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“The first Christmas he was not with us, he had guard duty Christmas Eve. He would look down at that ring and think about all of us, and that connected him to home.

CINDY MADDEN



Jerry and Cindy Madden show the ring that their son, the late Josh Madden, wore in front of a memorial wall. Josh Madden was killed near Kirkuk in northern Iraq in 2006. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Ring tells the story of family connection

A simple ring. It holds a connection between father and son and will be ultimately be passed on to another son in memory of his father.

Cindy Madden tells the untold story of a ring her son, the late Josh Madden, wore as his connection to his family. The ring is engraved on his headstone at Gardens of Memory in Minden.

“Madden is an Irish name, and Josh got interested in the Irish name, so Jerry gave Josh this Irish ring when he was in high school,” she said. “Josh adored his daddy. He cherished that ring. Well in the military, you’re not supposed to wear personal jewelry, and Josh would wear this ring on his right hand. And he kept getting in trouble for it.”

Every time he got in trouble for wearing it, Madden says he would have to do a set of pushups or whatever punishment they deemed necessary – and he still refused to take it off.

“When he applied for special forces in Hawaii and they imprisoned him, they saw this ring and asked what the ring was for,” she said. “He told them, ‘My father gave me this

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Shown at top is how Josh Madden’s ring originally looked. Josh’s father, Jerry, says a replica was made so that it could be engraved on Josh’s tombstone. The bottom ring is Josh’s ring which was returned to his family. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

IN HONOR

Memorial Day: the meaning of the holiday

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For many, Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer, but for others, it is a time to remember loved ones who fought and died for one of the greatest nations on Earth.

Webster Parish Historian John Agan says the beginnings of Memorial Day started after the Civil War to remember those who died on the battlefield. It was formerly known as Decoration Day.

“The only clear fact is that it does seem to have begun in the Civil War era,” Agan said, “but I do think it needs to be made clear the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Memorial Day is supposed to be to remember those who died or were killed while in service, not just those who served, but folks seem not to get the difference.”

For Cindy and Jerry Madden, who lost their son in Iraq, Memorial Day is about remembering Josh and honoring his legacy.

“Memorial Day is really hard for me,” Cindy Madden said. “It always falls around Josh’s birthday, which is Sunday (May 24), and he would have been 30 had he lived. It’s a combination of not having Josh with us and the fact that he was killed the way he was that makes it tough.”

She says it’s difficult because she sees people celebrating Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer, and people forget the real reason the day is set aside.

“When they desecrate the flag, that’s hard,” she said. “That it’s allowed. I just have a hard time with the fact that he died for our freedom to display the flag and be proud of America. In so many instances nowadays, they are not only desecrating the flag, but thereby desecrating the United States. I think we are moving too far away from what our country is based on.”

Josh Madden was killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006, leaving behind a wife and small son. A few years ago, the interchange at the Interstate 20 Minden/Sibley exit was named the Joshua Madden Interchange in his honor.

“I know that Josh willingly went to war,” she said. “He signed up because of 9/11; I know that he felt like this was his mission in life to do. He died knowing that this is what he would die for. I know in this particular case, he chose this. I just hope that people remember the real reason why we have Memorial Day.”

She says it’s great that families get together and cook out and celebrate, because Josh would have wanted families to get together and have time together.

“It’s just the families of the ones that know they’ll never come back,” she said. “We enjoy being with our family, but he’ll never come back. It’s not just this generation, but we seem to have become aware of the sacrifice our soldiers have made,

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MINDEN CRIME

Minden man arrested on felony drug charge

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A Minden man found himself under arrest on a felony drug charge when police learned it was his second offense.

Casey R. Moss, 19, of the

100 block of Marshall Street, was arrested Monday, May 18, and charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), second offense. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Police Chief Steve Cropper says Lt. Wayne Young discovered an unsecured, unoccupied vehicle in the back park-

ing lot of a local pizza restaurant while on patrol.

“The windows were down on the vehicle, so he went to check out the vehicle,” he said, “and at that point in time, he observed a small bag of suspected marijuana in plain sight on the console between the two front seats.

About that time, a male exited the back of the restaurant and he advised it was his vehicle.”

Cropper says Young questioned Moss about the small bag, and Moss went to the vehicle, retrieved the suspected marijuana and handed it to the officer. Moss was placed under arrest and when a back-

ground check was conducted, officers learned the teen had a prior offense for marijuana possession, which makes it a felony, the chief says.

