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DOWNTOWN

Entire Main Street board resigns

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Citing an unwillingness by Minden's mayor and city council to change some of the language in the legislation governing its body, five of seven members of the Downtown Development Commission/Minden Main Street resigned during a meeting Tuesday, with a sixth resigning by email and the last one by phone a few hours later.

"In an effort to preserve the Main Street program and valuable relationships in downtown Minden, all of the Down-

town Development resigned from the board," the group released in a blanket statement. "Ultimately, the new leglanguage islative submitted by the mayor and council excludes valuable members and potential members from eligibility as board members. This gives the city an opportunity to begin

and appoint a new



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Downtown Development board of their choosing." "We have tried, to no avail, to

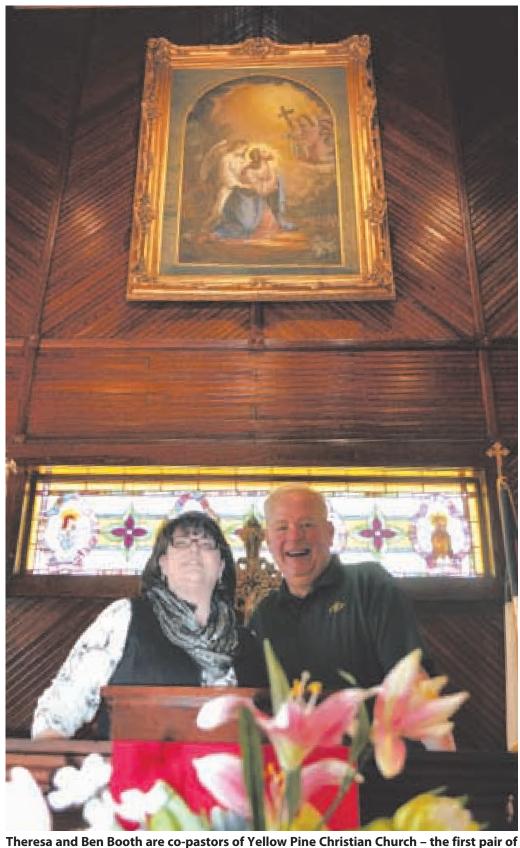
reach a compromise with the city regarding the legislation that governs our board," commission President Catherine Hunt wrote in her letter of resignation.

Hunt expected to meet Tuesday with Mayor Tommy Davis and Rep. Gene Reynolds, D-Minden, to discuss verbiage describing the commission, the way members are appointed and their duties. Reynolds would then file an amendment to the current law during the upcoming legislative ses-

According to the state law, passed in 1990, "The commission shall be composed of seven members, all of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of Minden, and shall have their principal place of business or profession in, or own property in, the Downtown Development District. The seven members shall be appointed by the

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SOUTH WEBSTER



pastors the 113-year-old church has ever had. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald

CELEBRATING **AMILESTONE**

Church has been a community anchor for years

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ellow Pine Christian Church, formerly Union Church, has been the anchor of Yellow Pine Community since it was built 113 years ago. Over the years, it has been renovated, remodeled and added to the National Historic Register.

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CAMP MINDEN

Problems arise with M6 bunker, LANG says

Clogged vent causes condensation inside magazine

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Col. Ron Stuckey, Louisiana Military Department project coordinator on the M6 cleanup, confirmed Tuesday night one of the bunkers at Camp Minden was compromised.

Stuckey explained roughly two weeks ago, contractors were visiting the site in the quest for competitive quotes. During this visit, in one of the bunkers containing clean burning igniters, they "observed" mold

"Some of the containers were wet," he said. "This is not unusual. To my knowledge, we have at least two magazines (bunkers) stacked to the ceiling, and when it rains, water eventually seeps through and drips in. This is the first time I've seen it (mold) with containers of CBI."

In the technical subcommittee meeting Tuesday, he expounded, saying the reason for the "heavy" condensation was due to a closed vent. In light of the recent weather, with heavy rains and drastic temperatures, one of the vents was stopped up allowing temperatures to rise inside the magazine.

