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ARTS IN MINDEN



Jessica Davis of Junction City, Arkansas hangs one of her paintings on the wall at City Artworks. Davis' art will be on display beginning Thursday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Arkansas artist latest exhibit at City Artworks

Show to kick off
with reception at
5 p.m. Thursday

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An art teacher from Junction City is getting a chance to showcase some of her works of art at Minden City Artworks beginning Thursday, July 30.

Jessica Davis, an art teacher at Parker's Chapel High School in El Dorado, Arkansas, will showcase several types of art including three-dimensional and two-dimensional art; she will also showcase some of her paintings. Her favorite paintings are of flowers, she says. While she doesn't have much success at growing flowers, she says she enjoys



One of three chairs on display created by Davis is covered in nails and glass. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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MINDEN CRIME

Arrests made in Griffith Stadium June burglary

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A second arrest has been made in the concession stand burglary at Griffith Stadium.

Joseph Michael Short, 17, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested Thursday, July 23, and charged with two counts of simple burglary and one count of simple theft. All three charges were warrants from the Minden Police Department. Bond was set at \$12,000.

According to reports, Short turned himself into police on the warrants, one of which was for the burglary of the concession stand at Griffith Stadium that was report to police on July 1. He was questioned

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about the Griffith Stadium incident as well as two others. Both warrants were issued Wednesday, July 22.

Tylere Monday, 17, of the 600 block of German-town Road, was arrested July 20, on the charge of simple burglary in this incident.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Monday admitted to assisting in the burglary of the concession stand area, saying they took cases of drinks,

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ELECTION 2015



U.S. Sen. David Vitter, left, talks with Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis, of the Louisiana Army National Guard, visit before taking a tour of Camp Minden in May. Vitter is hoping to become Louisiana's next governor. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Republicans draw in more money for top statewide races

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Republicans are out-raising Democrats in Louisiana's top two races on the Oct. 24 ballot, for governor and lieutenant governor — and pouring more of their own money into their competitions as well, according to the latest campaign reports.

The GOP has been the more dominant political force in state politics in recent years, with Republi-

cans holding every statewide office. Democrats are hoping to end the string of GOP victories, but they continue to lag in fundraising efforts.

Reports outlining campaign donations and spending for the latest quarter, from April 18 through July 16, were due to the state ethics board Monday.

In the governor's race, Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter reported raising \$1.3 million, GOP Pub-

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AROUND THE STATE

Police shoot and kill 3 in 3 days in 3 Louisiana cities

HOUMA— Police in Louisiana have shot and killed three men in three cities over three days. Each was self-defense, said police spokesmen in Houma, Shreveport and New Orleans.

Authorities said an unidentified man shot Monday in Houma pointed a gun at officers after a car chase; Khari Westly, 33, of Shreveport, fired twice at officers on Sunday, and Christopher Olmstead, 60, of New Orleans fought

with an officer Saturday.

Nobody else was wounded in any of the incidents.

Houma is about 55 miles southwest of New Orleans, in Cajun country. Shreveport is about 15 miles from the Texas state line and 280 miles northwest of New Orleans.

Houma police, Terrebonne Parish sheriff's deputies and Louisiana State Police were involved in Monday's Houma shooting, state police

spokesman Evan Harrell told the Courier.

A chase after a theft suspect had ended when officers used a deflation device to stop the man's car, investigators told WDSU-TV. The man then got out of the vehicle and pointed a weapon toward the officers, investigators said.

Sunday's incident in Shreveport began when a teenager called, saying Westly had left a Shreveport home after holding

her and another teenager at gunpoint for nearly seven hours, according to police spokesman Bill Goodin.

Police say Westley returned when his estranged wife showed up to check on the teens, aged 16 and 19 years old.

Goodin says Westly fired at least twice at his wife and once at police, then ran away. He says a short chase ended when Westly turned and shot at officers again.

Four officers fired back. They are on paid administrative leave.

On Saturday, New Orleans police said Olmstead was driving erratically, crashing through a gate and hitting houses and parked cars in his Lower 9th Ward neighborhood, when a resident flagged down a uniformed detective working on an unrelated case in the area.

Olmstead was unarmed but got out of his car and fought with Detective Tim-

othy Bender. Police said Bender fired in self-defense.