Moss was transported to the Minden Police Station for booking and transferred to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.



MOSS

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Honoring our fallen heroes this Memorial Day

Editor's note: President Obama's weekly address runs Monday's in the Minden Press-Herald on the Opinion page. Due to space limitations and the timeliness of the article, it is being ran on page 2 this week.

It's Memorial Day—a time to pay tribute to all our men and women in uniform who've ever given their lives so that we can live in freedom and security. This year, the holiday is especially meaningful. It's the first Memorial Day since our war ended in Afghanistan.

On Monday, at Arlington Cemetery, I'll join our Gold Star families, veterans, and their loved ones to remember all our fallen heroes, including the more than 2,200 American patriots who gave their lives in Afghanistan. And I plan to share a few of their stories.

Growing up in Arizona, Wyatt Martin loved the outdoors. To him, a great day was a day spent fishing. After high school, he enlisted in the Army because he believed that the blessings he enjoyed as an American came with an obligation to give back to his country.

Ramon Morris was born in Jamaica, and as a teenager came to Queens. Like so many proud immigrants, he felt a calling to serve his new country and joined the Army. He fell in love, got engaged, and the thing he wanted most was to make the world safer for his three-year-old daughter.

In their lives, Specialist Wyatt Martin and Sergeant First Class Ramon Morris travelled different paths. But in December, their paths intersected as the final two Americans to give their lives during our combat mission in

Afghanistan.

This weekend also reminds us that, around the world, our men and women in uniform continue to serve and risk their lives. In Afghanistan, our troops now have a new mission—training and advising Afghan forces. John Dawson was one of them. From Massachusetts, he loved the Bruins and the Pats. In April, he gave his life as an Army combat medic—the first American to give his life in this new mission. This Memorial Day, we'll honor Corporal Dawson as well.

Like generations of heroes



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

before them, these Americans gave everything they had—not for glory, not even for gratitude, but for something greater than themselves. We cannot bring them back. Nor can we ease the pain of their families and friends who live with their loss.

But we are the Americans they died to defend. So what we can do—what we must do—is fulfill our sacred obligations to them, just like they fulfilled theirs to us. We have to honor their memory. We have to care for their families, and our veterans who served with them. And as a nation, we have to remain worthy of their sacrifice—forever committed to the country they loved and the freedom they fought for and died for.

Thank you, have a wonderful weekend, and may God bless our fallen heroes and their families.

Homer Police Department seeking reserve officers

The Homer Police Department is seeking individuals interested in applying to be a reserve officer. For more information and to obtain an application, contact Homer Police Department Officer Johnnie Hough, Police Chief Russell Mills by phone at 318-927-4001, email at homerpolice9@gmail.com or stop by the Homer Police Department at 400 East Main St. in Homer.

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ring.”

She says they called his father every name in the book and he quit.

“That was just his Achilles heel,” she said. “So the first Christmas he was not with us, he had guard duty Christmas Eve. He would look down at that ring and think about all of us, and that connected him to home.

“So when he came home to see Jackson (Josh's son), before he was killed, we were standing at the stove,” she said. “He said, ‘Mom, I got in trouble for the ring again.’ I said, ‘You did?’ He said, ‘Yeah, and I just told them my daddy gave this to me and you're going to have to take it off my cold, dead finger.’ Two weeks later, they did.”

Josh Madden was killed Dec. 6, 2006, and the next

day, his lieutenant colonel called to offer his condolences and asked if he could do anything. Jerry Madden, Josh's father, said, “You find that ring.”

“So, he called us back about six hours later, and he said, ‘I've got good news and I've got bad news,’” Madden continued. “Jerry asked him, ‘What's the bad news?’ He said, ‘That's how we identified the body.’ That ring he would not take off. I promised Josh I would take him to Ireland, and I never got to do that.”

Cindy Madden says they are going to Ireland this

summer and will leave a time capsule somewhere there in his memory. The family has been researching their family ancestry, calling it their “Madden Pilgrimage.”

She is asking for people who wish to add something to the time capsule to contact them.

The Maddens now have the ring, thanks to the generosity of Josh's wife, Dani. She says it's tattered and beat up from the explosion that killed Josh, but they have it, and it will be passed on to Jackson when he turns 18.

