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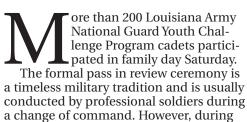




More than 200 YCP cadets participated in family day Saturday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## Youth Challenge Program celebrates FAMILY DAY

#### **STAFF REPORTS**



family day, YCP cadets organized, managed and led the ceremony without any

assistance from staff members. The cere-



## WEBSTER CRIME Police arrest one on drug charges

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Deputies with the Webster Parish Narcotics Task Force went to a Dixie Inn residence in reference to a fugitive from Bossier Parish and ended up making a drug bust in the meantime.

Christopher Lee Harvill, 33, of

the 2400 block of Bobbie Street in Bossier City, was arrested . Monday, April 27, and charged with pos-session of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine). Bond was set at \$5,000.



Webster Parish Sheriff's detectives went to the Stanley Street residence in Dixie Inn to make contact with that fugitive from Bossier Parish. The U.S. Marshal's Service was looking for the fugitive and a Crimestoppers tip led them to the Dixie Inn residence. It was at that time, Webster deputies went to the house in an

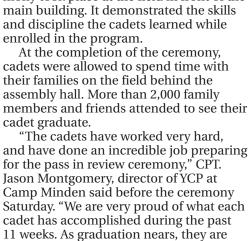
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**TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK** 





DORCHEAT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

closer to that finish line, but their journey See **YCP**, Page 2

YCP cadets spent the afternoon with loved ones Saturday during family day. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

HIGH LOW Sunny along with a few

clouds. Winds light and variable.

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"Night at the Museum" on Monday, May 11 will be a very special treat for history lovers.

Marcus Wren will be speaking on his mother's side of the family, the Spencers.

The Wren Family has history that dates back to before the Civil War in our area. Marcus last spoke to the museum in April 2008 on his grandfather G.L.P. Wren a Civil War soldier.

Wren has been a fixture in our town for over 90 years and has many, many stories to tell about the changes he has seen and the rich history of his family.

The museum events are held in the Media/Learning room at the Dorcheat Historical Association Museum located at 116 Pearl Street in Minden. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with firstcome, first-serve seating and the program begins at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free with potluck desserts and snacks welcome.

Marcus Wren to speak at Night at the Museum

For more information contact Schelley Brown Francis at 318-377-3002 or visit www.museuminminden.blogspot.com.



Marcus Wren. Courtesy Photo

### LEGISLATURE Resolution against open burn set to go to House this week

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A House Concurrent Resolution is in the last stages of being drafted that would outlaw the open tray burn method of disposal of military munitions.

State Rep. Gene Reynolds says

the resolution, if passed, tells the military they cannot dispose of munitions with the open tray burn method. "We put the last

language in it, and it's a pretty strong resolution," he said. "It puts a lot of teeth



REYNOLDS

in not allowing this thing to happen again. I think it's going to be good. It won't officially be released until next week."

The resolution does not yet have a House number, he says.

This resolution comes in the wake of the military's decision to

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#### INTERNATIONAL BRICK COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

## Brick swap brings fun, fellowship and more bricks

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Brick collectors from all over the country gathered at the home of Dan Strange in Minden this past weekend, bringing with them fun, food, fellowship and thousands of bricks.

The International Brick Collectors Association met at Strange's home for one of three annual brick swaps. Collectors from everywhere brought with them bricks from other states, special bricks with novelty stamps on them, fire bricks, and others.

Strange says he became a member about 10 years ago because he thought it would be fun to do.

"I just collect bricks, and it's something to do," he said. "I was a bricklayer, my dad was a bricklayer. So that's where I learned. Even after I got my graduate degree, I laid bricks."

He was injured in a car accident in 1974, and when he recovered, he says he used his degrees in education.

'It's just a fun thing to do," he said. "One of the interesting things is the first swap I went to in Stonewall, I bought a brick there called an L-stand little jewel. I had four of them and I've given three

#### BURN

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### YCP

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is not complete yet. We look forward to an exciting family day."

The mission of the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program is to intervene in and

#### away

A brick swap is where members will bring their bricks to the swap, and during one of the events, they will stack the bricks behind their vehicles. Once they are able to start, swappers will pick up and take home bricks that interest them.

So far, Strange has about 4,000 bricks from several states in his collection.

Terry Taraba, president, from Stonewall, says many of the bricks collected are rich in history. Some collectors just collect bricks from their states, others collect bricks from all over the United States.

