glenbrook
- 2.Embeth Coyle – Glenbrook
- 3.Cooper Parks – Phillips
- 4.Cooper Parks - Phillips

Poetry:

3rd – 4th

- 1.Rebecca Harrington – Glenbrook
- 2.Kenzie Macdonald – Richardson
- 3.Rebecca Harrington – Glenbrook
- 4.Kenzie Macdonald – Richardson

5th – 6th

- 1.Charlton Kellog – Phillips
- 2.Riley Young – Phillips
- 3.Caleb Gross – Phillips
- 4.Landen Hopkins – Phillips

7th – 8th

- 1.Emily Self – Glenbrook
- 2.Amber Lovitt – Glenbrook

9th – 10th

- 1.Brianna Murray – North Webster
- 2.Brianna Murray – North Webster
- 3.Hayden Corbell – North Webster
- 4.Caleb Allison – North Webster

11th – 12th

- 1.Catherine Willis – Glenbrook
- 2.Catherine Willis – Glenbrook
- 3.Colton Smith – North Webster
- 4.Catherine Willis – Glenbrook

Jewelry:

9th – 10th

- 1.Summer Sasser - NWHS

Best Of Shows:

Collages:

Jessie Seymore - MHS

Digital Art:

Braden Thompson - NWHS

Photograpy:

Colin Campbell - Richardson

Paintings:

Grant Harrington - Glenbrook

Mixed Medium:

Grayson Blakeley - Glenbrook

Pencil:

Colin Campbell - Richardson

Misc:

Laken Lee - MHS

Sewing:

Embeth Coyle – Glenbrook

Sculptures:

Madison Mccormick - MHS

Poetry:

Catherine Willis – Glenbrook

Altered Couture Winners:

13 And Under Division:

- 1.Aliysha Butler – The Children's Center
- 2.Karley Blackburn – The Children's Center
- 3.Alyssa Vela – The Children's Center

14 And Above Division:

- 1.Jessie Roy (Model: Asia Alexander) – NWHS
- 2.Madison Youngblood (Model: Armonis Crockett) – NWHS
- 3.Alexus Orgeron - NWHS

SPORTS

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SPORTS briefs

BASEBALL

Minden takes on Lutcher today

LUTCHER - The Minden Crimson Tide play today at 4 p.m. against the 14-seed Lutcher Bulldogs. The Crimson Tide enter the playoffs as the 19-seed and should they win, the Tide would face the winner of No. 3 seed Franklinton and No. 30 Edna Karr.

Look for results in tomorrow's Press-Herald.

MLB

Orioles/White Sox canceled due to riots

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles' home game against the Chicago White Sox was postponed Monday night because of safety concerns after riots broke out near Camden Yards following the funeral of Freddie Gray.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, at the stadium for a previously planned visit, said Tuesday night's game between the Orioles and White Sox could be moved — possibly to Nationals Park in Washington — if safety continued to be an issue.

The Orioles announced the postponement about 40 minutes before gametime. About 1,000 fans were inside the stadium at the time, and many gates already had been closed.

The team said the game was called off after consultation with police. "We feel like we made the decision that would provide us the greatest possible security in terms of protecting the fans, the players, the umpires, everybody involved in the game," Manfred said. "I don't know what more I can say about it at this point."

NBA

Bucks beat Bulls to force game 6

CHICAGO (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks insisted this playoff series was about more than just showing up, taking their beating and learning from it.

Michael Carter-Williams had 22 points and nine assists, Khris Middleton scored 21 points, and the Bucks avoided elimination again with a 94-88 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series.

With a 3-2 lead, the Bulls will try to close it out again Thursday at Milwaukee. But the Bucks aren't going quietly after dropping the first three games.

"A lot of people look at it as house money," Bucks coach Jason Kidd said. "You can always talk about the future, but we don't. We don't really understand what the future holds for us. We've got to stay in the present."