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WEBSTER TOURISM

Webster Parish spotlighted by travel writers

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Webster Parish is once again in the spotlight as travel writers came through Friday for another familiarization tour.

Baton Rouge-based photographer Tim Mueller was in Webster Parish this week working with the Louisiana Office of Tourism to photograph the Boom or Bust Byway, Highway 2.

“We have photographed on Bayou Dorcheat with Homer Humphreys, the Webster Parish kiosk in Sarepta, the new Germantown Colony Museum visitor center and exhibits, the Spring Theater in Springhill, the Dorcheat Museum in Minden and beautiful vistas along the byway, all with the rain,” Lynn Dorsey, executive director of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, said. “Tim joined the Louisiana North Adventure Familiarization Tour consisting of five travel writers, and then headed to Muddy Bottoms ATV and Recreation Park.”

The group stopped in Minden to have lunch at Habacuc, and Mueller says he’s impressed with what he’s seen so far of the byway.

“All of it’s pretty,” he said. “Despite all the rain, I think I’ve gotten some really good shots. I’ve seen a lot of historic sites, and just the road is beautiful.”

What struck him most, he says, is the waterways.

“I don’t think people think of that when people think of Louisiana,” he said. “It’s just beautiful waterways and beautiful places to go.”

Suzanne Corbett has been a freelance writer since 1991 and food historian.

“When I travel, I seek out, taste out and smell all the won-



Travel writers got a firsthand look at the adventures of Webster Parish Friday during a familiarization tour. The Webster Convention and Visitors Bureau also hosted Tim Mueller, photographer, who spent the week photographing the Boom or Bust Byway. Homer Humphreys spent time with him and the writers as they spent the day in Webster Parish. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

derful foods and their back stories,” she said. “Every place has a history and a story about food, because if there wasn’t some kind of food that was worth staying for or worth growing or sticking around for, the town wouldn’t survived. People would have picked up and moved on.”

And so far, she says she’s happy with what she’s seen in Webster Parish.

“I love the architecture, the old-fashioned streets,” she said.

“The people are really friendly, and I can’t wait to get up from this plate and find out some more. I hear that you have a lot of interesting locations for film producers. I think it’s interesting because people love to see places where movies have been filmed. This is a neat little day trip.”

Corbett is the author of Push-Carts and Stalls: The Souldard Market History Cookbook and the upcoming publication The Gilded Table: The Campbell

House Museum Cookbook.

Other writers on the trip included Sonny Harrington, a hunter safety instructor and National Rifle Association Rifle and Pistol instructor. He is a featured writer for Louisiana Road Trips Magazine.

Dennis Stewart calls Delhi home, and is an outdoor enthusiast and retired attorney. He is a freelance travel writer known for his humorous and stylized writing.

Apryl Chapman is a freelance writer with more than 10 years experience writing for magazines and newspapers. She serves as a feature writer with Southern Hospitality Magazine – Traveler edition and Happening Now.

Jada Durden returns to Minden after blogging about the Fasching in November. Her articles focus on all there is to do in the region and has a large social media presence.

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and we actively honor them now. We didn’t do this for Vietnam vets or other conflicts that were not popular in the United States. I think this should be a day we honor all of our vets and keep aware that there’s men who have died all the way back from the Revolutionary War to keep this country together.”

Col. Sherb Sentell, Army Reserves, says Memorial Day is a day of reflection, a time to

remember those who gave their lives in service to their country.

“It’s a day I reflect, and we think about those people that we’ve lost,” he said. “(I

think about) how a bullet fired around the world changes so many lives here in the United States – whether it’s a roadside bomb or whatever, it just impacts lives throughout the United States. It’s a day of reflection, and it’s humbling.



SENTELL


“As you celebrate Memorial Day with your family and friends, you’re thinking about how they’re remembering the great times but the sadness that comes along with a loss like that.”

Sentell says he and his family are close to the Maddens and admires the family for their strength.

“Their strength is very humbling,” he said. “We’ve had so many that have made the ultimate sacrifice and it’s a time of really deep reflection to honor those veterans who have died in service.”

CORRECTION

In Friday’s edition of the Minden Press-Herald, regarding the cases against Dylan and J’Son Turk, charges against an initial suspect Murphy Robertson were dropped. In 2012, the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office charged him with weapons charges. Officials with the district attorney’s office say Robertson was never charged with anything related to Lott’s death, nor were there charges filed by the DA’s office on the weapons charge.