'We collect marked bricks and bricks with designs on them, both building and firebricks," he said. "We have close to 500 active members in almost every state in the Union plus foreign countries. We're a structured, nonprofit organization.'

Taraba says his father collected bricks, and after he passed away, his interest in collecting grew. As for the IBCA, Taraba says much of the interest lies in the history. Many members are bricklayers or worked for brick factories.

"There's a lot of history in these bricks," he said. "There's a lot of history in

method of disposal of nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant and other chemicals stored at Camp Minden. With a grassroots movement, community

brick companies, and a lot of people are interested in only different states. We have other people that collect everything they can get."

One member has more than 14,000 bricks from all all over the world, he said. Taraba has about 5,000

bricks in his collection, many from prisons in Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas, Oregon and Texas. The IBCA prints a jour-

family, contact Jim Graves, librarian at brickcollecformed to review the 10 bids submitted for con-

tract. That review committee has made its recommendation and the EPA is currently looking over the

cover the printing costs.

For anyone interested in

collecting bricks or just

want to be a part of a big

says Graves has extensive knowledge on its history and will be able to answer many questions. To become a member, go to their web page at www.ibcabrick.com.

recommendation before selecting a contractor for the project.

No decision has been released as of yet.

tional Brick Collectors Association. Strange has some 4,000 bricks in his collection. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald tor@gmail.com. Taraba over the United States and nal each year, and membership dues go to help

Bricks are stacked in the shop of Dan Strange of Minden, host to one of three brick swaps done each year by the Interna-



members and elected offi-

cials were able to stop the Environmental Protection from Agency going through with the decision previously set.

A dialogue committee was formed, and within a month, presented six alternative methods of disposal to the military and the EPA.

A review committee was

Approximately 80 percent of Louisiana YCP graduates receive their GED.

- More than 50 percent join the work force.
- Nearly 44 percent continue their education.
- Program participants have donated more than five million hours of community service.

Programs have awarded graduates nearly 50,000 academic credentials.

reclaim the lives of 16-18 year old adolescents, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary in order to succeed as productive citizens

The Youth Challenge Program offers young people an opportunity to improve their lives through participation in an innovative, alternative school and is administered to participants at no cost. All needs, such as meals, bedding, classroom instruction, and uniforms are provided free of charge.

This award-winning program has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and



cost efficient programs for targeting at-risk youth.

Since 1994, more than 100,000 cadets have graduated nationwide with more than 19,100 from Louisiana. Typically, Louisiana graduates approximately 1,400 teens a year from three locations: Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, Camp Minden and The Gillis W. Long Center near Baton Rouge. More than 80 percent of teens that graduate this two-phase program go on to further their education, join the workforce or enlist into the military.

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#### HELPING OTHERS

## Account opened to help MAR-C Industries purchase vans

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An account has been opened at MBL in Minden for anyone who wishes to help MAR-C Industries in its quest to purchase newer vans.

Their fleet of seven is aging and repairs are becoming a burden on the nonprofit which puts those

with mental challenges to work, allowing them to earn a paycheck.

Angelita Hudson, executive director of MAR-C, says their fleet goes as far as Homer and Summerfield to pick up workers every day.

"All of our fleet is getting old," she said. "We use them to pick up our (workers) and take them home. Plus we use them around town during the work day. I have two or three that are constantly moving."

Last week, two were in the shop for repairs, but as of Friday, only one was in the shop, Hudson says. The one currently in the shop is getting a transmission rebuild.

The newest van they own is a 2011 model, the oldest is from 1996.

"With this many vans and this much going on, something is going to happen pretty regularly," she said. "The one we just got out was air conditioner issues. I expect them to need repairs, but they're going to wear out eventually.'

The smallest van they have is a 6-7 passenger

van, and the largest carries 14. They pick up about 45 people every day.

The workers at MAR-C Industries build and sell birdhouses, and provide services for recycling, gardening and lawn care.

Much of their money comes from the state, which is mixed in with what nursing homes get. With budget constraints, the amount of money MAR-C gets is slashed every year and depends more and more on contracts with other companies or private donations.

To make a contribution, donors may go to MBL Bank. MAR-C Industries is located at 1400 Commerce St. in Minden. For more information, call their office at 377-4774.

## JDog Junk Removal ど Hauling cuts ribbon

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling owner Windell Bowner cuts the ribbon surrounded by Minden-South Webster Chamber members and city officials during a grand opening ceremony for his business Thursday. JDog Junk Removal & Hauling is a business franchised to only veterans and military families that specializes in junk removal that removes almost anything. For more informations, call 318-268-1468.