Carter-Williams hit 10 of 15 shots while outplaying Derrick Rose.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

NETTERS TOP MUSTANGS



Catherine Willis delivers a serve in a match earlier this season. Courtesy Photo/Darden Gladney



Special to the Press-Herald

The Apache netters hosted district foe River Oaks in the last home match of the spring season. The abbreviated dual match featured uncontested matches in both boys' doubles and in the No. 2 boys' singles aiding the Apaches' 7-2 victory.

Girls' Singles

Undefeated Amelia Christy continued her quest for back-to-back district titles at No. 1 position with a 6-0, 6-0 defeat of Kristen Bondad.

"Amelia used penetrating ground strokes and a high percentage of first serves to deflate any desire her opponent had in being victorious," Orr said.

Catherine Willis, playing the No. 2 position, easily defeated Grace Anne Moore 6-0, 6-0.

"Both of our singles' competitors will be formidable in the North Tournament," said Orr.

Boys' Singles

Schuyler Powell defeated Jack Alexander 6-0, 6-4.

"This match featured Schuyler's best effort during the first set; he stayed aggressive, proving that he could stay focused and determined," Orr said.

"The second set featured a relaxed state of mind and unforced errors that gave his opponent a degree of hope. However, a break of serve in the ninth gave allowed

Schuyler to serve out the match. I was well pleased with his approach to the match and his management of play."

Mixed Doubles

The veteran duo of Lexie Martin and Graham Lemoine easily defeated Claire Tannehill and Jonathan Stacy 6-0, 6-0.

"This team has partnered for three years and are accustomed to the tendencies of each other," Orr said.

Unfortunately, I dissolved the partnership so that each of our six girls could compete for a district title. We will not field a mixed doubles team in the tournament."

Girls' Doubles

"Before the season began, I re-vamped our doubles' teams, hoping that we would continue to be competitive," Orr said. "However, that reality has not materialized. Various factors have contributed to the lack of achievement: illness, lack of practice time, and involvement in other extra-curricular activities.

We still control our own destiny; we will require assistance from our distract rivals in their matches," stated Orr. At the No. 1 position, the team of Bridget Cone and Abigail Gilbert lost to Kara Bryan and Leah Spence 6-1, 6-0. At the No. 2 position, the duo of Madison Lemoine and Lexie Martin lost to Caroline Williams and Emma Jane Johnson 6-4, 2-6, 1-0. "Madison and Lexie lost the tie break 10-8. We just could not put enough pressure on our opponents."

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

What started out bad took a nice turn

In last week's column, several of you have shared my pain as this season's turkey hunting efforts had gone so bad I had to go back and recall something positive from a prior year. That column was not fun to write; the one this week, however, is.

Turkey season this year has been plagued with wet, windy weather, not ideal conditions for turkeys to gobble and respond to calls. Saturday, April 11 though, was made to order as temperatures were chilly, there was no wind and for the first time in days, skies were clear.

I met my hunting partner, Mike Brister, at our camp in Jackson Parish and we headed out. Brister in his truck and me in mine, to see if we could hear a turkey gobble from the roost. Mike pulled out first and as I shifted gears on my truck, the sound was sickening as the old truck shuddered to a halt.

By then, Brister was on down the road but he sensed I was having truck trouble so he doubled back to check on me. We pushed my truck off the road, I put my gear in his truck and we headed for our first listening point. Pulling into a side road,

we got out quietly and as daylight was approaching, Brister did the traditional owl hoot to see if a gobbler would respond. The owl call triggered a reaction gobble from a bird still on the roost.

Since that was the only one we heard initially, my friend dangled a morsel in front of me I couldn't pass up. My vehicle was dead and I couldn't go to another spot so Brister suggested he and I team up on this bird we heard.

Slipping down the old road to where the gobbler was directly in front of us probably 250 yards or so away, we eased into a clear cut, set out a decoy, settled down and started the gobbler games with this old boy.