Dr. Jeffrey Rouse, the Orleans Parish coroner, said Monday that Olmstead was hit in the neck, chest and abdomen by bullets that entered the front of his body.

The shooting remains under investigation.

Davis says art is a release and a reflection of her moods, emotions

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painting flowers because it makes her feel happy.

"A lot of my paintings are acrylic and floral," she said. "I'm a really big fan of Georgia O'Keeffe, which is a famous floral artist. When I paint flowers, I feel happy and inspired. In college, I was really fascinated with her, and I've watched a lot of her documentaries and things, and I just really enjoy flowers."

Some of her three-dimensional art will include some chairs she's done and some pottery that will also be on display. "Some of them are func-

tional and others work metaphorically," she said of the chairs. "It's meant to be like a setting, like three chairs together for like a resting area."

Her art is a release for her, she says, and it reflects her moods and emotions.

"I have a little bit of OCD, so I'm not really satisfied until a piece is just as I envisioned it," she said. "It's kind of part of my obsessive compulsive need to get it done the way I want. I'm also very sensitive and caring about the environment and the natural order of things. My feelings and beliefs kind of grow with my art as various two-dimensional, three-dimensional art with different mediums and tech-

niques."

Davis, 25, teaches AP art history at Parker's Chapel High School for grades 9-12. In her classes, she teaches the history of art from the time period of the caveman until today.

She is a 2012 graduate of Southern Arkansas University with a bachelor of fine arts degree with an emphasis in studio art. She is set to graduate in August with her master's in art from there as well.

A reception will be from 5 until 7 p.m., at Minden City Artworks, located at 701 Main St., in downtown Minden. Davis' exhibit will run through Sept. 30.



On display at the reception will be pottery made by Davis. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Governor and lieutenant governor seats on Oct. 24 ballot

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lic Service Commissioner Scott Angelle brought in \$413,000 and Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne received \$408,000 from donors in the most recent period.

Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards, by comparison, reported \$246,000 in contributions.

Vitter is the juggernaut in fundraising, sitting atop \$5 million in his campaign account. In a statement, he described himself as "thrilled and humbled" by the support.

A separate political action committee created

to boost Vitter's candidacy, the Fund for Louisiana's Future, reported \$4.4 million in its account to independently advocate for the senator.

Vitter's donated \$950,000 from his U.S. Senate campaign account to the PAC, an end-around Louisiana's prohibitions against transferring dollars from a federal campaign account to a state one.

As candidate activity ratchets up, Dardenne's in the next best cash position, though far behind Vitter. Dardenne's report showed nearly \$1.9 million in his campaign account.

"We are running a very disciplined campaign, spending what we can afford to spend so we can

be competitive as the race intensifies," Dardenne said in a statement.

Angelle is spending so heavily that he and Edwards have similar cash on hand, just over \$1 million — and that's after Angelle loaned his campaign \$375,000, with \$122,000 from his own personal funds and the remaining \$253,000 borrowed from a bank.

Though his Republican challengers have more resources for their campaigns, polls currently show Edwards expected to grab a November runoff spot as GOP contenders split Republican support.

"We're running an efficient, winning campaign," Edwards said in a state-

ment.

In the lieutenant governor's race, Democrat Kip Holden reported total receipts of about \$52,000 while Republican candidate John Young raised \$348,000 and GOP contender Billy Nungesser raised \$160,000 and loaned his campaign another \$500,000.

Young, the Jefferson Parish president, had the heftiest bank account, showing nearly \$2.3 million cash on hand. Nungesser, a former Plaquemines Parish president, reported \$1.6 million in his campaign account. Holden, the mayor of Baton Rouge, ended the period with \$68,000.

Republican state Sen.

Elbert Guillory of Opelousas also has said he intends to run for lieutenant governor, but his campaign finance report wasn't online by Monday evening.

In other filings for statewide races:

GOP Treasurer John Kennedy continues to sit on one of the heftiest campaign accounts in the state, reporting \$3.7 million in the bank with no announced opponents.

Secretary of State Tom Schedler, a Republican, reported raising \$62,000 and ending the period with \$398,000 in the bank. Democratic challenger Chris Tyson, a law professor, took in \$96,000 in contributions, loaned himself

\$10,000 and ended with \$80,000 cash on hand.

Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon, a Republican, said he took in more than \$190,000 and closed the period with nearly \$543,000 cash on hand. Challenger Matt Parker reported nearly \$18,000 in contributions, a \$1,200 loan and just under \$27,000 cash on hand.

Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain, a Republican, reported taking in nearly \$40,000 in contributions and wrapping up the period with \$502,000. Challenger Jamie LaBranche, who ran against Strain four years ago as a Democrat, reported no fundraising activity.

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PERSPECTIVE

Dorcheat fishin'

After a recent fishing trip with our little great grands, I was reminded of the fishing trips my family used to take when we were growing up. Our destination was always on Dorcheat, either at Gum Log or Mulberry Ridge. Other old timers in this area will relate and know exactly where those two spots are located.

Gum Log was our favorite and this is where we would go when we were spending the night. In addition to our family of six and later seven, there would be our grandparents and two uncles who were our age.

It was quite an experience to get to spend the night at the creek. My daddy farmed and he was not one to go fishing if there was work to be done. He always made sure the cotton was chopped and all other chores were caught up before we went. In fact, he would often challenge us to complete a job with the promise of a fishing trip.

We fished for bream and there was not a more avid fisherman than my granddaddy, Pap Wise. He could fish all day and never take a break. My mother inherited this love of fishing so it was excitement all over the place when we got to make a trip to Dorcheat. Mama would always go prepared by taking fried chicken and other foods, "just in case the fish aren't biting", she said. I don't ever remember a time we didn't catch some fish. They may have been just small bream, but most of the time there were a few big ones.

Everybody would fish, at least for a while, so we could have fish and fried potatoes for lunch. (We never called them French fries, just fried potatoes.) In addition to the fish and potatoes, there would be biscuits brought along for lunch, as well as delicious fish gravy. Mama and Granny Wise would work hard preparing lunch. It would be served from a quilt on the ground as there were no tables around. To round out this great meal, there would be tea and Kool-Aid, homemade pickles and usually a couple of cakes or a big batch of tea cakes.

The children, after putting their fishing poles away, ran around playing until we were called to eat. Then it was a feast. Sometimes, if the crops were in good shape we would stay overnight. These times, we also carried food for breakfast and coffee, which was made by boiling coffee grounds in a bucket over the open fire. Our beds consisted of quilts placed on a tarp which had been spread on the ground. I'm not sure there was a lot of good resting going on, but those were some exciting times for a group of kids who never traveled much, and certainly never went on vacations.

We were able to introduce three of our great grands to fishing recently by a friend allowing us to fish in his pond. A three year old, a four and a half year old and their eleven year old sister spent a couple of hours learning how to fish, and pulling in some good sized catfish. After they went home to Georgia, I sent them some pictures of them fishing. They had been telling their parents, who didn't get to go, about their fishing trip.

I'm hoping this little excursion becomes a favorite memory for them, as the Dorcheat fishing trips are for me. Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects.