Stuckev said the magazin constructed with two vents, one on the top and one on the door to allow air flow, and it was the one on top that was clogged.

"It was actually raining inside that magazine," he said, adding the condensation was that heavy. "I've been in all these magazines, and I've never seen this condition before. I didn't know what caused

In light of that, he called the U.S. Army which sent in a quality assurance munitions specialist to do an

"It's something we do in the Army," Stuckey said. "If we have problems or safety concerns, we call them, and they send somebody in. We coordinated it with the EPA like we were supposed to, and they sent somebody in Monday.'

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66 It looks like the situation is not nearly as serious as we thought it was.

SAM COLEMAN

DIALOGUE COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH THE EPA





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Two Homer men arrested, accused of burglarizing cars

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Two days after Minden police arrested a Minden man for burglarizing vehicles, two Homer men were booked on similar charges.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says two males fitting the descrip-

tion of two allegedly involved in a vehicle burglary Monday, were spotted by officers at Chateau Normandy Apartments that afternoon.

"Capt. Dan Weaver, Capt. Marvin Garrett, Det. Chris Cheatham and Officer First Class Clint Smith interviewed the subjects

who said they were visiting a friend at the apartments," Cropper said. "But officers knew that was where the burglary was supposed to have taken place that morning."

When Rodriquez Q. Porter and Mark Anthony Shavers were arrested, officers reportedly located a small bag of suspected marijuana, along with a plastic Ziploc bag containing \$18 in quarters.

"The person who reported the burglary said a plastic bag containing quarters was taken," Cropper said. "When questioned, the men admitted to the vehicle burglary."

Also recovered was a bottle containing prescription pills that was reported missing from the vehicle.

Porter, 21 and Shavers, 17 were booked at Bayou **Dorcheat Correctional** Center on charges of simple burglary. Shavers is also charged with possession of marijuana.







CHURCH

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"This has all been refinished," longtime member Jean Thomas said, as she pointed to the pine wood that covers the walls and ceiling of the building. "It was a big job. We have new light fixtures and we added stained glass windows."

Members also replaced carpet, wiring and added air conditioning.

"We spared no expense because it wasn't our money," Thomas said. "We were blessed to have a couple of people in our church that could afford to this."

Now, the church with a lengthy history has something it's never had before – a new Sunday school building and a new pair of

"Our people are really proud of our church," Pastor Ben Booth said. "All of our members give what

Booth and his wife, Theresa are new to the community, and their copastorate is something church members have never experienced.

"We came here nine months ago," Booth said. "It was set up by God for us to be here.'

Booth, a juvenile officer with the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, was invited to Yellow Pine to speak to a Sunday school class concerning prison ministry.

"They (class) were doing a study, and Theresa, who is also an ordained minister, was preaching at my church that day," he said. "So I decided to just stay and worship with them. The pastor resigned a short time later, and God kept putting us together and it worked out."

Theresa Booth was the first woman minister to preach at Yellow Pine. Members called Booth to

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"They asked about my wife, and I handed her the

pastoral team at Yellow

istry 12 years ago," Booth said. "I've got 24 years with the sheriff's office. God's used a lot of what I've seen and taught, and He's put me in a position to help

Thomas says she prayed for a minister who would preach to her from the

"I'll get over whatever else is wrong with him, if he'll get up there and preach to me from the Bible where I can understand it," she said. "I'm old fashioned. This church is not for everybody, but it is for me and people like me. I love it. It is a warm, sweet Booth preaches - from

the Bible - and teaches an adult Bible study, while Theresa handles programs for women, youth and chil-

"Our job is to help create a Christ-centered community," Theresa said.

Attendance averages around 40 each Sunday.

A new Sunday school building - something Yellow Pine has never had was finished in December

"We used to try and have Sunday school in the church itself," Thomas said. "But that was very inconvenient. We wanted to grow, and we felt like we couldn't. We didn't have anything to offer the young couples with children. We old people could huddle

The new building has several Sunday school classrooms, a nursery and a large kitchen/dining/fel-

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phone," Booth said. "She preached two weeks." They are now the first

"God called us into min-

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companies. The community and the church have experienced downs over the years. "It was a community church set up where residents would come and worship," Booth said. "This church has been a part of this community for so long. As pastors, we want to fulfill God's calling on this church."