Soon it was obvious the gobbler was on the ground and he was answering virtually every call Brister made, calls that eventually attracted a hen that came in to inspect the decoy.

Meanwhile the gobbler was sounding off lustily just out of sight in a drain out to our front. Presently, the hen made her way on past the gobbler and we watched her standing on a hill across the way and for the first time, we saw the gobbler in full strut, gobbling with every step.

Brister picked up the tempo on his calls and I joined in with my IUP box call. Otherwise, the gobbler would have no doubt been more interested in the hen he could see. Most times, a gobbler will opt for the visible hen but



Courtesy Photo/Lane Brister

in this case, the hen walked on over the hill while the gobbler, which must have liked the music we were playing, turned away from the hen and began circling toward our location.

It took him a full half hour to cover the distance but when he finally stepped out, at 35 yards, I dropped him in his tracks. This gobbler was indeed a

trophy, tipping the scales at 22 pounds with spurs over 1 ¼ inches and a rope for a beard that stretched the tape to 11 ¾ inches.

This day which started out not-so-good ended up with one of the most exciting turkey hunts I have been on in years. My success was due totally to a fellow who has already called in a gobbler for his

son, has downed one himself and unselfishly guided me to one of the biggest gobblers I ever took.

Thank you Mike Brister for making what started out as a disappointing day for me into one I won't forget.

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‘Age of Ultron’ is an Avengers overdose

It will surely stand as one of the most peculiar and possibly ironic entries in a director's filmography that in between Joss Whedon's two "Avengers" films there reads "Much Ado About Nothing": a low-budget, black-and-white Shakespeare adaption sandwiched between two of the most gargantuan blockbusters ever made.

In "Avengers: Age of Ultron," there is definitely aplenty ado-ing. Too much, certainly, but then again, we come to the Avengers for their clown-car excess of superheroes, their colorful coterie of capes.

What binds Whedon's spectacles with his Shakespeare are the quips, which sail in iambic pentameter in one and zigzag between explosions in the others. The original 2012 "Avengers" should have had more of them, and there's even less room in the massive — and massively overstuffed — sequel for Whedon's dry, self-referential wit.

As a sequel, "Age of Ultron" pushes further into emotionality and complexity, adding up to a full but not particularly satisfying meal of franchise building, and leaving only a bread-crum trail of Whedon's banter to follow through the rubble.

The action starts predictably with the Avengers assaulting a remote HYDRA base in the fictional Eastern European republic of Sokovia. They are a weaving force: Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron

Man, Chris Hemsworth's Thor, Mark Ruffalo's Hulk, Chris Evans's Captain America, Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow and Jeremy Renner's Hawkeye.

Their powers are as various (supernatural, technological, mythological) as their flaws (Iron Man's narcissism, the Hulk's rage, the Black Widow's regrets). Downey's glib Tony Stark/Iron Man is the lead-singer equivalent of this super group and, I suspect, the one Whedon likes writing for the most. "I've had a long day," he sighs. "Eugene O'Neill long."

What "Age of Ultron" has going for it, as such references prove, is a sense of fun, a lack of self-seriousness that persists even when things start going kablooey — something not always evident in other faux-serious superhero films. (See: "Man of Steel," or rather, don't.)

In Sokovia, they encounter duplicitous twins: the quick-footed Quicksilver (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) and the mystical Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen). The real villain, though, is the titular Ultron, an artificial intelligence that the Scarlet Witch slyly leads Stark to create, birthing not the global protection system he hopes, but a maniacal Frankenstein born, thankfully, with some of his creator's dullness.

Ultron (James Spader) builds himself a muscular metallic body and begins amassing a robot army to



rid the planet of human life. Spader plays Ultron who is too similar to other mechanical monsters to equal Tom Hiddleston's great Loki, the nemesis of the last "Avengers" film. But Spader's jocular menace adds plenty. He wickedly hums Pinocchio melodies: "There are no strings on me."