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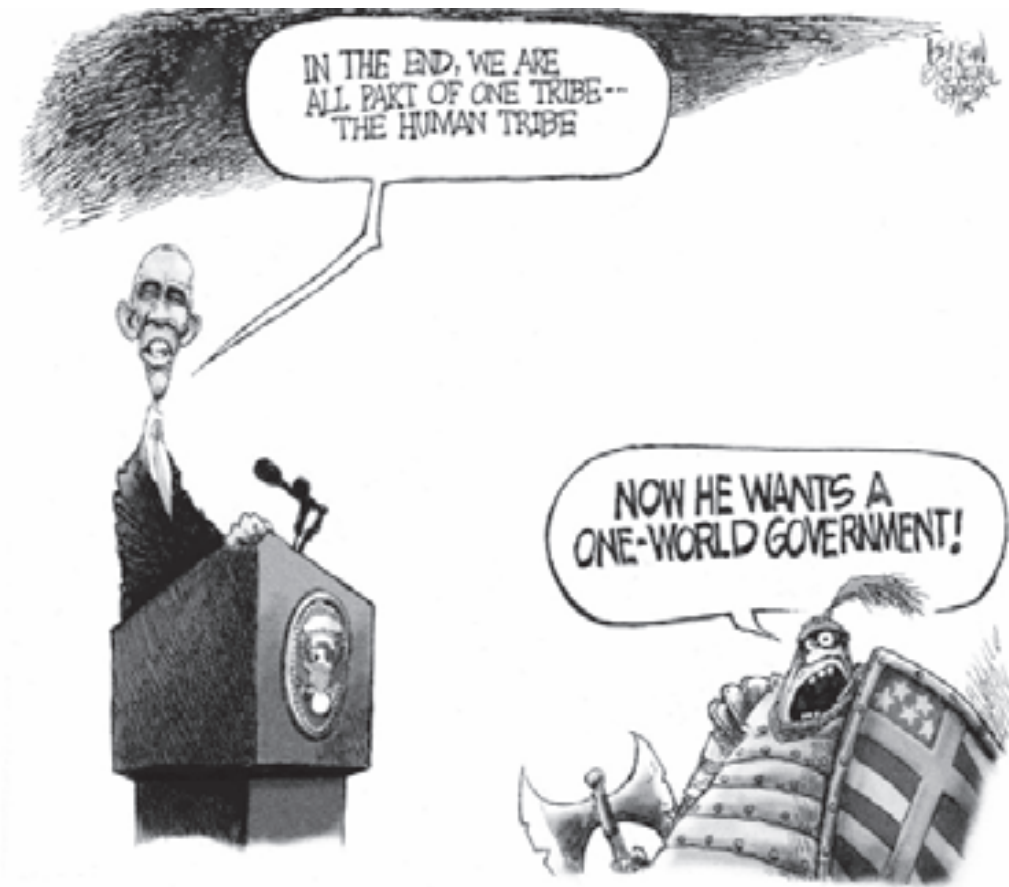
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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

American Press on think tank saying U.S. in ecological deficit

The United States is using more natural resources than can be regenerated within its borders, according to a new report by international think tank Global Footprint Network.

The report, "State of the States: A New Perspective on the Wealth of Our Nation," says the nation is using twice the renewable natural resources than are available within its borders.

"With domestic and global pressure increasing on natural resources, it's more important than ever to manage them carefully," said GFN president Mathis Wackernagel.

Which states need to start managing their ecological budgets?

All of them. "Although the United States is one of the richest nations in the world in terms of natural capital, it is running an ecological deficit," the report states. "U.S. citizens demand twice the renewable natural resources and services that are available within our nation's borders. Yet the economic vitality of our nation depends on

these valuable ecological assets."

The U.S. has the second-largest share of the world's overall ecological footprint, trailing only China, whose population is more than four times that of our great country. The total footprint of the U.S. is also nearly twice that of India, although nearly four times as many people live in India.

The GFN found the states with the largest per-person ecological footprints are Virginia, Maryland and Delaware; the states with the smallest are New York, Idaho and Arkansas.

The ecological footprint measures a population's demand for plant-based food and fiber products, livestock and fish products, timber and other forest products, space for urban infrastructure, and forest to absorb its carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

Louisiana is about in the middle.

The Bayou State's natural resources include varied ecosystems and environments, from oak forest to cypress swamp. We have

extremely fertile soil and a long growing season conducive to agriculture. Our state is rich in wetlands and has sizable reserves of oil, natural gas, salt and sulfur. Because Louisiana values natural capital — such as the benefits of wetlands for buffering hurricanes, providing water, reducing floods and increasing fish — GFN says the state is on the right track in developing solutions to the ecological deficit.

"Cities, states and nations shape this future every time they spend taxpayer money, particularly on longer-term projects such as energy and water infrastructure, transportation networks, housing, flood protection and land conservation," the report states. "Tools that recognize the value of ecological assets in the same way that we value infrastructure are needed to guide leaders at all levels of government."

We need to create a resilient future for our children and grandchildren and do our part now. That's the only way to ensure Sportsman's Paradise will continue to exist.

PERSPECTIVE

The war on Uber

Hillary Clinton gave a speech warning that the new "sharing economy" of businesses such as the ride-hailing company Uber is "raising hard questions about workplace protections."

Democrats hate what labor unions hate, and a taxi drivers' union hates Uber, too. Its NYC website proclaims, "Uber has the money. But we are the PEOPLE!"