In Honor In Memory

*Remembering
Sgt. Joshua Barret Madden,
U.S. Army*

**2003 - Senior at Minden High School
2004 - Sniper in Cornfield in Iraq**

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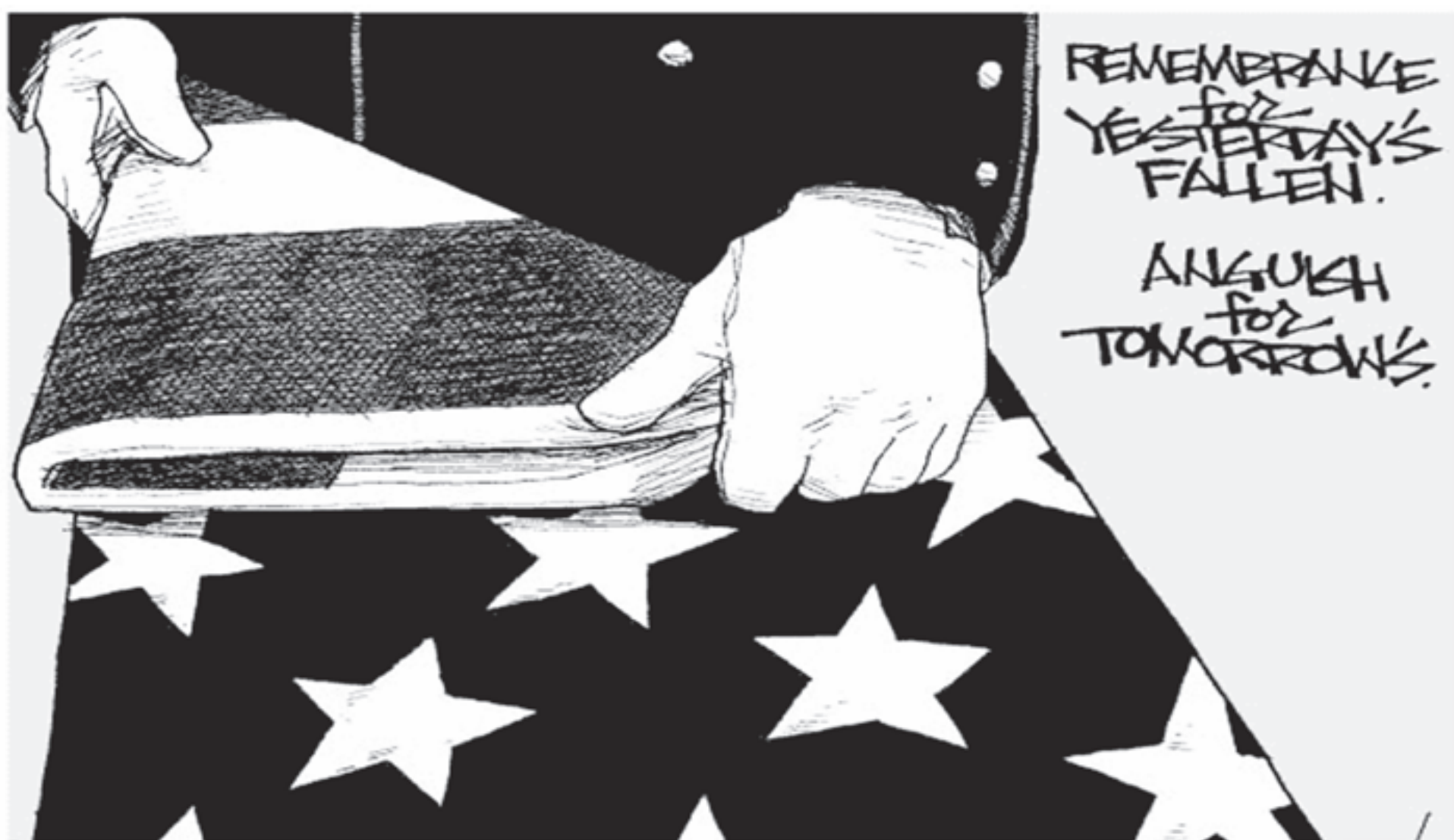
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FROM A GRATEFUL NATION On Memorial Day

Giving Thanks to Those Who Gave So Much to Our Nation

This Memorial Day, kids will be out of school, moms and dads will be firing up the grill, and families across our country will mark the unofficial beginning of summer. But as we do, we should all remember the true purpose of this holiday -- to honor the sacrifices that make our freedom possible.

