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Safer M6 disposal methods named

*Army-owned
technologies could
safely destroy M6 at
Camp Minden*

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The nearly 30-member panel of the dialogue committee tasked by the EPA to discuss safer alternatives to the open burn method of M6 disposal at Camp Minden has narrowed down the choices to six alternatives.

These six alternatives were chosen because they are certified by the U.S. Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board.

Out of Thursday's Dialogue Committee meeting, a technical work group was formed to discuss the different technologies. In light of this, the Minden Press-Herald will take a look at the six alternatives, with the first three listed below.

First, here's a look at the ACWA process by which these technologies were assessed. The Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment was formed to "identify and demonstrate at least two technologies as alternatives to incineration for the destruction of assembled chemical weapons," according to the ACWA Program Executive Office.

"As plans for the destruction of the stockpile were developed, environmental organizations, community members living near stockpile sites and government regulatory agencies began discussing other means by which the stockpile might be destroyed," PEOACWA continues.

Jane Williams, a member of Earth Justice and of the nonprofit California Communities Against Toxics, is one of five people in the United States to have been a part of the ACWA process, getting a firsthand look at these technologies and how they work.

She explains each technology and how they work in detail and how they break down the chemical compounds in the M6 without harming the environment.

SUPERCritical WATER OXIDATION

Williams says this process uses super-pressure water, creating unique properties, which pull apart dangerous chemicals.

"When you super-pressurize water, it takes on these unique properties, and these unique properties allow it to tear apart tightly bound chemicals," she said. "M6 is a compilation of maybe eight chemicals, and all those chemicals have a different composition. So what the

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Gearing up for Muddy Gras



Muddy Bottoms ATV Recreation Park is gearing up for Cajun Muddy Gras that starts on Feb. 19. Park officials say it will be the muddiest party for Mardi Gras. Above and below, ATV enthusiasts enjoy opening day at Muddy Bottoms last year. Kristi Martin/Press-Herald File

Cajun Muddy Gras is coming to Muddy Bottoms Feb. 19-22, and is expected to be a big event with plenty of family-friendly events taking place.

Kim Cannon, marketing director for Muddy Bottoms ATV and Recreation Park, says Friday evening, a king cake eating contest will take place around 7 p.m. and is expected to be a lot of fun. On Saturday, a wheelers parade will take place where participants can decorate their ATVs Mardi Gras style and throw beads just like a traditional Mardi Gras parade.

"We'll have a top prize for that one,"

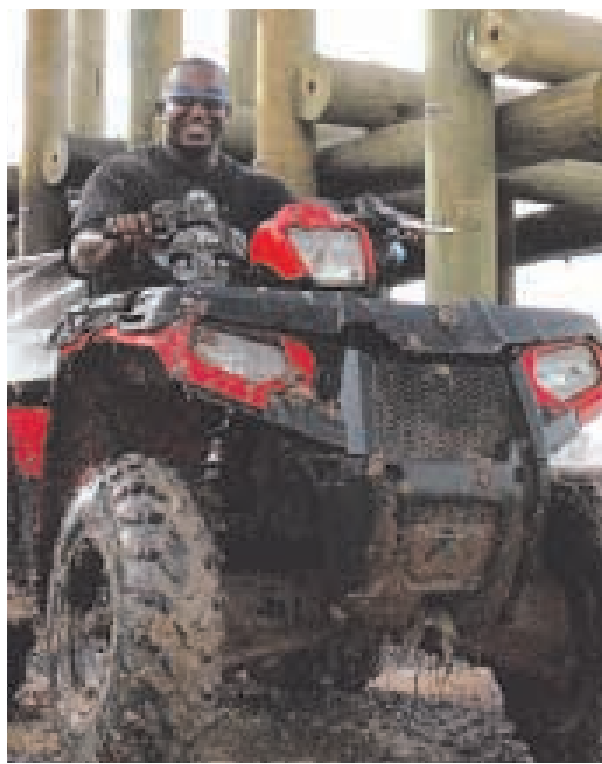
she said.

The cake contest will be at the pavilion with the wheelers parade beginning at the splash park.

The park will open Thursday at 10 a.m. so people can come in to set up and acclimate to the park.

"It's the muddiest party for Mardi Gras, and with it being the first one, it's going to be big," she said. "This is also our first event for 2015. It's a good family event too, because there's a lot of family-oriented

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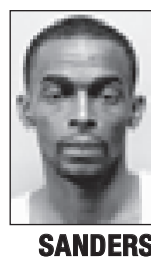
A Minden man who had five outstanding warrants now has additional problems following his arrest last week when he was pulled over by

Minden police detectives. Marlon D. Sanders, 34, who lists a Penal Farm Road address, is currently being held in Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. Sanders was recognized by captains Daniel Weaver and Marvin Garrett as he was driving on

Lee Street just before noon Thursday, Minden Chief of Police Steve Cropper said. "Sanders was brought to headquarters where we conducted a thorough search. Officers found a portion of a baggie that contained what the suspect told us was pow-

der cocaine," Cropper said. "In addition to the five bench warrants we had, the sheriff's office had an outstanding warrant on him also." Cropper says Sanders is being held on bench warrants through city court,

including a bench warrant for possession of marijuana, a bench warrant for improper lane usage, three counts of no driver's license and as a fugitive from Webster Parish. Sanders is also being held for possession of CDS Sch. II (cocaine).



SANDERS

HIGHER EDUCATION

Bateman: Graduates find degree doesn't match career

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Students looking for success in today's economy may find themselves beginning their search in the wrong place.

"Individuals say a university degree guarantees higher salaries, but this advice is a myth for a majority of students. The economy and the world has dramatically changed," Dr. Rick Bateman told a group of community leaders and public servants at a lunch gathering in Minden.

Bateman currently is serving as interim chancellor at Bossier Parish Community College and interim director at the Northwest Louisiana Technical College. To some, that may seem like a strange combination, but Bateman says studies show two-year institutions and technical colleges join to play an important role in providing a skilled workforce for the future.

"A Harvard study shows 60 percent of high school graduates attending some type of higher education in 2018. Of that number, 33 percent will require a four-year degree or more while the overwhelming majority will need technical skills or training," Bateman said.

Many students who graduate may find their degree does not adequately match them with the career they may have chosen, he said.