"It's just a miracle that

we have something this nice," Thomas said of the new building. "A lot of our members are like me -they've just always worked and didn't have much Now, we feel like we have a future and something to offer others.'



Yellow Pine Christian Church's new Sunday school building was built to replicate the sanctuary in the foreground. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald

lowship hall area known as Faith Café.

It took roughly a year to build, not because of funding but because of National Historic Register specifi-

"All the buildings had to match," Thomas said. "Even the storage building had to look like the others.

Opening night of Yellow Pine's first Vacation Bible School last summer had 25 children in attendance with an average of 20 each

'Closing night, we had 70 people, including parents and grandparents that came to see," Theresa Booth said.

As the church grows, a camera already installed in the sanctuary, will feed to a screen in Faith Café for overflow congregants.

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Yellow Pine Community was once a bustling town of 2,000 people, set up by the railroad and lumber ups and



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Fleming to conduct town hall meeting on M6

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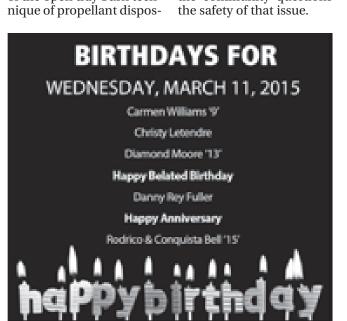
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U.S. Congressman John Fleming wants to meet with residents who are concerned about the disposal of M6 at Camp Min-

Fleming, a Republican from Minden, has set a Camp Minden Town Hall meeting for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at Minden High School, where he hopes citizens will share their ideas about the issues that concern them most.

In February, during a tour of Camp Minden, Fleming saw for the first time what Louisiana State Police discovered when they investigated an October 2012 blast – millions of pounds of M6 propellant

left by Explo Systems Inc. Fleming says he is aware of the open tray burn techal requested by the Environmental Protection Agency, but he also knows the community questions



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One of the lines from my daughter's Valedictory address was "There is nothing constant but change." True.

Special to the Press-Herald

When you start giving

directions about the location of a business, try to remember what generation you are speaking to.



For instance if I told you the business was located where the old Minden Building and Loan was located, it would have a lot of answers. The first location in my memory would be in the old Courthouse, later known as the City Hall. If we mentioned the

site where J. C. and I first borrowed money to buy our home, those folks who are in their forties and fifties might not know where I meant. That location was on Pearl Street just after you cross Green Street (which is really an alley.)

If I said where the Minden Building and Loan was for that generation, it would mean on the corner of Broadway and Pine Street, just down from the Civic Center and next door to the Kitchens Law firm. And now this new generation has a new location, and a lovely new office building, on the corner of Main and Pine Street. So one set of directions would be lost on another generation.

Chevy on the Move

The Chevrolet dealership was known as "Standard Chevrolet" in my childhood and young adult years and was located on the corner of Highway 80 (East Union St.)

and what we called "Back Street." Later it moved on out on East Union Street, on the corner just across from McClung's Service Station. After many more years it was moved out on the Homer Road, and named "Ken Burnham Chevrolet." Finally the Chevrolet dealership was relocaated to the corner of Homer Road and Highway 531 in a new building. The old location is now a Chrysler dealership. So, I can't just say "where the old Chevrolet dealership

David Drug was located where Vivian's used to be. Later, it moved across the street and was located in a much bigger building. For a good many years it stayed there. Finally it moved out Maiden Lane and was at the intersection of some small streets there. Three locations, all the site of David Drug

Old Wal-Marts Wal-Mart has also had

three locations. The first was next to Sonic Drive In. Later it was moved out the Homer Road and occupied one end of the Town East Shopping Center. Now it is still further out the Homer Road on the corner of Country Club Circle in a building of its own. Now it is a Super Center with groceries, wearing apparel, and all sorts of notions, a pharmacy, a bakery, a florist and much more.