THROUGHOUT AMERICAN HISTORY, this valor has preserved our way of life and our sacred freedoms. It was this valor that won our independence. It was this valor that removed the stain of slavery from our nation. And it was this valor that defeated the great totalitarian threats of the last century.

Today, the men and women of our military are facing a new totalitarian threat to our freedom.

In Afghanistan, and other fronts around the world, they continue the proud legacy of those who came before them. They bear their responsibilities with quiet dignity and honor. And some have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country.

No words are adequate to console those who have lost a loved one serving our nation. We can only offer our prayers and join in their grief. We grieve for the mother who hears the sound of her child's 21-gun salute. We grieve for the husband or wife who receives a folded flag. We grieve for a young son or daughter who only knows dad from a photograph.

One holiday is not enough to commemorate all of the sacrifices that have been made by America's men and women in uniform.

No group has ever done more to defend liberty than the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Their bravery has done more than simply win battles. It has done more than win wars. It has secured a way of life for our entire coun-

try. These heroes and their families should be in our thoughts and prayers on a daily basis, and they should receive our loving thanks at every possible opportunity.

It's fitting every day to pay tribute to the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States of America. Still, there are certain days that have been set aside for all of us to do so. Veterans Day is one such day -- when we are called to honor Americans who've fought under our country's flag.

Our calling on Memorial Day is different. On this day, we honor not just those who've worn this country's uniform, but the men and women who've died in its service; who've laid down their lives in defense of their fellow citizens; who've given their last full measure of devotion to protect the United States of America. These are the men and women I will be honoring this weekend, and I know many of you are doing the same.

There are any number of reasons America emerged from its humble beginnings as a cluster of colonies to become the most prosperous, most powerful nation on earth. There is the hard work, the resilience, and the character of our people. There is the ingenuity and enterprising spirit of our entrepreneurs and innovators. There are the ideals of opportunity, equality, and freedom that have not only inspired our people to perfect our own union, but inspired others to perfect theirs as well.

But from the very start, there was also something more. A steadfast commitment to serve, to fight, and if necessary, to die, to preserve America and advance the ideals we cherish. It's a commitment witnessed at each defining moment along the journey of this country.

It's what led a rag-tag militia to face British soldiers at Lexington and Concord. It's what led young men, in a country divided half slave and half free, to take up arms to save our union. It's what led patriots in each generation to sacrifice their own lives to secure the life of our nation, from the trenches of World War I to the battles of World War II, from Inchon and Khe Sanh, from Mosul to Marjah.

That commitment -- that willingness to lay down their lives so we might inherit the blessings of this nation -- is what we honor today. But on this Memorial Day, as on every day, we are called to honor their ulti-

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mate sacrifice with more than words. We are called to honor them with deeds.

We are called to honor them by doing our part for the loved ones our fallen heroes have left behind and looking after our military families. By making sure the men and women serving this country around the world have the support they need to achieve their missions and come home safely. By making sure veterans have the care and assistance they need. In short, by serving all those who have ever worn the uniform of this country -- and their families -- as well as they have served us.

On April 25, 1866, about a year after the Civil War ended, a group of women visited a cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi, to place flowers by the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen at Shiloh. As they did, they noticed other graves nearby, belonging to Union dead. But no one had come to visit those graves, or place a flower there. So they decided to lay a few stems for those men too, in recognition not of a fallen Confederate or a fallen Union soldier, but a fallen American.

A few years later, an organization of Civil War veterans established what became Memorial Day, selecting a date that coincided with the time when flowers were in bloom. So this weekend, as we commemorate Memorial Day, I ask you to hold all our fallen heroes in your hearts, and if you can, to lay a flower where they have come to rest.

This Memorial Day, we ask all Americans to honor the sacrifices of those who have served you and our country. One way to do so is by joining in a moment of remembrance that will be marked across our country at 3 p.m. local time.

At that moment, Major League Baseball games will pause, the National Memorial Day parade will halt, Amtrak trains will blow their whistles, and buglers in military cemeteries will play Taps.

You can participate by placing a flag at a veteran's grave, taking your family to the battlefields where freedom was defended, or saying a silent prayer for all the Americans who were delivered out of the agony of war to meet their Creator.