"The difference between degrees and job skills causes many to be under employed, or 'gray collar' workers. Graduates may find their degree did not prepare them for the work force,"



Dr. Rick Bateman makes a point during a noon presentation Friday to a large group of community leaders and elected officials at Minden's Exakta Inn. Bateman is currently serving as interim director at Northwest Louisiana Technical College and as interim chancellor at Bossier Parish Community College.
Pat Culverhouse/Press-Herald

Bateman said. "Students have left schools without marketable skills."

Job ratios now show that for every occupation that requires a master's degree or greater, two occupations require a university degree while seven call for students who are certified and trained for high skill jobs, Bateman pointed out.

"Employers want to know what you can do and do well, not what degree hangs on your wall. A university degree is no longer a

guaranteed path to financial success that it once was. Education combined with technical training is how you have the advantage in the new economy," he said.

At BPCCC and NWLTC, the focus is on the regional economy, Bateman says. While Louisiana ranks near the bottom in several categories, it's near the top in aligning education with its workforce.

"An alignment with workforce needs in the state is what will

keep us ahead of the curve," he said. "BPCCC is investing in its relatively new RN program; we're about to break ground on a building for health occupations programs. We'll strengthen Louisiana's technical college campuses as well."

Bateman says other programs targeting workforce development at both campuses include a new industrial electrician program that is supported by an \$83,000 in-kind contribution for training equipment and a BPCCC

partnership with Benteler Steel/Tube (the giant German steel manufacturer located in the Port of Shreveport-Bossier).

NWLTC is partnering with Northwestern State University in a program that is unique not only in the state, but in the nation, Bateman said.

"Students who complete certification in manufacturing get six hours of college credits," he said. "There is nowhere in the state or anywhere else where a technical college student with one semester can earn six university hours."

Bateman says his goal is to build sustainable programs, not something that will die if grant money runs out.

"We have received about \$12 million between the two colleges (BPCCC, NWLTC) in WISE (Workforce Investment for a Stronger Economy) funds," he said. "NWLTC got just over \$2 million of that."

Receiving money from the state sometimes isn't all that easy, Bateman says.

"I've noticed a bag of money starts in Baton Rouge and it has a hole in it," he said. "By the time it gets up here, it's a whole lot lighter."

Bateman says he does not mind wearing two hats as the leader of two educational institutions. He joked that a family member, though, might be pleased to see something full-time come along.

"I'm the interim director of the Northwest Louisiana Technical College and interim chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College. My wife says if I don't get a job pretty soon, I'll be an interim husband," he quipped.

MUD

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events we have planned."

A gumbo cook-off will be featured Saturday night where the public will be able to purchase tickets and judge the gumbo. The winner will receive a People's Choice award.

Following the cook-off will be Grammy award-

winning Zydeco legend Wayne Toups in concert.

"We're expecting it to be a pretty big event," she said.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 19: Park opens at 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 20: from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., registration for all events at the pro shop, king cake-eating competition at the pavilion at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21: from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., registration for the gumbo cook-off at the pro shop, from noon until 12:45 p.m., Parade of Wheelers line up at the splash park, 1 p.m., Parade of Wheelers, 7 p.m.: gumbo cook-off and tast-

ing at the pavilion, 8:30 p.m. caravan to the amphitheater, and at 10 p.m. Wayne Toups in concert at the amphitheater. Parade of Wheelers best in show and gumbo winners will also be announced at this time.

Sunday, Feb. 22: Gates

close at 5 p.m. Firearms checked in must be picked up by 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center.

Pro shop hours are from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. until 10

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Charles Lodato



LODATO

Ronald Charles Lodato, 53, passed away Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at his home in Sibley, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier in the month. Ronald was born March 25, 1961, in Shreveport. Ronald was known by many names, "Ronnie," "Charlie," "Charlie-Brown" and "Brother." He was a fun-loving man that never met a stranger. He was loved by so many. His passions included football, wrestling, music and Word Search. His favorite shows included The Brady Bunch, The Walton's, Love Boat, Gunsmoke just to name a few. His favorite song was Amazing Grace.

Ronald is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Burns Lodato; father, Lawrence Lodato; brother, Roger Tittle; grandparents, Willow and Luther Burns; aunt, Willow Dean Owens; and uncle, Clemmie Burns.

Ronald leaves behind "Uncle Bill" William H. Burns; cousins, Phyllis Watson and Kelly Shelley; sister and brother-in-law, Laura and David Rachal; four nieces; one nephew; and many cousins.

In addition to his immediate family he leaves behind his "other family," his caregivers affectionately known as "Charlie's Angels," Brenda Bernard, Missy Gurgainers, Becky Holliday, Shirley Cox and LaBridget Williams.

The family would like to extend a special thanks for their continued care, love and compassion to the staff at Care Services of Northwest Louisiana in Shreveport, Dr. Jennifer Lee and staff in Sibley, Minden Medical Center and the fifth floor nursing staff at Christus Schumpert Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria.

Memorial services celebrating Ronald's life will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at The Event Center located in the Impressions Advertising Specialties building at 905 Shreveport Rd. in Minden.

Nettie Evans Hicks



HICKS

Nettie Evans Hicks of Shreveport passed away Saturday, Feb. 14 after suffering a sudden, devastating stroke. She was born Oct. 21, 1938, in Plain Dealing.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 44 years, Charles Larry Evans, from Ringgold in 2001.

In 2007, she married Charles Edward Hicks Sr. of Coushatta. He passed away July 3, 2014.

Her parents, A.R. and Nora Weaver of Dixie Inn, preceded her in death. She also has numerous siblings who have passed away. They are Alvis Weaver of Oak Grove and Hershell Weaver from Petal, Mississippi, Mary Hall of Stone Mountain, Georgia and Lois Anderson of Shreveport.

She is survived by two loving daughters, Brenda Evans Kennon and husband, Ed from Shreveport and Barbara Evans Lebel from Bossier City. She leaves behind three beautiful granddaughters. They are Brittany Lebel Adams and husband, Skip, of New Orleans, Blair Lebel and fiancé, Michael Miller of Shreveport and Kari Kennon of Houston, Texas. She also is survived by a close niece, Jan Dorian Bawol and husband, Rich of Hanceville, Alabama.

Another close family member is Nora Orr of Bossier City. She has been a lifelong friend and supporter during this most difficult time.

She has one surviving brother, Malcolm Weaver and wife, Nelwyn of Shreveport and their two children, Debbie Weaver Dietrich and husband, Todd from Haughton and Michael Weaver of Pittsburg, Texas. Other family members are nephews, David Weaver of Bossier City and Bryan Rhodes of Bossier City; nieces, Millie Thompson and husband, Lee of Camp Verde, Arizona and Jean Ratcliff and husband, Cliff, of Abbeville, Mississippi.