Many stores have had two locations such as Thad's Cafe, St. Paul's Catholic Church, the Chrysler/ Dodge dealership. Quade Studio was in at least two locations before the recent move. Vivian's Dress Shop has now moved out to the shopping center on the Homer Road. Beall's was in two locations and since then the name has been changed to "Stage."

The Ford dealership was Andress Motors Company there on Main Street for about 4 or 5 decades,

the name was changed when it was sold to Bolen-Speede, and eventually J. C. Johnson bought it and built a new dealership out on Industrial Drive and so now, our Ford Dealership is now J. C. Johnson Ford -Mercury - Lincoln for over three decades.

Adjectives?

And so has our vocabulary changed. My generation used the words "queer" and "gay" as descriptive adjectives, perfectly good words, no double meanings. Today those words are not used as such and, in fact, they are almost vulgar today. It is so hard to break the habit of using them as we did six and seven decades ago. Time marches on, even if my brain cannot keep up.

There are other terms that I have inadvertently used that are also vulgar, and I had no idea I was talking "ugly." The computer age has brought terms that our old minds are not familiar with, and so has space travel. I have found that it is best to just say things you are sure of, and hope the meaning has not changed.

What's Hot

When I grew up "hot" meant a pan on a lighted stove, or a space heater, and certainly not something that had been stolen or an over aggressive sex pot. So "hot" is out for me

When asked in a restaurant if they need more tea, I will say "yes, and thank you." I notice that this generation says "I am good." And that is supposed to mean they do not want anymore tea. So much for words and their meaning.

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

BOARD

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mayor of the city of Minden with the approval of the city council."

That language affected four of the seven members who were not registered to vote inside the city limits or did not own a business in the downtown district.

"On Monday, March 9, 2015, I received a call from the Mayor stating that there was no need to meet Representative Reynolds at our scheduled meeting on Tuesday, because he had already met with him earlier that day," Hunt's letter continues. "He said he was not changing the language in

the statute to include 'voter of Webster Parish' and that the council agreed with him and he didn't feel it necessary to meet.'

Under the new language, the law would read 'The seven members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Minden upon the approval of the city council with due consideration being given to the needs and desires of the commission. The commission shall appoint subcommittees for various needs and events with no limitations to residence."

In addition to Hunt, Eaton, Eaton, Bertha Winzer and Deborah Cooksey resigned during the meeting.

Jeri Bloxom resigned via email following the meeting, leaving Bill Cook, who

resigned by telephone. "After reflecting on the legislative language suggested by the City of Minden and the actions taken by several commission members at the March 10 meeting, I have decided to resign," Bloxom wrote. "It is with respect to my fellow members and to the city that I take this action. My desire is to show solidarity to the commission and to remove any stalemate or possible conflict as the City moves forward with legislative amendments and program changes."

Elaine Eaton, a board member for five years, said that with the new language, she would still be a qualified member; however, "the goals of the current commission as we exist today and the city differ, it

would be best for the commission to start over.

"I think there are going to be some big changes," she continued. "I think it would be best for the commission to have a fresh start."

Eaton pointed out the new legislation takes a lot of decisions out of the commission's hands.

Members Bertha Winzer, Deborah Cooksey and Tammy Eaton had little to add, as they, too, resigned.

Hunt describes the commission as a "working of volunteers responsible for events bringing thousands of people to the parish and city, including Main To Main and the Fasching Festival. Some funding for these events comes from the city, while other monies are

from state grants.

Davis said he met with each of the city council members concerning the legislation and funding for the commission's projects.