#### ARREST *Continued from page 1*

attempt to make contact with the fuitive.

Deputy Bobby Igo III observed someone, later Harvill came out of the

identified as Harvill, coming out of the back of the residence when he and Captain Robert Hayden, Lt. Shawn Baker and Deputy Joel Thomas set a perimeter around the house.

Detectives say when

back door, he was chewing on a piece of plastic, like a plastic Ziploc baggie. Igo asked him to spit it out. He did and admitted the contents of the baggie was methamphetamine. It was roughly one half gram, according to reports.

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#### OBITUARY

#### **Ruth Lenard Martin**

Funeral services for Ruth Lenard Martin will be at 2 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2015, at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden with the Rev. Leon Boggs officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family received friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Sunday, May 3, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Ruth was born Sept. 29, 1943, in Trenton, New Jersey, and entered into rest May 1, 2015, in Shreveport. Ruth, affectionately known by most as "Me Me," was a diehard Tider fan. She and husband, Matt Martin, could often be found sitting in the crowd cheering on their favorite Minden High School Crimson Tiders. Even after Matt's death, Ruth continued to support the Tide, appearing at many events, throughout her illness. Ruth will best be remembered for her heartfelt dedication to the school and its many students. She served her country in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Monday Night Ladies Club. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Louise Davis and Fred; father Alma Clifton Lenard; brothers, Clifford Lenard and Freddie Davis; sister, Gale Watkins; and husband, William Matthew "Matt" Martin.

She is survived by her son, William Scott Martin and wife Michelle; daughter, Mary Angela "Angi" Martin Oller; sisters, Cindy Corley, Patricia Parker, Sandra Wren, Suzanne Cox, Carla Lenard Martynenko and Denise Lenard; brothers, Johnny Davis, Tony Davis, Mike Davis and Keith Lenard; grandchildren, Morgan Taylor Oller, Maitland Elizabeth "Maty" Oller, William Scott Martin Jr. and Alison Elizabeth Martin. Pallbearers will be William Kennedy Jr., Paul Cook, Roger Slack, Doug Duke, Fred Berry and O.H. Haynes, III.

Honorary pallbearers will be William Hilburn, Rodger Anderson, Ed LaBruyeye, Luther Moore and the men of the Evergreen Breakfast Club.

Memorials may be made to the Matt Martin Scholarship Fund, c/o Tina Haynes, 140 Sanders Road, Minden, LA 71055, Lakeview Methodist Church, or the donor's choice.

The family would like to thank Dr. Scott Boniol and the staff at the Christus Schumpert-Cancer Treatment Center for their committed care of our mother and the tireless efforts to defeat cancer.





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# OPINION

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## Ensuring every child gets a great education

In this week's address, the President reiterated his commitment to expanding access to education, and to spreading the joy of reading to more children and young adults. Earlier this week the President announced two new efforts that, building on the progress already made by his ConnectEd initiative, will do just that: a challenge to mayors, libraries, and school leaders to help every student get a library card; and commitments from libraries and major publishers to provide more than \$250 million in free e-Books for low-income students. In his address, the President also previewed his upcoming commencement speech at Lake Area Tech, in Watertown, South Dakota, where he will discuss his plan to make two years of community college as free and universal for every American as high school is today. The President is working to ensure every child has the access to the education and resources they need to be successful.

Hi everybody. I'm speaking with you from the DC Public Library in Anacostia, where I just met with a group of promising

middle school students. We spent some time talking about their lives, and how we all care about their success – and how that starts with a good education.



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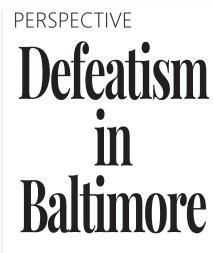
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#### ANALYSIS

## Jindal at odds with business after years as allies



Using the most bloodless terms, an economist explained the failure or inability of so many African-Americans to rise from their impoverished circumstances. They do not respond to the economic incentives that push others to study and strive, he said.

Penniless peasants from Central America pile into freight trains to secure any job in the land of plenty. Black immigrants from the Caribbean and Africa are clearly moving up. So have many African-Americans who've left poor city neighborhoods for the suburbs and others who've remained.

The economic incentives in this country flash neon lights to most of the world. The one thing that can dim them is defeatism. The rioters in Baltimore and others who defend their activities even halfway have mastered the defeatist language. The deck is totally stacked against poor blacks, they insist, so why even try?