The taxi cartels, which provide inferior service and are micromanaged by government, don't like getting competition from efficient companies like Uber.

Clinton didn't mention Uber by name, but we don't have to wonder which company she meant. The New York Times reports that Clinton contacted Uber and told them her speech would threaten to "crack down" on companies that don't treat independent contractors as full employees. Apparently, Democrats think something's wrong if people are independent contractors.

But no driver is forced to work for Uber. People volunteer. They like the flexibility. They like getting more use out of their cars. It's win-win-win. Drivers earn money, customers save money while gaining convenience and Uber makes money. Why does Clinton insist on interfering with that?

Clinton's "social democrat" pal, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, wants to crack down on Uber by limiting how many drivers they may hire. Uber cleverly responded with an app — a "de Blasio option" — that shows people how much longer they'd have to wait if de Blasio gets his way.

Good for Uber for fighting back. I wish more companies did. Federal Express didn't.

FedEx Ground classified drivers as independent contractors. Again, drivers were willing to drive, FedEx was willing to pay, and customers got packages faster and more reliably than they did from the U.S. Postal Service.

But lawyers built a class action suit on behalf of FedEx drivers, saying they should be treated as employees, paying payroll tax, getting workman's compensation, receiving benefits. FedEx Ground settled the case for \$228 million and began abandoning its independent contractor system.

Uber's use of independent drivers — who use their own cars — is now called analogous to FedEx's use of delivery drivers.

That means Uber may soon have to treat its drivers as employees. Business analysts at ZenPayroll estimate that the changes will cost \$209 million. We customers will pay for that, and we'll have fewer ride-share choices, too.

Lawsuits and politicians' attacks against one company have a chilling effect on others. The "independent contractor" assault will destroy all sorts of companies we'll never even know about because now they won't come into existence.

Some of the entrepreneurs who dreamed of starting them will look at the additional costs, crunch the numbers and decide there's not enough profit potential to risk investing their money.

Who knows what odd but popular sharing-economy innovations aren't happening even now — ones we'd use and love — because businesspeople with great ideas are frightened by the Clintons, deBlasios and lawyers?

In France, the old-fashioned cabbies rioted against Uber, blocking Uber cars and dropping rocks on them from a bridge. Instead of arresting rioters, the French government threatened to arrest Uber executives for breaking taxi rules. Once again, without even a new law directed specifically at Uber, the enemies of free choice got their way. Paris police have been ordered to forbid use of the Uber app.

I disagree with Jeb Bush about many things, but he was right to praise Uber for "disrupting the old order" of business.

The New York Times responded with a sarcastic piece pointing out that when Bush used an Uber car, the driver, Munir Algazaly, didn't recognize Bush. He said he plans to vote for Clinton, though Bush seemed like a "nice guy." Another site mocked Bush because he talked about "hailing" an Uber, not "hiring" one. Another pointed out that the car Bush rode in had a license plate holder that said "Fresh as F—" on it. Ha, ha.

But it's the sneering media who miss the point. Bush is smart to see serious benefits from "reputation" businesses like Uber. Politicians and lawyers who threaten to destroy such companies threaten us all.

John Stossel is the author of "No, They Can't! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed."



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Hardy - Martin united in marriage



Kayla Dianne Hardy and Colby Tyler Martin were united in marriage on May 30, 2015. The 5 p.m. double ring ceremony was held at First Baptist Church in Minden under the direction of the Sara Chreene. The Rev. Leland Crawford officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her parents and her father acted as her escort.

Kayla, of Minden, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. and Geri Lynn Hardy. She is the granddaughter the late Pat and Bonnie Hardy and Evelyn K. Hardy of Magnolia; the late James and Dianne Branum; and her "adopted grandparents" the late David and Becky Thomas of Minden.

Colby, also of Minden, is the son of David and Donya Martin of Minden. He is the grandson of the late Arthur D. and Charlotte Martin of Minden; Charles Pate of Minden and the late Jackie Pate.