"We discussed the language and 100 percent, they, the council, wants to keep that in," he said. "It's not me talking them into it. They feel like it's city money being spent ... it's city taxes, and if you live outside the city, you don't get to vote for anything that happens inside the

"Despite what y'all may think, I know you put in a lot of hard work," Davis continued. "I appreciate it; I'm sorry this is the way it's taken, but it is what it is, and we will move on from

The City of Minden has

been without a Downtown Development Director since late December when Davis fired Pattie Odom. Current state law gives

the commission authority

to hire and fire the director,

which prompted commission members to question the legality of the firing. Proposed language would give that power to the mayor, with approval by the council. Until that happens, efforts to move the down-

town district forward will continue but without a director or commission. "The board was never a

duly constituted board because it was never appointed according to the statute," Davis said. "Until we get the legislation changed, we really cannot hire a director or appoint

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The GOP gang of supremes go after Obamacare

LOOK OUt — the Supreme Court's black-robed gang of far-right ideologues are rampaging again! The five-man clan is firing potshots at Obamacare — and their political recklessness endangers justice, the Court's own integrity, and the health of millions of innocent bystanders.

In an attempt to override the law, these so-called "justices" have jumped on a wagonload of legalistic BS named King v. Burwell. But that case is a very rickety legal vehicle. It sprang from a frivolous lawsuit concocted in 2010 by a right-wing front group funded by such self-serving oligarchs as the Koch brothers, Big Oil, Big Tobacco and Big Pharma. The

chairman of the front group was neither delicate nor discrete in describing the purpose of the lawsuit as a raw political assault on Obamacare: "This bastard has to be killed as a matter of political hygiene," he howled at the time. "I do not care how this is done, whether it's dismembered, whether we drive a stake through its heart ... I don't care who does it, whether it's some court some place or the United States Con-



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So much for the intellectual depth of the King case, which was fabricated on a twisted interpretation of only four words in the 906-page health care law. The plaintiffs claim that the law prohibits insurance subsidies to the millions of low and middle-income Americans living in the 36 states that did not set up a state exchange — thus making health care unaffordable to millions of hard-working Americans and small business who are purchasing insurance on the federal exchange, essentially, nullifying the heart of Obamacare.

Both the district and appeals courts rejected that perverse ideological Tommyrot, and even the nation's largest health care provider called the claim "absurd." Nonetheless, the gang of Supremes grabbed the case as a chance to wreak their own brand of ideological havoc on a law they personally

By taking over this case, these Republican judges have openly become partisans, thrusting the Supreme Court itself into the forefront of the GOP's war against Obamacare — and against Obama him-

While we know that an anti-government group funded by plutocratic corporate powers is behind the lawsuit intended to terminate Obamacare who are the four people who are out front as the actual plaintiffs in the case?

The Competitive Enterprise Institute is the corporate front, but it had no standing to sue, so it had to find some actual people who would claim they've been harmed by the health care law. Thus, David King, a 64-year-old Vietnam vet, was recruited to be the lead plaintiff in King v. Burwell, which is now in the Supreme Court's hands. He and three co-plaintiffs were chosen to put sympathetic human faces on what essentially is a right-wing political ploy.

But who are they? An investigative article in Mother Jones magazine by Stephanie Mencimer reveals that King's modest income as a selfemployed limo driver exempts him from Obamacare's insurance mandate — so he's done no harm by the law and, therefore, has no standing to sue. Moreover, as a veteran, he's entitled to VA care and, in a few months, to Medicare, making him double-covered by public health programs. Mr. King's main reason for being on CEI's lawsuit appears to be that he loathes Obama, referring to him as "a joke" and "the idiot in the White House."

None of the three other recruits seem to have been harmed by Obamacare, either. "I don't know how I got on this case," says Brenda Levy, adding that, "I don't like the idea of throwing people off their health insurance." Then there's Rose Luck, whose low income also exempts her from the law's mandates. But she, too, fiercely loathes Obama. She posted on her Facebook page that she "wouldn't admit he was our president," calling him "The anti-Christ" who only won the Oval Office because "he got his Muslim people to vote for him."

This lawsuit was a fraud from the get-go — and if five Supremes use it to take away the health coverage of some 10 million Americans, they'll also be exposed as rank political hatchetmen masquerading as "justices."

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A tale of two states

THERE ARE TWO states of Louisiana right now.