There are also survivors from the Hicks family. They are Linda and Jack Barbo of Coushatta, Dale and Heather Jones, of Stonewall, Chad and Brandie Sharpley of Frierson and, brother-in-law David Hicks, and wife, Edna of Benton.

She will be deeply missed by so many more family members, friends and acquaintances. She was a special lady who showed tremendous strength and grace during her darkest hours.

Nettie Evans Hicks lived in Minden for many years with her husband and daughters. She worked as secretary at Lowe Jr. High School for more than 15 years.

She was always a willing volunteer for many humanitarian causes. After her husband was transferred to Dublin, Georgia for his work with Southeast Paper in 1979, she immersed herself in many activities that she truly loved. She was a member and dedicated volunteer for the Garden Club in Dublin, Georgia. She volunteered on blood drives, worked at various schools, cooked and served meals for the needy. These are just a few of her many good deeds. She was a self-taught artist and she could cook, sew, draw and decorate the most beautiful cakes. She won many awards in flower arranging and cake decorating. She had innumerable abilities and talent.

Nettie was a very humble, honest and

kind woman who found the greatest joy in life's simplest pleasures. She was happiest when she was surrounded by family and friends. She loved animals and nature and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. She was fiercely devoted and loyal to those she loved. Her favorite activity was cooking meals for her family on birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. She was an impeccable cook and hostess.

She and her husband returned to Shreveport in 1996 after his retirement in Dublin, Georgia. In the last few years, her health severely declined. She was required to endure hemodialysis for several years. Dr. Randall White, his PA Susan Midyett and the kind staff at DCI made this difficult time bearable. Dr. White was there until the end and the family is so thankful and blessed to know him. Words cannot express their immense gratitude and appreciation.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Paul "Corky" Davis for his support and attention to her cardiac needs. Dr. Jack Ferrell was so patient, kind and attentive in his treatment for her broken shoulder. Cheryl Wheeler was there for her and the family as she drew her final breaths. She brought tremendous solace and comfort during these last difficult moments. The family would like to thank Dr. Nicolas Batteredton and Dr. Tano for graciously assisting in her final care.

Kandace Stroo and "Always Best Care," were her divine angels during the last few months. The sitters, Charnell Randle, LaQueta Harvey and Mary Gates were devoted to her and the family until the very end. Their companionship, friendship and loyalty will never be forgotten. They brightened and inspired her life and the lives of the family members.

Nettie Hicks' funeral and visitation is set for 3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The visitation will be from 1:30 until 2:45 p.m. before the funeral. Bill Hines of Coushatta will be officiating her final service and celebration of her life.

Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden.

Dixie Elaine Anderson Robe

Mrs. Dixie Elaine Robe passed gracefully through the veil of death into the glori-

ous presence and loving arms of her Lord and Savior Sunday morning, Feb. 15. She joins her beloved husband of 58 years, Dr. Garland Morris Robe; parents, Rankin and Dixie Anderson; brothers, Roy Anderson, Calvin Anderson and Rayburn Anderson; and sisters, Juanita Bigland and Maudie Mosley.

Mrs. Robe was a supporting pastor's wife, a nurturing mother, an elementary and Sunday school teacher, a proud grand and great-grandmother and steadfast friend.

She leaves behind the memory of a lasting legacy of love, friendships and a close family. Our Mom lived a full, wonderful life and those who loved her were blessed to be part of her life's journey.

Mom was the mother and mother-in-law to two daughters, Judy and husband, Philip Salley and Karen and husband, Larry Bowden. She was "Mimi" to Tiffany and Eric Touns, Nathan and Sandie Salley, Russ and April Salley, Heather and Lee Curry, Brooke Weeks, Brandi and Dave Broome and Cody Bowden. Her 15 great-grandchildren are Annabelle and Zeke Touns, Savannah, Clay and Audrey Salley, Gus, Ava and Ivy Salley, Payton and Halaya Curry, Sheldon McDaniel, Eric and Matthew Hedlund and Aidan and Brendan Broome.

She also leaves behind special sisters-in-law, Verna Mae Anderson and Eula Anderson and a brother-like nephew, Carlton Anderson.

The visitation for Elaine Robe will be from 5 until 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The homecoming celebration will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at Shreveport Baptist Temple, located at 288 Flournoy-Lucas Road in Shreveport. The service will be officiated by Bro. Rueben Weaver and assisted by Bro. Jimmy West. Her interment will be at Liberty Cemetery in Martin.

Pallbearers will be C.C. Sanders, Olan Davis, Keven Barber, Jerry Sullivant, Tommy Lemons, Bruce Williams, Tim O'Laughlin and Al Giecek.

The family wishes to thank Shreveport Baptist Temple, Sibley Missionary Baptist Church for all the prayers and visits to our precious Mother, The Oaks of Louisiana-West Wing and special friends Gayle, Denita and Dorothy.

DISPOSAL

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water oxidation does is it strips them apart so they look more like the periodic table than they do these long names."

After the chemicals are "taken apart," it becomes slurry, or liquid. When it comes out of the machine, the water contains all these chemicals that were taken apart. The water is then sent through a treatment process, like a local water treatment plant, where it is processed into gray water.

"Supercritical water oxidation is the most aggressive of the technologies as far as tearing chemicals apart," she said. "The destruction efficiency is very high."

Three units were delivered to Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Richmond, Kentucky to treat demilitarized rocket weapons. If they use one 3-gallon-per-minute unit, it would take four years to get through all of the M6 propellant.

There is a 10-gallon-per-minute unit in Oklahoma right now, she says, and using that unit and one 3-gallon unit would take roughly one year to dispose of the M6.

General Atomics, the company that developed this process, leased one of the 3-gallon-per-minute units to Explo at one time, she says; and the unit is still at Camp Minden and is permitted by the State of Louisiana.

HYDROLYSIS

CAMP MINDEN CONFERENCE CALLS

- Wednesday, Feb. 18: Minden Dialogue Technical Subcommittee Conference Call from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Conference ID 881142424
- Thursday, Feb. 19: Minden Dialogue Committee Conference Call from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Conference ID 86569299

Conference calls are open to the public by calling toll-free 1-866-900-8984 and identifying the Minden Dialogue Conference ID to the operator.

This process is similar to SCWO and it changes the pH of the waste to break the chemicals apart, she says.