The bride chose to wear an elegant trumpet style Stella York gown featuring ivory floral lace over blush bridal satin, a rhinestone-adorned sash at the natural waistline, sweetheart neckline and traditional chapel-length train. Kayla wore a fingertip length veil edged in rhinestones. The bride carried a hand-tied nosegay of white hydrangea, free spirit roses, white stock, bupleurum and solidaga tied with burlap and lace ribbons. Flowers were provided by Fanette Hodges of Fanette's Flower House.

Friend of the bride Heather Harmon, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included cousins of the bride, Sarah Dodd and Lauren Thompson, friends of the bride Johnna Traylor, Sharity Brent and Mary-Holland Floyd. Serving as flower girls were cousin of the bride Sydney Lea and niece of the bride Paisley Martin.

Serving as best man was Michael Martin, the groom's twin brother. Grooms-

men were brother of the groom, Dave Martin, friends of the groom Dalton Herington, Cameron O'Reilly and Will Holomon, and cousin of the groom, Quinton Martin.

Serving as ushers were Ryan Harmon, a friend of the couple, and the bride's brother, Walker Hardy.

Attending the guest book were Ella and Caroline Floyd.

Providing music were musicians Rachel Chapman on piano, Nathan Jump on violin, and the bride's brother, Philip Hardy, on guitar.

The reception was held at The Farm of Cultural Crossroads in Minden. Catering was provided by Jimmy Hall of Party Express Catering. Cakes were provided by Charlotte Martin, grandmother of the groom. They included an Italian cream cake, strawberry cake, lemon blueberry and a traditional wedding cake. Cakes were served by Emily Hanish and Kristyn Hardy, cousins of the bride. Music was provided by Mark Chreene.

Kayla is a 2014 graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology. She is employed by Webster Parish Schools as a 7th grade science teacher.

Colby is a 2014 graduate of Grambling State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice as well as a certification for middle school and high school math education. Colby was a pitcher for the Grambling State Tigers Baseball team and is currently employed by Webster Parish Schools as a 9th grade algebra teacher and assistant baseball coach.

After a honeymoon to Disney's Aulani on Oahu, Hawaii, the couple is residing in Minden, LA.

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GLENBROOK SOFTBALL

Softball swings into action



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The Glenbrook Lady Apache softball team gets going this weekend in the annual Riverfield Tournament with a pair of games against Franklin and Porter's Chapel. Fans will notice a new face in the dugout and the coach's box, as Glenbrook went out and hired North Webster's Tony Mullins to take over the program. "I retired this past year after 34 years of teaching and coaching in Webster Parish schools," Mullins said. "I was given the opportunity to come here to Glenbrook and coach softball and teach social

studies. I enjoy both so I'm looking forward to the challenge." Mullins has been practicing with the team for four weeks now and said practices have been going well. "We have 19 girls out for the team right now," Mullins said. "They've looked really good at practice everyday. They listen and do what they're supposed to do." The veteran coach inherits a young but talented group of girls, with just two upperclassmen expected in the starting lineup. "We have one senior in Carsin Spurlock and one junior in Megan Sims," Mullins said. "I think Carsin will lead us by example. She goes out and does her job everyday. She's one of the first ones their everyday and leads us in practice." Mullins returns some

experience despite the youth on his roster. Alyssa Martin, just an eighth grader, is back and will see plenty of pitching duties now that Jessica Mangrum is gone. Kate Marvin and Kate Lillig, both sophomores saw action last year, as did Kannon Butler. Mullins also praised the performance of expected centerfielder Kara Bryce. "I'm not going to make any excuses," Mullins said. "But I'm just trying to learn most of their names to be honest. I'm taking over a good group and just tweaking it a little bit. If we compete like we've been practicing we'll be in pretty good shape." Glenbrook will start their season Friday at 10:30 a.m. against Franklin Academy, followed by a game with Porter's Chapel at 4.