One Louisiana is the private sector economy. This state is on the verge of sustainable growth not seen in generations. As I travel the state to visit with LABI's business members, most of them are optimistic that Louisiana is growing in the right direction and that the future is bright. The state has billions of dollars in new projects, a record number of private sector employees and we expect to reach 2 million non-farm workers for the first time in history this year. Louisiana is projected to average an increase in 75,000 jobs per year for the next decade, with a third of those positions being new jobs we have not had before in Louisiana. We lead the nation in export and manufacturing growth and our GDP is at historic levels. Sure, Louisiana has its challenges like any other economy, but the people of this state are benefiting from the opportunity that comes with an improving private sector economy.

The "other" Louisiana is the state government. This Louisiana will dominate the headlines for the next few months as the Legislature puts together a state budget during the fiscal session that begins on April 13. This state budget is roughly \$9 billion higher than just a decade ago and the current deficit will require some smart, strategic and tough decisions to balance everything out.

Fixed costs in the budget continue to place an increasing strain on state government. For example, state pension costs to fund the current system have increased 80 percent over the last decade and teacher pension costs over that same period have increased 124 percent. Collectively, these escalations contribute to just under \$2 billion in annual costs, not including the payments made to Louisiana's Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) for previous retirement debt. These escalating costs hit our educational institutions especially hard and will continue to do so until we reform Louisiana's legacy retirement system like the private sector and other states have already done. This is only one example of the perennial fixed costs in the state budget that weaken the effectiveness of ever taxpayer dollar.

Some argue the easy choice is to throw sand in the gears of the private sector economy in order to lubricate the cogs of government. They say we have no choice but to sacrifice one

Louisiana for the other. They question why the private sector is growing when state government needs more money. Some argue the size of government should drive the state of economic growth in Louisiana as compared to economic growth driving the size, role and focus



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of government. The truth is, we can have our cake and eat it too.

We don't have to jeopardize one Louisiana for the other, but it requires us to think differently than we have in the past to do so. For example, instead of repealing the inventory tax credit to invest \$375 million in higher education, a better path is repealing the tax itself to invest \$465 million in higher education. This approach would put more dollars in our classrooms and send a clear signal to the job creators around the country that Louisiana is a great state to place their inventory, workforce and capital investment. Implementing this viable option would require working responsibly with local government to construct a new path forward for them to grow in accordance with today's economy.

In addition to this approach for freeing up additional dollars for higher education, we should also begin giving increased autonomy and accountability to our schools to let them compete in the market. We spend a great deal of time hiring wellcredentialed, capable leaders to run our systems and campuses, and then immediately tie their hands the second they start working here. This has

We need to give these innovators the necessary tools to controls their own costs, overhead, and revenue in return for accountability measures to protect the taxpayer.

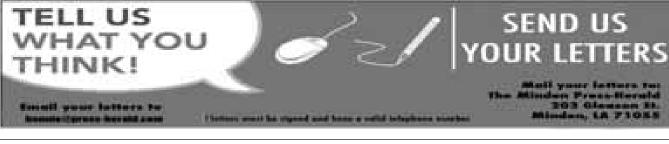
Accountability should focus on reigning in outdated programs and departments that don't prepare our students for today's economy; improved retention and articulation efforts that are common denominators found in high-performing systems across the country; reducing the bureaucracy and overlap that occurs with a multi-layered system like we have; and better encouraging our kids to enter campuses and programs that best match their skillsets and highdemand jobs.

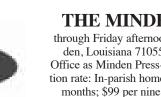
In the past, we have typically viewed state budget challenges as an excuse to burden an ever-evolving private sector in order to fund the rarely evolving form of state government. Let's try a different approach

Let's focus not only on how many dollars we invest in higher education, but how we allocate them, what tools we give them to succeed and the results in which they should be held accountable. Instead of just dropping new taxes on our residents and job creators, let's examine ways we can reduce the costs to state government and eliminate outdated taxes that stifle economic growth and saddle state coffers with costs. Instead of viewing the guardrails of our populist past as the only path going forward, let's identify the options available to us due to the rapidly-changing global economy and design a new approach to government that is more effective and economically viable.