That's not to say they have a terrific hand to play. The moronic war on drugs has incarcerated huge numbers of black men in an undeniably racist way. A changing economy has made economic progress tougher for working people of all colors.

The mass immigration of unskilled workers has burdened their native-born counterparts with intense competition for jobs. The immigrants are by and large excellent, hardworking people, but it's dishonest to pretend that the labor market isn't run by the rules of supply and demand.

And what about Freddie Gray, who died after being held by Baltimore police — the match that lit the Baltimore violence. It's part of an awful pattern of abuse, poor training and bad hiring in many urban police

forces. It also reflects the genuine (and often justified) fear many police feel in encounters with angry young blacks. Every confrontation has its own story. But the claims that the



FROMA HARROP

So one thing I announced here

in Anacostia is a new project by libraries and major publishers to provide more than \$250 million in free e-Books for low-income students.

We also issued a challenge to mayors, libraries, and school leaders to help every student get a library card, so they can expand their horizons in a place like this.

It's all part of our ConnectED initiative to connect 99% of America's students to high-speed Internet. Because no matter who you are, where you live, or how much money you've got, you should be able to access the world's knowledge and information just like anyone else.

In a global economy, we've got to help ensure that everyone, of every age, in every zip code – urban and rural – has the chance to learn the skills that lead directly to a good job.

That's also why I've put forward a plan to make two years of community college as free and universal for every American as high school is today. It's something I'll talk about in my commencement address next week at Lake Area Tech, in the small town of Watertown, South Dakota. It's a community college with a graduation rate that is nearly twice the national average. They're proving that a great education can be within everyone's reach.

All of us have a responsibility to not only make sure our own children have pathways to success but that all children do. And a great education is the ticket to a better life like never before. Making sure all our kids receive one is the surest way to show them that their lives matter. And it's the smartest way to prove to them that in communities like this, and in a country like ours, we believe in opportunity for all.

President Barack Obama's weekly address is printed Mondays in the Minden Press-Herald.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

> Gov. Bobby Jindal spent the first seven years of his terms in office giving millions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies to attract businesses to Louisiana, touting those efforts around the country as fueling job creation and an economic development boom.

> Now in his final months as governor, Jindal seems to have turned on those longtime business allies. He's pushing proposals to strip tax credits for companies, criticizing "corporate welfare" and slamming corporations that raise concerns about religious objections laws.

> Jindal's former chief of staff Stephen Waguespack, now head of the powerful Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, is battling one of the governor's main tax proposals of the ongoing legislative session.

It's an odd turn of events for a Republican governor who spent nearly all of his tenure in office heavily wooing corporate investment in Louisiana, pouring millions into the efforts.

Jindal's economic development wins have been a hallmark of his two terms.

He's heavily publicized billions of dollars in projects that have come to Louisiana since he entered office and rankings in economic development publications that count Louisiana as among the top states to do business.

But Jindal's national political ambitions and his need to balance the budget appear to have shaken the alliance.

Louisiana's business lobbying groups are working to defeat the centerpiece of the governor's budget recommendations, calling it a multimillion-dollar tax hike on business.

Jindal proposed to lessen spending on refundable tax

credits, in which the state pays out more than the taxes a person or business owes. He wants to use the savings to pay for colleges and health care in the fiscal year that begins July 1, to help close a \$1.6 billion budget gap.

Business organizations object to the most expensive tax break targeted: the inventory tax credit, which refunds businesses for paying local property taxes on their inventory. Jindal wants to limit the credit to only cover a business' state tax liability, which the administration estimates would save the state as much as \$377 million annually.

One of the most outspoken critics of the proposal is Waguespack and the

Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. He's said scaling back the credit would harm the state's business rankings, damage the economy and cause job losses.

While Jindal steadfastly refuses to support anything he considers a tax increase, he calls caps on refundable tax credits a reduction in state spending.

"We've worked very hard to make Louisiana a business-friendly state. I'm proud of the progress we've made," the governor said when asked about the distinction. Then he added: "At the same time, I think it would be unfair to leave corporate welfare untouched while we're looking at a challenging budget situation."

Business groups say thousands of companies will pay inventory taxes to local government for which they will no longer receive reimbursement, thereby increasing their tax bills.

Jindal said he'd support an outright elimination of the inventory tax as a counter-offer. But local government agencies are battling that idea because it would leave them with a hefty hole in their tax collections.