Carsin Spurlock takes a swing in a game last season. She is the only senior on a Lady Apache team that gets started this weekend in the Riverfield Tourney under new head coach Tony Mullins. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Tulowitzki traded to Jays

DENVER (AP) — After all that speculation the past couple of years, the Colorado Rockies finally traded Troy Tulowitzki. Surprising spot, too — north of the border to a team loaded with bats. Tulowitzki was sent to the Toronto Blue Jays for Jose Reyes and three pitching prospects late Monday night in a stunning swap of star shortstops, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity early Tuesday because the deal had not yet been announced. In addition to Tulowitzki, the Rockies sent 42-year-old reliever LaTroy Hawkins to the Blue Jays. Along with Reyes, the Rockies picked up rookie reliever Miguel Castro and two minor league pitchers in a blockbuster transaction — the biggest yet in the days leading up to Friday's trade deadline. FoxSports.com first reported the sides agreed to a swap involving Tulowitzki, Reyes and minor leaguers. The talented but oft-injured Tulowitzki is a five-time All-Star who is hitting .300 with 12 homers and 53 RBIs in 87 games this season. He helped the Rockies reach the World Series as a rookie in 2007. Tulowitzki was replaced on defense in the bottom of the ninth inning during Colorado's 9-8 loss to the Cubs in Chicago on Monday night. After the game, the slugger spent at least 30 minutes in manager Walt Weiss' office at Wrigley Field, but was unavailable to reporters.

The deal gives Toronto (50-50) another powerful, right-handed bat in a dangerous lineup that includes Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson, Edwin Encarnacion and Russell Martin. The Blue Jays, by far the highest-scoring team in the majors, sit three games behind Minnesota in the race for the second AL wild card. They are tied for second place in the AL East, seven games back of the New York Yankees. Toronto has not reached the playoffs since winning the 1993 World Series — the longest drought of any major league team. Donaldson bid farewell to Reyes on his Twitter account: "Going to miss my boy. ... Once a brother always a brother." Reyes is batting .285 with four homers, 34 RBIs and 16 steals in 69 games. He was acquired by Toronto in a November 2012 trade with Miami. The face of Colorado's franchise, the 30-year-old Tulowitzki has spent his entire career with the Rockies (42-55) but has been the subject of trade talk for some time. Still, the Blue Jays seemed an unlikely destination. "Tremendous player," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said in San Francisco. "Sometimes you're surprised when you have a guy like Tulo who's so iconic in Colorado." Before the 2011 season, Colorado made a big commitment to Tulowitzki by agreeing to a contract that guaranteed him \$132 million over seven seasons from 2014-20. The deal included a \$14 million team option for 2021 with a \$4 million buyout.



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Two transfer from LSU

BATON ROUGE (AP) - Paul Mainieri's rebuilding effort just got a little tougher. Infielders Grayson Byrd and Danny Zardon are transferring, the LSU baseball coach confirmed Monday night. Zardon, a rising junior who never found an everyday role in the lineup, is leaving the Tigers for Nova Southeastern, an NAIA school in Florida where he'll be eligible immediately.

Byrd doesn't know where he's transferring, said Paul Byrd, Grayson's father and a former LSU star pitcher who spent 14 seasons in the major leagues. Mainieri and staff will have to rebuild their starting lineup without two of the Tigers' top reserves. Byrd hit .212 and played in 24 games, starting two at third base and two at second base. Zardon, who had a game-winning double against Texas A&M, served

in a pinch-hitting and designated hitter role much of the season. He lost his starting job at third base after an error-filled first few weeks of the season. He ended up hitting .288. LSU lost seven of eight everyday starters from a squad last season that advanced to the College World Series. The Tigers will welcome 14 newcomers this year — several of whom could see immediate playing time.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Wood thrush: The Celine Dion of the dawn woods

As my wife goes about doing housework, I'll often hear the strains of a beautiful song coming from the stereo. I'll invariably ask her who it is and for the umpteenth time, she'll patiently say "Celine Dion". The quality of her voice is a gift that had to have come straight from the portals of Heaven. One morning recently as I took my coffee and paper to the back porch before sunrise, I heard a song equal in quality to Celine. It was a song I'd been listening for all summer and when I heard it, I laid aside my morning paper to soak it all in. The singer was a shy, timid wood thrush.