We can walk and chew gum. We can have our cake and eat it too. We don't have to rob Peter to pay Paul. We can produce a state budget that is efficient, effective and funds priorities appropriately without sacrificing the growth we are seeing in the private sector. Our two states can finally become one Louisiana, if we decide to make it our mission this time around.

Stephen Waguespack is president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.





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COMMUNITY

Around Town

Thursday, March 12

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for fourth week: Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem (Mark 8:22-10:52).

Friday, March 13

Entry forms and fees are due for Lakeside's Elementary Beauty Pageant for ages 12 months to 12 years. Call Abby Reynolds at 318-464-5084 or Lakeside High School for information and forms. Make checks payable to Lakeside High School Yearbook and mail with completed forms to Lakeside High School, 9090 Hwy. 371, Sibley, La. 71073.

Saturday, March 14

Men and women are invited to attend a special tea party with the "first lady" of Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Sister Ora Lee Gladney Rice, at 3 p.m.

Women of Purpose and Determination will host WOPD Annual Women Conference 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Minden Community House. Guest speaker will be Patsy Edwards Pullen.

Sunday, March 15

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, The Rev. Roy Glenn Edwards, pastor, will celelbrate its 147th church anniversary beginning at 3 p.m. Special guests will be Mt. Superior Baptist Church of Homer. The Rev. Willie Johnson is featured speaker. Everyone is invited.

Ninth anniversary honoring Pastor and Mrs. John L. Cole at 2:30 pm. The Rev. Sheldon Birdsong of New Zion Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

A gumbo sale will be held from 10 a.m. until sold out at B.F. Martin Community Life Center. Chicken and sausage gumbo, seafood gumbo, lemonade and teacakes will be available.

Pine Grove Baptist Church, 1097 Pine Grove Church Rd., Taylor, will celebrate its 157th anniversary at 3 p.m. The Rev. Donald Russell is pastor. Special guest is the Rev. Reuben L. Oliver, pastor of Saint Joe Baptist Church of Rayville.

ENGAGEMENT



Scroggs, Bird engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Max Scroggs are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Hannah Leigh Anne Scroggs, to Thomas Jake "T.J." Bird. Hannah is the granddaughter of Ben and Betty Milton of Dixie Inn, Buddy and Betty Scroggs of Columbia and James and Louise Franklin of Grayson. She is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and is employed at First Baptist Church Minden as the Senior Adult Secretary. T.J. is the son of Tom and Dianne Bird of Sicily Island. He is employed at Aeropres Corp. in Sibley as an operator. The wedding is planned for April 11, 2015, at Harris Baptist Encampment in Minden.

NANCY'S KITCHE

Chocolate chip cookies for one

In October 2009, you may recall I had a recipe called "Five Minute Chocolate Mug Cake."

It was for anyone that had a craving for a chocolate cake but did not want to bake a whole cake.

Now I have a KEEPER recipe for a person that is longing for a chocolate chip cookie but does not want to make a whole batch of cookies.

What a coincidence that my grand-daughter, Cassie Rohrer and daughter, Lori Rasberry recently emailed me this recipe

for a single cookie. It only requires a handful of basic ingredients, a mug and (once "baked" in the microwave) a spoon for diggin' in. Best of all there is no messy cleanup.

If you are like me and chocolate chips cookies are not a favorite, any flavor chips can be used.

One Single Microwave Cookie

- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp. white sugar
- 1 Tbsp. light or dark brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Pinch (1/8 tsp.) salt
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 or 2 Tbsp. chocolate chips (or any flavor chips))

Microwave butter in a mug until melted (30 seconds). Using a spoon, mix in sugars, vanilla extract, and salt; beat until well combined. Beat in egg yolk until no trace of the yolk is visible. Mix in flour. Fold in chocolate chips. Microwave on high for 40 seconds or a minimum of 50 seconds. It may not appear to be completely cooked on top but it will be fully cooked through to the bottom.