"You end up with an effluent," she said. "You put it through the unit, and what you get out is what has the periodic table in it. It's a more famous technology because it was used to treat the Syrian chemical weapons. They were already in a liquid form, they were treated at Camp Ray in the Mediterranean, and they shipped the waste to hazardous waste incinerators in Germany and the United Kingdom.

"That's one of the down sides to hydrolysis," she continued. "You have to ship the waste off to be incinerated."

Williams says the U.S. Army owns three hydrolysis units at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Edgewood, Maryland.

DAVINCH TECHNOLOGY

The Detonation of Ammunition in a Vacuum-Integrated Chamber – DAVINCH – "comprises a double-walled steel vacuum detonation chamber

and an off-gas system," according to PEOACWA.

"Chemical munitions are placed in the DAVINCH detonation chamber where they are surrounded by donor explosives," ACWA officials say. "The detonation of these donor explosives shatters the munitions, and the shock and heat of the explosion destroys the chemical agent and energetics."

Williams says this process is used for explosives that contain shrapnel. The gasses produced by the detonations go through a scrubber process, which pulls harmful gasses out before it is released into the air.

"It was created by Kobe Steel in Japan, and they deal with heating things," she said. "The other two (processes) are using water; the DAVINCH uses high temperature to tear the chemicals apart. It does it in a vacuum so you don't get these bad parts and incomplete combustion. It's being used to clean the munitions out of Kobe Bay."

Editor's Note: The remaining three technologies will be published in Wednesday's edition.

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LOUISIANA EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, on budget bills:

In Congress, the voodoo they do with numbers is already bad enough. Let's not give license to partisan lawmakers to fiddle with what are and must be utterly nonpartisan numbers on the budget.

The Republican majority in the U.S. House has passed a new budget accounting rule that mandates the two nonpartisan offices that keep track of budget matters to adopt a favorite GOP notion, dynamic scoring.

The Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation must "incorporate the macroeconomic effects" of "major" tax or mandatory spending legislation when they develop official cost estimates.

Just give us the numbers, please, and keep the ideological blather at home.

Republicans believe that "static" analysis of the budget does not capture the full positive effect of tax cuts — the Republican policy in good times and in bad, without exception. They were particularly aggrieved at a CBO that called the numbers on "Obamacare" like an umpire should, independently of the White House and Capitol Hill.

We remain, as we have been for years, skeptical of dynamic scoring.

It is not that estimates cannot be made of the impact, say, of a higher gasoline tax discouraging purchases in future years. But we've seen time and again that boosters of tax cuts will argue that the economy is stimulated by cuts, no matter what the current rate of taxation is. A former Republican president once called this "voodoo economics," and he was right.

Until this House GOP maneuver, there was no rule against estimates from CBO and the Joint Committee that reflect analysts' views of the impact, but the base number was the base number. Republicans and Democrats could then argue over their ideological notions, but they could not fix the umpire's calls.

America's economy obviously is of such enormous scope that the more leeway given to macroeconomic estimates in the budget, the greater the likelihood that Congress will get policy even more wrong than they have lately ...

Let's have the real numbers, not

the imaginary ones.
 Online: <http://theadvocate.com>

American Press, Lake Charles, on measles:

The Louisiana health department recently issued an alert to health care providers to be on the lookout for measles cases.

Some states, such as California, have experienced outbreaks of the disease, which has spread throughout the nation and raised awareness about a disease once thought eradicated from this nation.

Louisiana law requires that all children entering school to be up-to-date on required vaccinations, such as measles. State law also requires that health care workers report measles immediately upon suspicion.

The symptoms of concern are: fever of 101 degrees or more and generalized maculopapular rash, usually beginning on the face and spreading to the trunk, with the presence of one or more of the following: cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis.

Measles is a highly contagious disease transmitted through the respiratory route ...

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from Jan. 1-30, 102 people from 14 states were reported to have measles. Most of these cases are part of a large, ongoing multi-state outbreak lined to Disneyland in California.

The 14 states with reported cases as of Jan. 30 are Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington ...

While no cases have been reported in Louisiana as of Feb. 5, the disease is on the comeback, and parents should consider having their children vaccinated. People born between 1958 and 1989 may have only gotten one measles vaccine and could need a booster. A blood test will show if you have full protection.

Online: www.americanpress.com

The News-Star, Monroe, on Gov. Bobby Jindal:

The clock is winding down on Gov. Bobby Jindal's term in office, although it's been clear to most peo-

ple that for the past year or so his focus has been elsewhere, as in positioning himself for a presidential run.

He's constantly traveling, with stops in Iowa, New Hampshire, Washington and London.

His foolhardy stance of no new taxes on his watch may appeal to the GOP core, but with the collapse of oil prices, the bottom has fallen out of state revenue.

And that's the only logical explanation, for instance, for his change of position on Common Core Standards. He supported the concept until it became clear that the conservative core of the Republican Party opposed it. What one day was good for the state of Louisiana, at least in Jindal's view, is no good the next.

All around the governor the state is burning, and he keeps fiddling.

When Jindal first took office, there's no question the state's operations were bloated. The time had come for smaller government, leaner and more efficient. Jindal's early efforts strengthened Louisiana. The state survived the Great Recession with less pain than the rest of the nation experienced.

But Jindal, in his effort to galvanize the national faithful by sticking true to his guns on taxes, has failed to adapt with changing conditions. Instead, he has depleted Louisiana. He has robbed designated funds of their intended purposes. He has cut higher education too much. Health care services struggle to take care of a population that, by all measures, has greater needs than almost anywhere in the country.

And if the governor had hopes that his approach would propel a presidential campaign, the joke might be on him, at the state's expense ...

Late last week, the bad news continued from Baton Rouge. Jindal proposed to close the more than \$103 million midyear deficit by shrinking health care services, trimming transportation spending and closing three state historic sites while also adding more stopgap funds into the budget ...

The state needs help, and Jindal shows no inclination to provide innovative thinking to do so. It's time lawmakers view him as the lame duck governor he is and look for new leaders, some considering a run for governor, some from inside their ranks, to provide new direction to stop the spiral.

Online: www.thenewsstar.com

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PERSPECTIVE

Spontaneous order

MOST OF LIFE happens without a central planner. Yet people think we need one.

Suppose you'd never seen a skating rink, and I told you that I want to lay down some ice and charge people money to strap sharp blades on their feet. They will zip around on the ice — young and old, skilled and unskilled. My only rule: Go counter-clockwise.

Hillary Clinton would say the rink needs regulation. She calls herself "a government junkie." Government junkies like government plans. Hillary'd probably demand that my rink have an official who tells skaters when to zoom left or right, when to slow down.