Unless you're rather serious about wild bird identification, chances are you have never seen a wood thrush. They're reclusive but when no one is looking at dusk and dawn this time of year, if you know what to listen for, you'll hear the sweet melodies this dark little bird with the speckled breast emits. My bird book describes his song like this..."The wood thrush has a beautiful, flute-like song. Common song patterns sound like "tutut-eee-o-lay-o-eeee" or "tutut-eee-ay-eee." There's a resonance to the song, though, the bird book can't capture. You'll have to hear it

to really appreciate it. Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow no doubt realized the rare quality of the dawn and dusk melody of this warbling wonder when he wrote..."and where the shadows deepest fell, the wood thrush rang his silver bell." While spending winters in Central America and southern Mexico, the wood thrush is our guest here in Louisiana during the nesting season. According to Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology, this shy bird "inhabits the interior and

edges of deciduous and mixed forests, generally in cool, moist sites, often near water. They require moderate to dense understory and shrub density with a lot of shade, moist soil, and decaying leaf litter." A close relative of the wood thrush spends the winter with us. Often while sitting on my deer stand on cold December days, I'll catch a glimpse of movement and spot the up and down tail movement and wing flit of the hermit thrush, a bird that closely resembles the wood

thrush. This bird, though, only sings in spring when he's way up north somewhere rearing a new brood. Any hunter/angler can add immeasurably to the outdoor experience by gaining an appreciation for what else is out there other than the quarry we seek. While I admit that my heart skips a beat upon catching the glimpse of an ivory antler tip as the buck I've dreamed of slips from the thicket or the levitating soft-white head of a gobbler strutting in, I spend hours on the stand or in the woods when I see neither buck nor gobbler. However, if I'm tuned in to my surroundings and have

taken the time to listen and observe what goes on around me as nature does what nature does, my time afield is never disappointing. This is especially true in spring and summer when I have the honor of sitting in the concert hall of my back porch at first light or at day's end, coffee cup in hand and having the Celine Dion of the bird world, the golden-throated wood thrush, sing me to the portals of Glory from my woods out back.

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Oklahoma court records sealed in divorce of country singers

SHAWNEE, Okla. — A judge has sealed many of the court documents in the divorce of country singers Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert, a move that has raised questions among attorneys over whether Oklahoma law was broken.

The law passed last year by the state Legislature requires a judge to seal civil, divorce and other normally public court records if a compelling privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in the records. Under the law, the judge must make public any sealing order. That order in the Shelton-Lambert divorce isn't public, The Oklahoman reported.

Former state Rep. Aaron Stiles, who's an attorney in Norman, said he wrote the state law after seeing cases in which a judge sealed divorce records to protect their friends.

"They're definitely not following the law on it," Stiles said. "...The average citizen, they don't get their cases sealed. Their records are made public."

Shelton and Lambert, who shared a home together outside Tishomingo in Johnston County, announced in a statement last week that they were divorcing after four years of marriage. Shelton filed a petition July 6 in Pottawatomie County for a divorce, and the decree officially dissolving the marriage was filed July 20.

A judge sealed the petition, decree and all other legal papers in the case from the public. The only record that isn't secret is an online docket that shows the case as B.T.S. vs. M.L.S., the singers' initials.

The rest of the docket sheet is mostly a listing of the legal filings in the case. It shows Pottawatomie County associate district judge, John Gardner, handled the case after the parties agreed that a Pottawatomie County judge could rule on it instead of a judge in their home county.

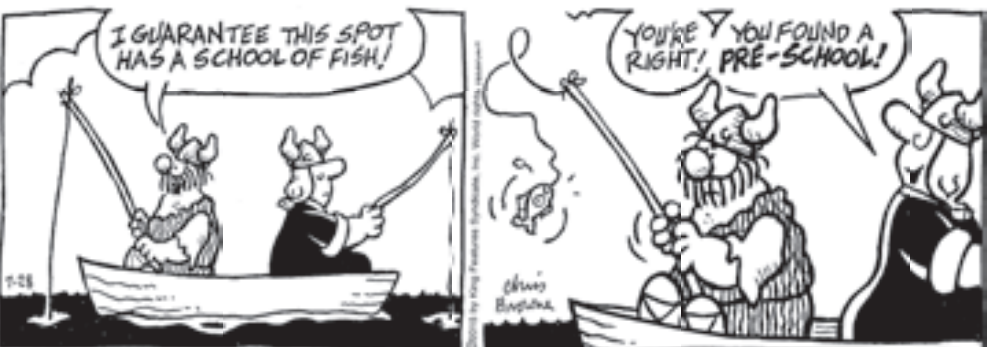
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