Beyond finances, Jindal's lashed out at corporate leaders who oppose religious objections laws.

The governor is pushing such a bill, to ban Louisiana from denying licenses, certifications, contracts or tax deductions for actions a person takes because of "a religious belief or moral conviction" about marriage.

Critics of such laws say they allow discrimination of same-sex couples. Jindal says they protect Christians who are morally opposed to same-sex marriage.

Computer giant IBM, which is building a Baton Rouge facility that will employ 800 people and is receiving millions in state subsidies from the Jindal administration, sent the governor's office a letter opposing the Louisiana bill as discriminatory.

Jindal, who is courting evangelical Christians and social conservatives for his likely presidential campaign, wrote an opinion piece for The New York Times slamming business leaders who have raised objections to such laws. He's repeated the comments locally as well.

The warm relationship between Jindal and the business community seems to have chilled.

Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press. city isn't doing anything for the poor black

neighborhoods are a disconnect from reality.

Is that why high-school kids burned down a CVS the city worked hard to secure for them and, even more inexplicably, a low-income senior housing project costing a reported \$16 million?

As expected, cable news has been looping footage of the chaos. That in itself attracts more violent exhibitionists and looters.

So it was gratifying to see CNN airing a very intelligent (and long) interview with the Rev. Jamal Bryant, pastor of the Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore. Bryant has led both the peaceful protests over Gray's death and efforts to stop people from attacking their neighborhood.

"These were not gang members," he said. "These were high schoolers." Thus, he shook his head at the city's decision to close the schools the day after. "I opened up my church."

Of the school kids, he stated: "They say nobody cares. More will care when they care about themselves."

The defeatist mentality, by contrast, often comes off as militant but is actually passive: Nothing is being done for us. "They" haven't paid attention to our neighborhood. The CVS employing locals and a new home for the elderly were not nothing. Nor is the neighborhood's once-fine urban streetscape, which could be made handsome again. To get there, though, one must think as an active builder, not as a plaything of uncaring forces.

The positive coming out of the Baltimore story was how many black residents of the blighted neighborhood expressed love for their city and demanded to know why the kids weren't home studying. And there was the superb Toya Graham, the mother seen dragging her rioting teenage son off the streets.

These kinds of forthright actions pave the road out of defeat. One need not move even a block to get there.

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## WEBSTERLIFE

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#### Around Town 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.

#### Monday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 31

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church's annual youth revival will be 7 p.m. nightly. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Thomas Ridley of St. Matthew Baptist Church of Ringgold.

#### Monday, June 8 - Friday, July 31

Saint Rest Baptist Church's "SMILE" program registration will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 9 until 11 a.m. For information on registration cost, call 318-465-1494 or 318-22-6184.

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#### HIGHER EDUCATION



### **BPCC** faculty awarded

Bossier Parish Community College announced its recipients of the annual NISOD Excellence Awards for outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. Honorees for the 2015 year include:

• Michael Walker, instructor, Behavioral-Social Sciences and College Transition Programs

• Vicki Dennis, instructor, liberal arts

• John Rennie, athletic director/head women's basketball coach

• Melanie A. Lea, assistant professor, communication and performing arts

 Rocky Duplichan, program director/instructor, oil and gas production technology
 Kelly Brandon, MS, LOTR,

 Kelly Brandon, MS, LOTR, OTA program director
 Donna Womack, associate

• Donna Womack, associate vice chancellor, innovative learning & workforce development

• Raymond Gaines, associate professor, business

"Each of these award recipients are leaders not only in the classroom but also on the BPCC campus and in the community," said BPCC Interim Chancellor Dr. Rick Bateman. "We applaud them for their dedication and service to the college."

Excellence Award recipients will be celebrated during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 23-26, in Austin, Texas. During the Excellence Awards dinner and celebration, in conjunction with NISOD's annual conference, each Excellence Award recipient receives a specially cast, pewter medallion hung on a burntorange ribbon.

The names, titles, and colleges of all Excellence Award recipients are included in a special booklet that features congratulatory ads from many of the recipients' colleges. In addition, presentations at the conference involving Excellence Award recipients are indicated in the conference program with a special icon.

"Recognizing those individu-

als who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to doing each year," said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD's Executive Director. "The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We're honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements."

In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators and staff.





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## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL Lakeside eliminated

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SIBLEY - It was a tough day for the Lakeside baseball family, as No. 22 seed Dunham, led by the tremendous pitching per-formance of their starter Alec Duhe, defeated Lakeside 3-1 in nine innings to eliminate the Warriors from the LHSAA playoffs.