I actually tried that while doing a TV special on "Spontaneous Order." I brought a megaphone to a skating rink and bossed people around. Some skaters fell. No one thought I'd made skating safer or better.

That's because no "planner" knows the wishes and skills of individual skaters better than skaters themselves.

Most decision making works much the same way: Leave people free to make their own choices, and a spontaneous order arises — buyers and sellers adjust to changing prices; inventors invent; families raise kids; musicians create jazz.

Yet control freaks have criticized such spontaneity for at least 2400 years. Plato warned that music should be simple so that it does not stir up passion. In the 1920s, Ladies Home Journal complained that jazz would lead "to a breaking away from all rules." We're lucky America didn't have a U.S. Dept. of Music at the time.

On my TV show, one government-lover said decisions must be made "by technocrats ... who have this expertise."

But no central planner has enough expertise to direct the skaters on the ice. (I tried an expert, too. I got an Olympic skater to direct people. She was no better.)

Central planning creates the kind of inefficiency that brought down the Soviet Union. While Americans shopped in malls full of goods, Russians waited in long lines.

Today in the U.S., innovation tends to occur in the freest sectors of the economy, while sectors most closely affiliated with government stagnate.

Because LASIK eye surgery is largely funded by customers, it's improving by leaps and bounds. Government-subsidized hospitals, by contrast, can barely share equipment without running into a thicket of regulations controlling collaboration.

Eighty years ago, it took workers only 15 months to build the Empire State Building. But this century, using vastly superior construction equipment, building the new World Trade Center took 10 times as long. Eighty years ago, some trains ran faster than 100 miles per hour, but now even the "high-speed" Acela train averages only 90 miles per hour because government safety rules demand that American trains be heavier.

Venture capitalist Peter Thiel says the current state of regulation should frighten us: "You would not be able to get a polio vaccine ... approved today." He's right. The first batch of Salk vaccine gave polio to 40,000 people. If that happened today, the FDA would immediately stop the research. Salk's vaccine would not have had a chance to save thousands of lives and prevent so much misery.

Thiel funded startups such as Facebook, PayPal, LinkedIn and Yelp. It's no coincidence that such wonderful innovation happened in cities far from Washington, DC. By the time regulators woke up, good things had already happened. But now the central planners want control over the Internet. Today, in response, Internet companies spend more on lobbying than Wall Street or defense contractors.

Today's innovators take for granted that there's only a short window of opportunity before regulators swoop in and ruin everything by dictating a single, centrally planned formula by which innovation may proceed.

That may not bother CEO's who get in on the ground floor — their way of doing things becomes the template everyone else must use. But everyone else suffers. Bye-bye, innovation. But innovation was once what America was about.

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COMMUNITY

MINDEN LIONS CLUB

Tech president to speak

STAFF REPORT

Dr. Les Guice, president of Louisiana Tech University, will be the featured speaker at the Minden Lions Club Thursday, Feb. 19. Club members and their guests will meet at 11:45 a.m. at the American Legion building on Pine Street.

Dr. Guice began his Louisiana Tech experience in 1972 as a freshman architecture student. He completed his bachelor of arts in architecture in 1976 and earned his master's degree in civil engineering from Tech in 1978.

He served as assistant professor of civil engineer-



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ing at Tech until he was promoted to associate professor in 1981. After earning his PhD. In civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1986, Dr. Guice was named the interim department head of civil engineering in Louisiana Tech's College of Engineering in 1988 and was named permanent department head along with full professorship in 1989.

Dr. Guice was unanimously elected to serve as

the 14th president of Louisiana Tech University during a special session of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors on Dec. 4, 2012. He officially assumed the president's chair July 1, 2013.

Program director Terry Snook said non-members of the club are encouraged to hear Dr. Guice Thursday. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 (or a few minutes earlier), and non-members are charged a lunch fee of \$8.

Non-members who would like to attend should contact Snook at 377-5999 or tdsnook@bellsouth.net.

Around Town

Wednesday, Feb. 18

City of Minden Personnel Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Cypress Conference Room, Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway. On the agenda are interviews for a police officer and custodian.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for first week: What did the fathers of the church say about Mark? Mark in comparison with Matthew, Luke and John (and why that matters).

Friday, Feb. 20

Black History Month essays are due at 5 p.m. The essay contest, sponsored by the Minden Press-Herald, is open to school children in grades 4-8 and 9-12. Essays and poems are accepted and should be no more than 150 words. They should reflect what someone or an event in their history reflects what the celebration of Black History means to them. Send submissions to bonnie@press-herald.com. Name, age and contact information must be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Piney Hills Master Gardeners will present Buds and Blooms from 9 a.m. until noon at First United Methodist Church, 903 Broadway. There will be seminars, demonstrations and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds go to the 4-H Youth Gardening Contest. For more information, call 927-4055 or 927-1777.

MHS Darling Pageant will be at 6 p.m. in the Minden High School Auditorium. Call 377-2766 for more information.

Longspring Church of God in Christ, 518 Constable Street, will be hosting an "Old Ship of Zion" program at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church, 1686 Fuller Road, and Dr. George Rice, pastor, will have an Annual Building Fund Program at 2:30 p.m. Guest pastor is Willie C. Bryant, Mt. Canaan MBC, Bienville.

Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church's 53rd Annual Rainbow Tea will be at 3 p.m. Theme: "Investing in Family, Friends and Faith." Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Logan Hampton, president of Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee.

Miller Chapel Baptist Church's Annual Ushers' Day Service at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Pastor Samuel Bradley. Everyone is welcome.

Black History Observance at 3 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church, 118 Church Street, Taylor. The Rev. James Smith of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Dubberly will be the guest speaker.

44th Church Anniversary at 2:30 p.m. at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. Guest speaker and church will be the Rev. Asby K. Glosson, Pastor of New Light Baptist Church in Minden. Everyone is invited. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

King Solomon Baptist Church, 372 Saltworks Road in Sibley, Minister Rodney E. Williams and Evangelist Cynthia K. Williams, will host annual Black History Program at 3 p.m. Theme: "Attacked But Not Defeated." Special guest is Pastor Uelyss Reed, Stonewall Baptist Church, Bossier City.

Pastor L.A. Thomas and Bright Star Baptist Church family will host a Black History program at 2:30 p.m. Guest minister is Pastor Billy Joe Hawks of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church. Deacon William Douglas, retired state trooper and current captain with Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, will be Black History guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.