Their bravery has preserved the country we love so dearly.

God Bless You and May God Continue to Bless the United States of America.

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SPORTS briefs

NFL Orlando Scandrick inks new deal with Dallas

IRVING, Texas – The Cowboys' cornerback situation came into clearer focus on Friday, as the club resolved its contract negotiations with Orlando Scandrick.

Scandrick has agreed to a one-year extension worth \$9.5 million, according to multiple reports. The extension gives him an overall deal of five years, worth \$20 million in total.

The news comes several weeks after it was first apparent that Scandrick was unhappy with his contract, which was set to pay him just \$1.5 million in 2015 despite two years of high-level play at his position. Scandrick did not report to the team's Valley Ranch facility for the first two weeks of the offseason program, joining Dez Bryant as the two most notable absentees.

Scandrick returned to Dallas to meet with team officials last week, and he reported for offseason workouts on Monday. Less than one week later, his good faith was rewarded with the extension.

The new deal is the latest high-level investment at cornerback for the Cowboys. The team is also scheduled to pay Brandon Carr \$8 million this season as part of the five-year, \$50 million deal he signed in 2012. It's been widely speculated the Cowboys will ask Carr to take a pay cut on that deal, though that hasn't materialized yet this off-season.

The Cowboys also have two first-round picks playing cornerback for them. Morris Claiborne has one year remaining on his 2012 rookie contract, which will pay him \$2.6 million this year. The team is also in contract negotiations with Byron Jones, who was selected 27th overall in the NFL draft last month.

FOOTBALL Michael Sam to play in Canada

The Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League have signed defensive end Michael Sam, the first openly gay player drafted in the NFL, to a two-year deal, the team announced Friday.

"With the signing of Michael Sam, we have become a better organization today," Alouettes general manager Jim Popp said in a release. "Not only have we added an outstanding football player, we have added even a better person that brings dignity, character, and heart to our team."

The Alouettes have held the exclusive CFL rights to Sam since his senior year at Missouri, when he was the SEC co-defensive player of the year.

"I am very excited and proud to join the Montreal Alouettes," Sam said in a statement. "... I cannot wait to put on the pads, get back on the field and work hard each and every day with my teammates to bring a Grey Cup to the great fans here in Montreal."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SAINTS BACK TO WORK TUESDAY



NEW ORLEANS (AP) —The New Orleans Saints will soon take another step toward the start of the 2015 season, as they begin the first of three OTA sessions on Tuesday, May 26.

Following a disappointing 7-9 campaign in 2014, change has been the overriding theme for the Saints' 2015 offseason. Under the direction of general manager Mickey Loomis and coach Sean Payton, New Orleans has parted ways with some longtime starters and added some highly sought-after free agents at key positions.

With the addition of nine

selections in the 2015 NFL draft, along with the signings of a host of undrafted rookie free agents, New Orleans will have plenty of fresh faces in the fold when OTAs begin.

Just two weeks removed from the draft, the Saints held a minicamp for their rookies this past weekend. Although the camp a l s o served as a tryout for numerous veteran players hoping to earn contracts, its primary purpose was to give the Saints' staff an opportunity to form its first impressions of the 2015 rookie class.

The Saints addressed their offensive line with the No. 13 overall pick in the



Payton

draft, selecting Stanford's Andrus Peat.

Strengthening the offensive line has often proved to be an effective formula for building a championship-level team in the NFL. Upon one glance at Peat's 6'7", 313-pound frame, it's tough to argue against the Saints' thinking here.

With long arms and thick legs, Peat looks every bit the part of a dominant tackle, and he has impressive quickness for a man his size.

Since he was drafted, however, the big question regarding Peat's position hasn't been definitively answered. Will he play left or right tackle for New Orleans in 2015?

According to Joel A. Erickson of the New Orleans Advocate, Payton said the team worked Peat at both tackle spots throughout the minicamp, and he saw more action on

the right side.

With the signing of Brandon Browner, the Saints now have a solid No. 2 starter to pair with Keenan Lewis on the outside.

After that, however, the situation is much more uncertain.

New Orleans appears to have no shortage of young talent at the position, as Brian Dixon, Terrence Frederick and Stanley Jean-Baptiste return from last year's squad to compete with a slew of newcomers. Also in the mix for roster spots are 2015 free-agent acquisitions Kyle Wilson and Delvin Breaux.