They're the best 22 seed you're ever going to see," Lakeside head coach

Bob Gray said. "Both teams had their chances to win it. It was just a good ballgame between two good teams."

Lakeside got an outstanding performance from sophomore Cameron Gray who pitched seven brilliant innings of three hit base-ball, while striking out seven.

The action happened early, with Lakeside scoring their only run in the first inning, when Coulson White doubled and then scored on an RBI single by Josh Prince.

Dunham tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the second on a passed ball.

The pitchers were locked in from there, both executing their pitches to near perfection.

Dunham singled to begin the top of the ninth. A stolen base and a sacrifice bunt moved the runner to third. The go-ahead run would then score on a deep fly ball

that was dropped, although the runner would have scored easily by tagging up regardless.

In the home half of the ninth the Warriors put together one last rally to try and win

After leadoff man Chris Brantley popped up for the first out, Frankie Chanler drew a walk.

Braydon Jones hit a hard liner to third that was snagged for the second out bringing up Logan Clark.

Clark lined a double to left center, putting the runners at second and third with two down for Coulson White.

With the drama at its climax, White swung and hit a slow roller to second.

Flying down the basepa-

th, White and the ball arrived at first base almost simultaneously, but the first base umpire ruled that White was out, ending the game and Lakeside's season.

"I thought he beat the throw," Gray said. "Usually when Will (Gray) is jumping up and down over there our guy beat it."

With the loss, Lakeside bids a painful farewell to five phenomenal seniors.

"These guys have put their whole life into this," Gray said. "It just leaves you hollow. We knew this day was coming, it just happened to be Friday.'

Still, it was a successful season for the Warriors.

"We had a very good sea-son," Gray said. "There were times when we performed at a very high level. I thought we did that Friday; it just wasn't our day."

### FROM THE SPORTS DESK If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all

#### **BLAKE BRANCH** blake@press-herald.com

The little league season is in the second week of games. The fields are surrounded with family, fans, players, umpires, and coaches. It's an exciting time for the boys and girls with school almost out for summer, and the children's dreams of hitting homeruns are becoming reality.

Unfortunately, I find it much harder to get excited about baseball and softball because I see the pain in the faces of these children, as I ting their parents, coaches hear parents and coaches and team down.

berating them in front of all the people at the field. No matter how much they prac-tice they are kids and they are going to make mistakes, but the hardest thing to watch is the adults as they sigh loudly, whisper or yell out at a

child. I've seen players learning, developing and break down on the field in tears because they fear making a mistake and let-



BRANCH coaches, remember

children are still growing. The star of the team this season may be average next season.

The kids chasing butterflies or picking grass in the outfield may grow into the best high school player of the bunch. These children need to be able to trust and believe in their coaches, as well as parents and teammates, that they can play this game, learn this game, and make mistakes during games and not get belittled.

Sure, Winning is fun, but losing teaches valuable lesson as well.

Remember, these children are emotionally

fragile.

Some are still scared to sleep in a dark room by themselves, they still cry when they fall and scrape their knee and they still get up early on Saturday to watch cartoons. These are our children that are looking to adults for guidance. These children change almost daily as they grow up and they need help in developing confidence so they can come out of their shell and blossom.

These children have parents that hurt when they hurt, celebrate with them

when they do well and grieve when their child grieves. These parents have many fears for their children, however the way they will be treated or talked to by adults at the ballpark should not be one of them.

Keep this in mind. There is a very thin line that separates those living for their children and those living through their children.

Please remember as adults we have had our turn, now let our children have theirs.

#### LITTLE LEAGUE Braves, Global Pressure Solutions get big wins Friday

**BLAKE BRANCH** 

added two base hits and Brian Foster led Swain's Quinn Jackson and Eli with a triple, followed by Brian Foster led Swain's Bryce Swain who singled and doubled. Caid Thomas doubled for Swain's, while Hayden Brown, Jayden Gillespie, Keaton Moore, Jedyah Taylor and Luke Dickenson had base hits. Jonathan Parkerson hit a home run, doubled and singled to lead MPC. Grady Brasher was right behind him with a homer and a single. Nick Mercer doubled, and Ty Green, J'Roceyun Scott and Carson Parker added base hits

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#### AA **Braves 13 Exterminators 2**

Chris Harris led the Braves with a home run and a triple, Peyton Gray added a homer and a single, Landon Finley tripled and singled and Eli Campbell and Noah Redding had multiple base hits. Carmello Smith added a base hit.