GARDENING 101

It's time to plant potatoes

It's getting close to garden season again. The weather has good days and then it gets cold again.

Things to do in February include planting potatoes and cole crops. Both Red LaSoda and Kennebec white potatoes do well in our area. Many folks are even trending to the Yukon Gold variety.

Cut the seed potatoes into quarters that have two or three eyes and dip them into sulfur to help them scab over and not rot. Let them stand three or four days before planting. The potatoes need to be planted three to four inches deep and about a foot apart. In about 120 days you will enjoy eating these wonderful vegetables.

Cole crops that are ready are the broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower. You can directly seed the mustard, turnips, snap beans, carrots, beets, and radishes to name a few. If you get too many seeds up you can always weed a few out.

Let's don't forget to use a pre-emerge



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weed killer(not organic) such as treflan before planting. Just incorporate it into the soil before planting. There are a few things that cannot take this chemical so before careful to read the label. Treflan comes in a granular form, and also liquid.

Something else to do to prevent weeds in to lay down newspaper or a commercial weed fabric. Some of the fabrics last for years and the water and fertilizer will melt through them.

Tomato seeds and others can be started now if you like to do this. I wouldn't plant them yet because of the cold but there is something to be said for having the first ripe tomato.

Mitzi Thomas is the co-owner/manager of the Minden Farm and Garden.

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SPORTS

SPORTS briefs

COLLEGE BB Mountaineers upset Jayhawks

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Leg cramps weren't going to keep Juwan Staten from getting West Virginia to 20 wins for the first time in four seasons.

Staten scored 20 points, including a layup with 4 seconds left to lift No. 23 West Virginia to a 62-61 victory over No. 8 Kansas on Monday night.

It was a resume-building victory for the Mountaineers (20-6, 8-5 Big 12), who had lost three of their previous four games and four straight against ranked opponents. They're looking for their first NCAA tournament bid in three seasons.

"This was definitely a must-win game at home," Staten said. "We had the crowd behind us and we fought to the end."

With the game on the line, coach Bob Huggins knew who he wanted to give the ball to: Staten, West Virginia's leading scorer and the Big 12 pre-season player of the year.

Staten took an inbounds pass and went the length of the court, made a spin move around Frank Mason III and hit a left-handed layup over the outstretched arms of two other Kansas defenders.

It was Staten's first field goal over the final eight minutes after he had gone to the bench with cramps.

"That is exactly how we drew it up," Staten said. "When I spun, I'd seen nothing in the lane. I laid the ball up. It was a good call by coach."

The Jayhawks' Perry Ellis then caught a long pass but missed a layup off the back of the rim with Staten draping him just before the final buzzer.

"I might have rushed it a little bit, but I should have made it," Ellis said.

NBA Stoudemire to sign with Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Amare Stoudemire asked out of his contract with the New York Knicks because he wants to make a run at a championship.

The veteran forward has apparently decided Dallas is the place to spend the rest of this season chasing his first title.

A person with direct knowledge of the talks said Monday night that Stoudemire has agreed to sign with the Mavericks after taking a buyout from the Knicks. He can't make his verbal commitment official until he clears waivers Wednesday.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal wasn't official, told The Associated Press that Stoudemire could be available when Dallas returns from the All-Star break Thursday at Oklahoma City.

The 32-year-old Stoudemire was waived Monday after requesting the Knicks buy out the remainder of his contract that was set to expire after this season. He's likely to clear waivers.

"I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to contribute positively on the court and in the community," Stoudemire said. "Although I leave the Knicks with a heavy heart, I wish the organization the best of luck. Once a Knick always a Knick."

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

COMBINE CRUCIAL FOR SAINTS



An unofficial 230 pounds will swell to an official 244, a listed height of 6 feet 1 will shrink to 5-10¾ and a reported 4.38-second 40-yard dash will balloon to 4.57.

But, too, an unknown prospect from Where Is It Located University will bench press 225 pounds 19 times, slacken jaws with a 4.41-second 40 and dazzle with quick feet as men drool at the thought of him moving from college quarterback to NFL receiver or defensive back.

Those are just a few of the scenarios that annually play out at the NFL Combine, which will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium on Feb. 17-23. As of now, 323 draft-eligible players are scheduled to take part in the process.

Some will participate in all drills for NFL coaches and scouts, and some only will do

specific drills like throwing, lifting or running. Others will be injured and unable to participate and some — mostly considered the cream of the crop — won't do much more than lift a finger for the 32 NFL franchises in attendance (and, definitely, not a weight) until they have their pro days on their respective college campuses.

Almost all, though, will sit down and subject themselves to an interview with just about every team that expresses an interest in them doing so.

The "meet and greet" portion of the program is just as essential as the weights, measures, running and jumping sessions, because it gives head coaches a glimpse into the mental makeup of the prospects.

It only is a glimpse — the sheer volume of prospects that are met and interviewed by a franchise in the limited window of time provided nearly can be overwhelming. Interviews that are more extensive will be conducted at later dates.

But it is a chance for general managers, head coaches and their staffs to get a brief, initial gauge on a prospect's football intelligence, personality and desire for greatness — and to see



if it links to the film evaluation that already has been done regarding the prospect.

The Saints' first-round draft pick last season, receiver Brandin Cooks (No. 20 overall, after the Saints traded up from No. 27) ran a 4.3-second 40 last year at the Combine, tied for the fastest time logged. (The other

player? Receiver John Brown from Pittsburg State, one of those Where Is It universities.) And Cooks proved to be a quick study, as he adapted to the Saints offense and became a contributor almost immediately.

Nevertheless, the Combine isn't an end all. Pierre Thomas, arguably the most versatile run-

ning back in Saints franchise history, wasn't invited to the Combine. And receiver Marques Colston, the Saints' all-time leader in touchdowns, receptions, receiving yards and total yards, didn't exactly impress at the gathering in '06. He lasted until the seventh round, No. 252 overall.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Results from Minden Rec. Center

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Here are the results from Feb. 7 at the Minden Rec. Center.

7-8 boys Griders Stars vs. Tarheels

The Stars defeated the Tarheels 15-13.

Damarion Clark scored 8 points to lead the Stars, followed by Jacobe Rankin and Tyronn Grider with 3.

Jekoye Knowles scored 6 points to lead the 'Heels and N'Kayleb Reddix added 4.

Bulls vs. Lakers

The Bulls topped the Lakers 38-10.

Dexter Shyne Jr. scored 14 to lead the Bulls. Brandon Davis Jr. added 8 points, followed by Omarion Corley and Cameron Mitchell with 6.