Then, there's 2015 draft picks P.J. Williams and Damian Swann, both of whom should compete for early playing time.

A third-round selection out of Florida State, Williams brings a lot to the table, and he could play a

major role in 2015 as the Saints' nickelback.

With the release of journeyman kicker Shayn Graham this week, New Orleans is down to Dustin Hopkins and Zach Hocker.

Hopkins, a 2013 sixth-round pick of the Buffalo Bills, was primed to start in his rookie year before falling victim to a significant groin injury before the season began. He never regained his position the following year, and the Saints signed him to the practice squad late in the 2014 season.

As for Hocker, the former Arkansas Razorback is also a former draft pick who's yet to see his career take off. He was selected by the Washington Redskins in the seventh round a year ago, but he was unable to claim a roster spot in fall camp. The Saints signed him after last weekend's minicamp.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pine Hills Memorial Classic set for July 11-12

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 club manager, Leo Elshout.

The tournament features a \$350 entry fee, two man teams and scramble play with the exception of the Sunday afternoon flights. Sunday afternoon flights will play better ball.

In an effort to up the ante for this year's Memorial Classic, the first place winners in each flight will receive \$1,000.

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.

Mike Elshout, Leo's son will be presenting a very brief memorial to his father at dinner on Saturday night. As we get closer to the tournament, be on the lookout for more information on Leo's extraordinary life.

For additional information on the Memorial Classic or to register for the tournament, visit pinehillssccminden.com.

Entry forms are also available at the clubhouse in the 19th hole, or call James Hodges at (318) 377-7483.

This year's field will be limited to 54 teams, so act fast if you wish to be a part of this year's Memorial Classic.



The Pine Hills Memorial Classic will begin July 11. This year's field is limited to 54 teams. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LSU basketball campaign stirs up controversy



LSU has been under fire for this recently launched season ticket campaign featuring incoming freshmen Ben Simmons. Photo Courtesy of LSUtix.net

BATON ROUGE—LSU's campaign to attract new season ticket holders for the 2015-16 men's basketball team attracted some national criticism as well just one day after being launched.

The LSU Athletic Department kicked off its summer season ticket sales campaign Wednesday featuring the nation's top incoming freshman — power forward Benny Simmons, the cornerstone of coach Johnny Jones' third-ranked recruiting class.

The pitch is being made throughout Baton Rouge via print, billboard, online and social media advertising, starting with a three-column color ad in The Advocate on Wednesday that featured the message "He's Coming."

The ad asks potential ticket buyers to "lock in season tickets."

"This year's campaign will focus on the arrival of the nation's No. 1 recruit, Ben Simmons, and his chosen jersey number '25,'" according to a story that

appeared on the LSU Athletic Department's website. "Through this '25' campaign, fans wishing to become season ticket holders will have the opportunity to lock in their season tickets for the 2015-16 men's basketball season in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center."

ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas was among those who weighed in on the campaign Thursday.

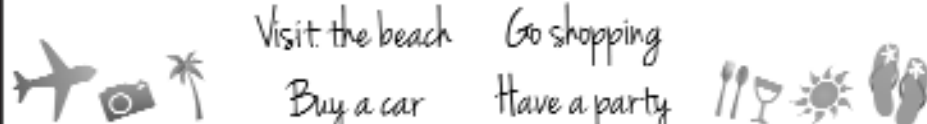
"LSU designs entire campaign around high school player: NCAA says HS players have no value without NCAA. Yeah, right," Bilas tweeted.

Jeff Eisenberg of Yahoo!Sports wrote a blog that included the headline "LSU's new ad campaign shamelessly promotes top recruit Ben Simmons."

In the story, Eisenberg wonders if the ad campaign "was appropriate at the height of a nationwide debate over whether college athletes are being exploited."

LSU officials declined comment.

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TLC pulls Duggar family series amid misconduct reports

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — TLC pulled the reality series "19 Kids and Counting" from its schedule on Friday, a move that follows reports of sexual misconduct allegations against one of the stars, Josh Duggar, stemming from when he was a juvenile.

In a statement, the channel said it was "deeply saddened and troubled by this heartbreaking situation, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family and victims at this difficult time." The statement didn't elaborate.

Also Friday, Arkansas police said they had destroyed a record outlining a nearly decade-old investigation into Duggar, a day after the 27-year-old resigned his role with a prominent conservative Christian group amid reports about the allegations.