Gavyn Davis, Joey Curry and Connor Williams had base hits for the Exterminators.

#### **BMS Wrecking Crew 5 Bandits 4**

Brayden Winston singled and hit a home run to lead the Wrecking Crew. Levi Pope and Grayson Gorum added base hits.

Willie Jenkins Jr. and Tanner Johnson doubled for the Bandits, while Hayden Watkins added a base hit.

#### Lil Soldiers 2 Alpha Energy 1

Brandon Davis smashed a triple and Josiah Jordan and Christiano Ambrosio added base hits for the Lil Soldiers in the win.

Jon Jon Dick had two singles for Alpha, and Hunter Bell, Matt Michaels, Hunter Sutton and Haylon Maddox added base hits.

#### Elm St, Dental 11 **Roughneck Rentals 0**

Dawson Day and Seth Mangrum had huge games for Elm St. Dental, hitting a single, triple and homerun each. Copeland Cupples added a triple, Ethan Turner had three base hits, Mason Goodman

Santelices added singles.

Braxton Glover had the only hit for Roughneck Rentals.

#### AAA Holmont Blue Jays 8 Alpha Railroad 6

Riley Streetman and Paul Clayton had doubles to lead Holmont and Noah Spears added a base hit.

Price Miller had the only hit for Alpha Railroad, a triple.

Dexter Smith pitched well for Holmont, striking out seven batters and allowing only two runs and one hit.

Hayden Harmon struck out five batters for Alpha.

#### Minden Farm & Garden 2 Kirk's Towing 14

Jacob Whitehead tossed a no-hitter and added a triple and single to lead Kirk's Towing to a win. Micheal Woodford blasted a home run to round out the attack.

Gaven Hicks pitched well for Farm & Garden, striking out six batters.

#### **Dixie Youth** Braves 18 Tide 3

Hunter Guthrie led the Braves with a double and a Wyatt Shepherd, single. Grayson Lamar and Matthew Harris added doubles, while Tyler Tharpe pitched in with a base hit.

Justin Richardson and Seth Johnson both tripled, with Johnson adding a double to lead the Tide. Soloman Bryant added a base hit.

Ryley Pate struck out five batters for the Braves.

MPC Bulldogs 9 Swain's 9

Jonathan Parkerson had nine strikeouts for MPC, while Jackson Powell struck out seven for Swain's.

**Dixie Boys** Lakeside 3 Minden Elite 6

Brandon Scott doubled and Treyton Butler, Kenneth Gipson, Hunter Wilkes and Adrian Perea had base hits. Wilkes added nine strikeouts on the mound.

Drake Austin doubled to lead Lakeside. Trevor Randle, Michael Watts, Chris Stewart, Alex Haynie and Braedon Frye added base hits.

Drake Austin piched for Lakeside, striking out five batters

#### Hebert Town & Country 1 Farm Bureau 16

Brittain Ranger tripled and singled, Cameron Dollar, Chance Frizzell and Cayden Volentine had two singles and Carson Fields added a double to round out the Farm Bureau offense.

Cameron Barton singled for Hebert's. Softball

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#### Darlings State Farm 12 **Global Pressure** Solutions 14

Jacey Adams and Kylie Ryan doubled and singled to lead GPS. Lindsey Ryan and Grace Anderson added base hits.

Mackenzie McCoy doubled and singled to lead State Farm, while Gracie Spencer, Synyiah Rabb, Maddy Whitehead and Trinity Carter added base hits.

Dirt Divas 1, Blaze 6 Addison Monk tripled and doubled to lead the Blaze, while Avarie Teutsch singled twice

Vivian Still and Lainey Mercer both knocked base hits for the Dirt Divas.

> **Dixie Angels** Fuzion 3

**Timberland 8** 

Lauren Still had a single to

lead Timberland to the win. She also led Timberland with three strikeouts.

Allee Spigener had a home run and single for Fuzion. Miranda Crabtree, Tatum Hays and Alex Guin added base hits.

Kennon Dazzlers 3 Mark Dunn Tigers 2

Ny'Asia Robinson and Shavon Whitfield singled for the Dazzlers and Elisabeth Cage struck out eight batters to help earn the win.

Gracelyn Pepper, Kaleigh Foster, Piper Stevens and Cadence Williamson had base hits for the Tigers. Pepper added six strikeouts in the circle.