Willie Jenkins Jr. led the Lakers with 6 points.

Tarheels vs. Cooksey Tax Canes

The Tarheels beat the Canes 21-10.

Jekoye Knowles keyed the win with 16 points, while Christopher Harris added 3.

Brian Turner Jr. scored 6 points to lead the Canes and Karen Minton added 4.

Bulls vs. Cooksey Tax Canes

The Bulls beat the Canes 24-11 behind 12 points from Omarion Corley. Dexter Shyne scored 6 for the Bulls.

Karen Minton led the Canes with 7 points.

9-10 boys Trojans vs. Minden Athletic

The Trojans defeated Minden Athletic 39-22.

Eddie Markray had 24 points for the Trojans, Jamaria Clark had 9 and Elliot Sheppard added 4.

Ty'Darrium Green scored 12 points to lead Minden Athletic. Reginald Moore

scored 8.

Heat vs. Thunder

Mi'Jai Batton scored 15 points to lead the Heat past the Thunder, 36-19.

Ta'Keiviuntae Kidd scored 11 for the Heat.

Nathan Ben scored 15 for the Thunder, while Kameron Sterling and Kevin Gill Jr. had 2.

Trojans vs. Heat

The Trojans beat the Heat 32-26. Berman Hamilton scored 12 and Eddie Markray had 11 to lead the Trojans.

Mi'Jai Batton had 9 points for the Heat and Ta'Keiviuntae Kidd scored 8.

Thunder vs. Minden Athletic

The Thunder topped Minden Athletic 33-29.

Nathan Ben led the Thunder with 11, Ethan Foster and Deonte Jackson scored 6 and E'Kyryon Webb added 4.

Ty'Darrium Green scored 17 to lead Minden Athletic.

11-12 boys Show-N-Tell Tarheels vs. Elite

The Tarheels beat Elite 56-37. Jay'Shun Miller scored 24 and Donald Gillins had 22 to lead Show-N-Tell.

Tyler Jefferson and Travion Sanders had 12 each to lead Elite.

Heat vs. Pelicans

Aldravion Taylor scored 23 points, as the Heat beat the Pelicans 46-28. Cartez Alexander added 13 for the Heat.

Curtis Carter had the high point game for the Pelicans with 26.

7-10 girls Kennon Angels vs. 318 Dream Girls

Brooklyn Harris scored 8 points and Ada Kennon-Gilbert added 4 as the Angels topped the Dream Girls, 18-7.

Kennon Angels vs. Lady Lakers

The Angels defeated the Lady Lakers 17-5. Brooklyn Harris led the

way once again, scoring 9 points. Jayden Dent added 4 and Dakota Howard had 2.

Destiny Hardy had 4 points for the Lady Lakers.

11-14 girls Homer Little Sparks vs. Pink Pratique

Jordan Shelton led the Little Sparks to a win over Pink Pratique with 13 points.

Marissa Tell added 5 for the Little Sparks.

Kennedy Dent scored 8 to lead Pink Pratique, while Keyunna Jones added 4.

Homer Little Sparks vs. Pink Pratique - Game two

The Little Sparks won game two between the teams, 21-16.

Jordan Shelton had a big game, scoring 17 to lead the Sparks. Takayla Malone scored the other 4 points.

Kennedy Dent led Pink Pratique with 7 points, followed by Kehonesty Williams with 4 and Jayda Franklin and Keyunna Jones with 2.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Archery in state schools on target

I still recall the time I was going home with Arthur Brown after school to spend the weekend duck hunting with him on Chee Chee Bay. I brought my unloaded shotgun to school and stored it in the cloak room. There were no gasps of horror from students or a firm word from my teacher as she grabbed me by the ear and escorted me to the principal's office.

Since none of us had pick-up trucks with gun racks back then, that's what we all did; there's even the chance the principal had his shotgun propped in the corner of his office.

Times have drastically changed since those days of innocence. To attempt that today would not only get me expelled; I would likely end up behind bars while a psychologist probed my mind looking for evidence I'd gone off my rocker and was set on sinister behavior.

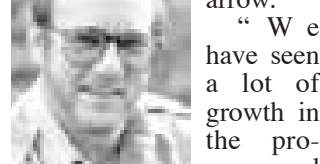
No, you can't bring your shotgun to school today but in more than 100 schools around the state, you can go to P.E. class, pick up a bow and arrow and shoot a target.

Robert Stroede is state Coordinator for Archery in Louisiana Schools (ALAS), a program facilitated and endorsed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

"Archery in Louisiana Schools is part of a national program that introduces students in grades four through twelve to international target-style archery," said Stroede.

"The greatest thing about this program is that it is an in-school program that is part of the physical education curriculum. In the more than 100 schools around the state where ALAS is in effect, and the number of schools participating continues to grow,

students go to PE class but instead of playing volley ball or participating in gymnastics, they get to learn how to shoot a bow and arrow.



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matter in what school we install the program. We have seen a ton of growth in ALAS over the past two years. Two or three years ago, the program was in a few smaller schools, mostly in northwest and central Louisiana. Today," said Stroede, "we're getting interest in schools all over the state in more urban areas like Baton Rouge,

Lake Charles and Monroe. You get one school involved, word spreads and other schools want to become part of ALAS. Other students see just how much the kids enjoy it and the fact that parents are getting behind it and supporting it and it's something others want to be able to do."

Stroede said that the neat thing about the program is the simplicity of setting up a shooting range for archery in schools.

"The program is designed to be set up in a school's gymnasium. The only thing needed is a backstop arrow curtain which can be set up and taken down in a matter of minutes. When the gym is being used for other activities, the backstop can be easily set up outdoors and in some cases, the school cafeteria is being used when the gymnasium is not

available," Stroede added.

This program is not only available to the state's public schools but private schools and even home schooled students can take advantage of ALAS.

In the event a particular school wants to include ALAS in its physical education curriculum, officials can contact Stroede at his office by calling 318/484-2276. To learn more information, go to the web site of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and search for ALAS. Still another way is to look for Archery in Louisiana Schools on Face Book.

Archery in schools as part of physical education; what a neat idea.

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ONLINE STREAMING



'Modern Family'

to air episode that takes place only online

LOS ANGELES — How to keep the "modern" in "Modern Family" in its sixth season? Create an episode that plays out completely on a computer and in the realm of social media.

That's what's in store Feb. 25 on the ABC comedy's "Connection Lost," a half-hour that revolves around Claire Dunphy's (Julie Bowen) frantic effort to locate daughter Haley (Sarah Hyland) after they squabble.