But the drama of "Age of Ultron" lies only partly in the battle with Ultron. The film is really focused

on the fraying dysfunction of the Avengers and their existential quandaries as proficient killers now untethered from the dismantled S.H.I.E.L.D. agency.

There's not a wrong note in the cast; just about anything with the likes of Spader, Ruffalo, Johansson, Hemsworth and Downey can't help but entertain. But the dive into the vulnerability of the Avengers doesn't add

much depth (is the home life of an arrow slinger named Hawkeye important?) and saps the film's zip.

All the character arcs — the Avengers, the bad guys and the new characters — are simply too much to tackle, even for a master juggler like Whedon. The movie's hefty machinery — the action sequences, the sequel baiting — suck up much of the movie's oxygen.

In the relentless march

forward of the Marvel juggernaut, "Age of Ultron" feels like a movie trying to stay light on its feet but gets swallowed up by a larger power: The Franchise.

"Avengers: Age of Ultron," a Walt Disney release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "intense sequences of sci-fi action, violence and destruction." Running time: 141 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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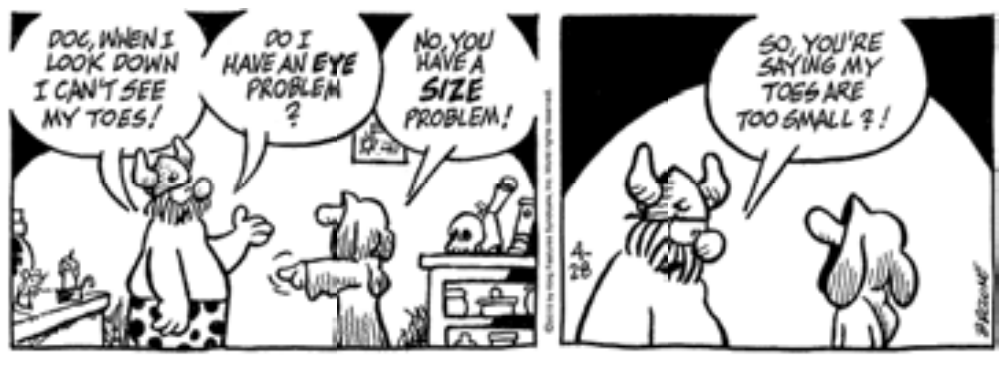
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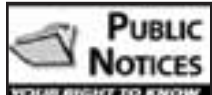
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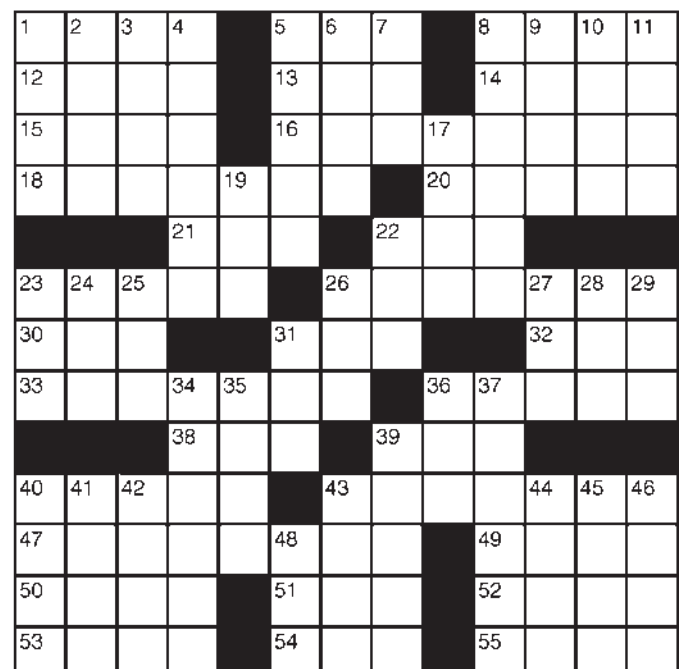
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