#### Ponytails CWW Fire 8 Sky Rangers 6

Hannah Mosley doubled, Laney Taylor had two hits and Kaitlyn Pruitt added a base

hit. Taylor also struck out nine batters .

Bethanie Jackson had the only base hit for the Rangers.

#### Gotshall Girls 12 Subway 5

Taylor Bumgardner doubled and Bridget Morgan sin-Gotshall. gled for Bumgardner added five strikeouts pitching.

Gudry Chloey and Reagan Lee had base hits for Subway.

#### **Dixie Belles** Haughton Heat 17

First United Methodist 9

Haughton was led by Ward with a triple and single, followed by Boggs and Crumpler with doubles and Giese and Edmunson with two base hits.

Audrey Plants tripled and struck out six batters for First United and Sarah Disotell singled.

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WEEKEND BOX OFFICE

# 'Avengers' sequel is second biggest US opener of all time

#### LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Avengers are mighty, but not enough to beat themselves. The Marvel and Disney sequel earned a staggering \$187.7 million in its debut weekend, making it the second biggest U.S. opening of all time according to Rentrak estimates Sunday.

But "Avengers: Age of Ultron" failed to top the all-time record of the first film's \$207.4 million debut in 2012.

Although "Ultron" was the only new film in wide release this weekend, it had some significant small screen competition: The Kentucky Derby, the NBA playoffs, and the Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao fight.

Numbers could shift by the time Monday actuals roll in, but it seems the robust counter-programming may have blockaded another record for Marvel and Disney.

Still, for Disney's head of distribution Dave Hollis, the weekend was a "spectacular result" for the film, which cost a reported \$250 million to produce.

4,276 Playing on screens, the audiences for "Ultron's" debut were 59 percent male and 41 percent under the age of 25.

"We're in rare air here," said Hollis. "Having the second biggest opening weekend in the history of the movie business is always going to be some-



Chris Evans, left, as Captain America/Steve Rogers, and Chris Hemsworth as Thor, in a scene of the new film, "Avengers: Age Of Ultron." Courtesy Photo

The momentum of the brand for Marvel at this point is really something to take a step back and admire."

Marvel and Disney now boast the top three opening weekends of all time with "Avengers" and its sequel taking the top two third place.

are "bringing a completely different kind of filmmaking to cinema. They're creating events and characters and building worlds in a way that is drawing the attention of huge crowds."

Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian agreed that slots and "Iron Man 3" in the failure to top the first film is "in no way" a disappointment. "You have to put this

into perspective. Considering the level of competition this weekend in the sporting world, it shows that movie going holds its own against all other options," he said.

Also, while the first film's \$207.4 million haul might just seem like a new benchmark to hit,

"literally like breaking the box office sound barrier."

Instead of a new industry standard, a \$200 million opening might continue to be an industry rarity.

"Ultron's" future success is not in doubt either.

"These other options were single events. was populated 'Avengers' has a very long holdovers, "The Age of playing time. This is a jour- Adaline," ''Furious 7," were single events.

With \$168 million in international sales this weekend, "Avengers: Age of Ultron" has grossed \$627 million globally in just 12 days. The film has yet to open in China and Japan.

The rest of the top five was populated with

thing you walk away overwhelmingly happy with. firmation" that these films

Hollis said this is "con-

above \$200 million was beyond," he said.

Dergarabedian was quick playing time. This is a jour- Adaline," ''Furious 7," to point out that opening ney to \$1 billion and ''Paul Blart: Mall Cop," and the animated "Home."

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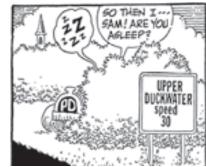


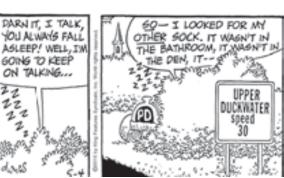


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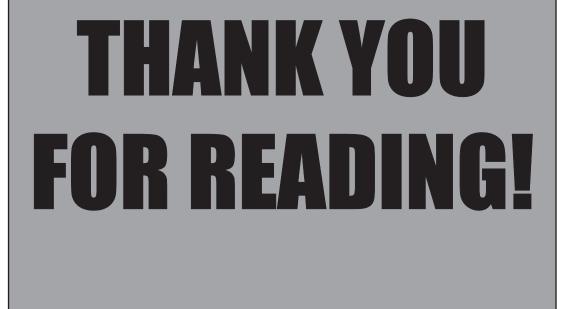
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