Other than a few scenes shot with the MacBook Pro, the episode was captured entirely with iPhone 6s and iPads, series co-creator and executive producer Steve Levitan said.

ABC and producer Twentieth Century Fox Television announced the

project Tuesday.

This isn't Apple's first starring role on "Modern Family." On the brink of the iPad's retail debut in 2010, the tablet was portrayed as a sought-after birthday gift.

Levitan said the upcoming episode involved no product-placement compensation to Apple and resulted from an epiphany he had during an online experience involving one of his college-age daughters.

"I had emails open, some websites... then my daughter showed up" on FaceTime, he recounted. "I could not only see her, but I could see me, and there was something going on behind me, my wife or somebody."

"I realized on that

screen, you could tell so much about my life," Levitan said. It occurred to him that format would be fitting for "Modern Family," he told reporters after a sneak peek at the episode.

All the comedy's households represent a contemporary family in some way, he said, including that of gay couple Mitch and Cam, who are adoptive parents, and Jay and Gloria, a cross-cultural, cross-generational pair. With Claire, Phil and their children, the marker is how they communicate.

In the comedy's debut episode in 2009, the parents summoned Haley to dinner by calling out to her, Levitan recalled. Her response: "Why are you yelling, why don't you just

text me?"

The in-progress "Connection Lost" looked very much like Levitan's account of his own experience, with a "Modern Family" overlay.

Claire, about to board a flight, must rely on her laptop to get in touch with her immediate and extended family — who pop up via their own computers or smartphones — for help in finding Haley.

The setup allowed for new comedy avenues, said Megan Ganz, "Modern Family" co-executive producer and the episode's co-writer with Levitan. He served as director.

When Claire is online with her brother, Mitch (Jesse Tyler Ferguson), she feigns surprise that he hasn't received her birth-

day gift as she searches online for a belated one to send. Nice try, he says, since he can check the date on the order when it arrives.

Other funny bits are tucked on to Claire's Facebook page or will be available through links, such as daughter Alex Dunphy's (Ariel Winter) application to Yale University.

Editor Tony Orcena and motion graphics producer John Brown also had key roles in creating the episode that required, as Brown said, each element seen on Claire's Facebook pages to be "handmade."

Levitan credits a 17-minute film, "Noah," which also plays out fully on a computer, with giving him the "proof of concept"

that such an approach could sustain an audience's interest and allow for a complicated story.

He said the young Canadian filmmakers behind "Noah" were unable to accept his invitation to contribute to the "Modern Family" episode because of other work.

Apple was informed about the episode, "loved the idea" and provided iPhones for the production, Levitan said, adding that it's commonplace for most major computer companies to have ongoing relationships with TV shows.

"This came from life and it made sense," said Levitan, who cheerfully described himself as "super-geeky" about technology.

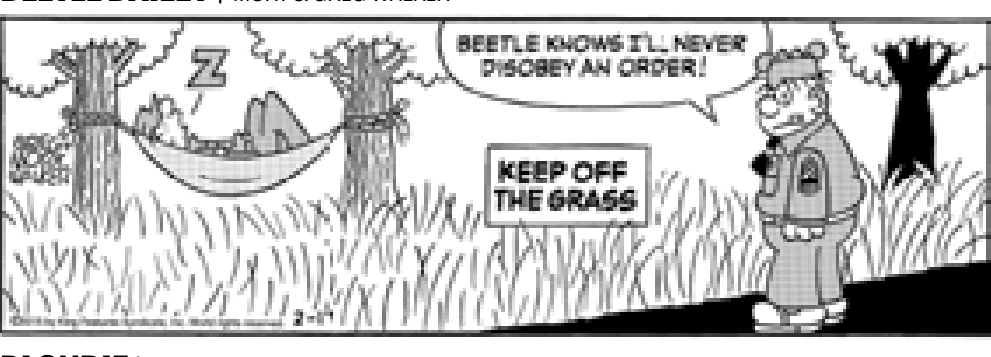
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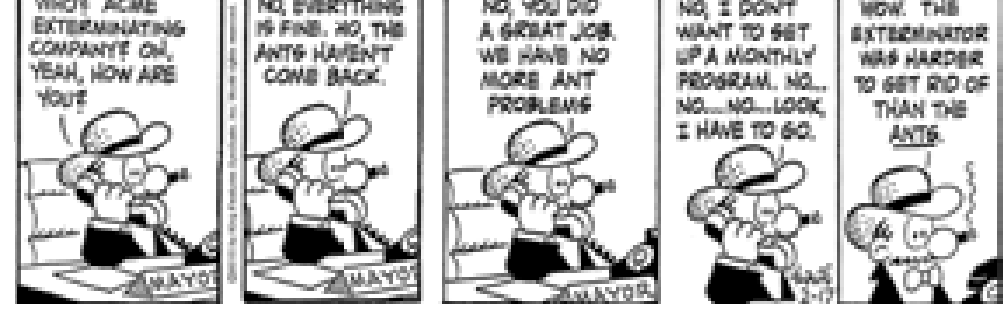
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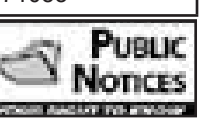
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February 10, 2015

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams; Aldermen Doyle Chanler, Richard Davis, John Langford, Larry Merritt and Alan Myers.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doyle Chanler motioned to adopt the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as read, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

John Langford motioned to add Chief Jeremy Robinson to the agenda, Doyle Chanler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-02 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with the installation of culverts for town citizens for the year 2015. Larry Merritt seconded. Motion carried.

HOME SIBLEY

John Langford motioned to adopt Resolution NO. 2015-03 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with the Annual Clean-Up Day on April 11, 2015. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to act on Chief Robinson's recommendation by hiring Mr. Thomas Boddie, as a full-time police

pre-employment clearance. Larry Merritt seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Robinson gave the monthly activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

Larry Merritt gave the monthly activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Under Oral Communication, the Mayor extended sympathy's to the Citrano family for the loss of Evetta Citrano whose husband, Sammy Citrano, worked for the Town of Sibley. The Louisiana Municipal Association adopted a Resolution to oppose the Open Burn at Camp Minden. Police Juryman, Steve Ramsey, was in attendance and spoke about the Camp Minden situation, about a federal grant to rehabilitate the Port O' Bisteneau and Sibley's Annual Clean Up Day.

Richard Davis motioned to adjourn, John Langford seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned
Jimmy Williams Mayor

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