The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, which obtained the offense report before its destruction, reports Duggar was accused of fondling five girls in 2002 and 2003. Duggar issued an apology Thursday on Facebook for unspecified bad behavior as a youth and resigned his role as executive director for FRC Action, the tax-exempt legislative action arm of the Washington-based Family Research Council.

"I would do anything to go back to those teen years and take different actions," Duggar wrote. "In my life today, I am so very thankful for God's grace, mercy and redemption."

No charges were filed against Duggar, and the report says investigators concluded the statute of limitations had passed, according to the newspaper.

Duggar appears on the TLC reality show "19 Kids and Counting," which stars his family. He is the oldest of Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar's 19 children.

TLC didn't address whether its popular show would return. The



program had been set to air in reruns after wrapping its most recent season.

Springdale Police began investigating Duggar in 2006 when officers were alerted to a letter containing the allegations that was found in a book lent by a family friend to someone else.

The report, originally published by tabloid In Touch Weekly, states that a member of Harpo Studios, the producer of Oprah Winfrey's then show, received an email containing the allegations before the family was set to appear in 2006. The tipster warned producers against allowing the Duggars on the show and studio staff members faxed a copy of the email to Arkansas

State Police.

Springdale Police spokesman Scott Lewis said Judge Stacey Zimmerman ordered the 2006 offense report destroyed Thursday. Zimmerman didn't return a request for comment on Friday.

"The judge ordered us yesterday to expunge that record," Lewis said, adding that similar records are typically kept indefinitely. "As far as the Springdale Police Department is concerned this report doesn't exist."

Neither Duggar nor his father, a former state representative, returned calls seeking comment Friday.

Several Arkansas Republicans have rallied behind the Duggar

family, which is still engaged in state politics. Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar attended the kickoff event earlier this month for Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, who supported the family in a Facebook post on Friday.

"Those who have enjoyed revealing this long ago sins in order to discredit the Duggar family have actually revealed their own insensitive bloodthirst, for there was no consideration of the fact that the victims wanted this to be left in the past and ultimately a judge had the information on file destroyed not to protect Josh, but the innocent victims," Huckabee wrote.

Arkansas Sen. Bart Hester said

Josh Duggar, who he has known for about five years, has been open and honest about the incident with wife, family and friends. State Sen. Jon Woods, who has known the Duggar family since 2005, said the family had put the issue behind them.

"It's between the family members and was addressed a long time ago but it's new to the public," Woods said. "The family had time to heal and now the public needs time to heal."

Last October, TLC canceled a series about child beauty pageant contestant Honey Boo Boo and her Georgia family amid reports that her mother, June Shannon, was dating a man with a criminal past.

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May 25, 2015
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**Probate Docket
Number 15582
26th Judicial
District Court
Webster Parish,
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**Succession of
Diana Sue Lindsey**

**NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR
ORDER TO
GRANT AN
OIL, GAS AND
MINERAL LEASE
OF IMMOVABLE
PROPERTY.**

NOTICE is given that the Executrix of this succession has petitioned this Court for authority to grand an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease of immovable property belonging to the deceased in accordance with the provisions of Article 3226 and 3229 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Petitioner believes that the mineral lease serves the best interest of the succession by providing needed revenue to the succession and terms of the mineral lease are favorable, containing a three year primary term, \$2,976.00 bonus, and a 1/5 royalty. The immovable property proposed to be leased is described as follows:

The decedent's oil, gas and other minerals reserved in immovable property located in Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Northwest Corner of Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NWC of NW/4) of said Section 27, and run South 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds East 657.435 feet along the North line of said forty; thence run South 1,320 feet to the south line of said forty; thence run North 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West 657.435 feet along the South line to the Southwest Corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SWC of NW/4) of said Section 27, and run South 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds East 657.435 feet along the North line of said forty; thence run South 1,320 feet to the south line of said forty; thence run North 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West 657.435 feet along the South line to the Southwest Corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SWC of NW/4) of said Section 27, and run South 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds East 657.435 feet along the North line of said forty, to the Point of Beginning, containing 19.92 acres, more or less;

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| 32 Attempted | | | 47 Exam format |
| 34 Away from WSW | | | 48 Egg container |
| 35 Grand story | | | 50 "Golly!" |

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Friday's Answers

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