SUGGESTION: Indulge and enjoy yourself by serving

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SPORTS

Revis picks Jets,

money over Patriots Two years after an ugly divorce, the New York Jets

and Darrelle Revis are together again with what a source said Tuesday is a five-year, \$70 million deal. The Jets pulled off one of

the biggest moves of the stillyoung offseason, stealing the All-Pro corner away from the New England Patriots, his agents announced.

Revis celebrated the move on Twitter.

The blockbuster deal came five hours after Revis became a free agent. The Patriots declined to exercise a \$20 million option for 2015, but they had retained exclusive negotiating rights until 4 p.m. ET.

It was a stunning blow to the Patriots, who lost their most accomplished defensive player -- a vital cog in their Super Bowl championship.

Many figured Revis had found a permanent home in New England and wouldn't want to change teams for the third straight season, but he was lured back to New York by Woody Johnson's money.

The deal will pay him \$48 million in the first three years, including \$39 million in full guarantees, a source said. The first two years are guaranteed -- \$16 million and \$17 million, respectively. In 2017, \$6 million of his \$17 million salary is guaranteed.

NFL

Rams send Bradford to Eagles for Foles

The St. Louis Rams and Philadelphia Eagles have swapped starting quarterbacks on Tuesday, the first day of the NFL's

new league year.

Nick Foles, who emerged as the Eagles' starter in 2013, goes to the Rams in exchange for Sam Bradford, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2010 NFL draft. Trade talks were first reported by ESPN NFL Insider Adam Schefter.

In addition to Foles, the Rams will also get Philadelphia's fourth-round pick in 2015 and second-round pick in 2016. The Eagles will get St. Louis' fifth-round pick in 2015 in addition

to Bradford. The Eagles can also pick up a conditional pick in 2016 based on how many si Bradford takes.

Bradford plays less than 50 percent the Eagles will get a 4th-round pick, if he does not play at all it becomes a 3rd-rounder. If Bradford plays more than 50 percent of snaps the Eagles will not receive any additional compensation.

Bradford, 27, missed the entire 2014 season after tearing his left ACL for the second straight season. Foles, 26, missed the second half of the season after breaking his collarbone in a Week 9 game against Houston.

In the 18 games Foles started for coach Chip Kelly, his record was 14-4. Foles surpassed surpassed Vick as Michael Philadelphia's starter by throwing 27 touchdown passes and just two interceptions in 2013. Foles went to the Pro Bowl after the 2013 season and

was named offensive MVP of the game.
Playing behind an injury-riddled offensive line in 2014, Foles' numbers weren't as eyennenning. He throw 12 popping. He threw 13 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. interceptions. But Foles' record in his eight starts was 6-2. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

ALL-DISTRICT TIDERS

Minden places seven on all-district basketball teams



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The Minden Crimson Tide and

Lady Tiders both had an up-and-down season in terms of the win-loss col-

There were times when the two teams struggled and times when they couldn't be beat, but through it all a handful of players shined despite the outcome, and for their efforts they have been named to the district 1-4Å all-district basketball team.

Boys

Four Crimson Tiders were chosen to represent Minden on the all-district team: Kevin Hamilton, Anfernee Red, L'Jarius Sneed and Jay Beene.

Kevin Hamilton was the lone Crimson Tider to make the first team

Hamilton, a senior guard, was the Tide's go to option for a big bucket when they needed it. The senior with the smooth shooting stroke was tough to contain during district play, averaging an outstanding 22 points per game.

"He was a great scorer and one of the best shooters I have ever coached," raved Crimson Tide head coach Alan Shaw.

Anfernee Red was chosen to the second team after a dominating season on the inside that saw him average 13.6 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. "Red has great touch around the

basket," Shaw said. "He led the team in rebounding the past three seasons."

On the honorable mention list were L'Jarius Sneed and Jay Beene.

Sneed did a bit of everything for the Tide, averagin 10 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists per game.

"He's a great defender," Shaw said of Sneed. "As the season progressed he also became our floor leader and did a tremendous job.'

Beene, a senior, was able to score 7 points per game to go with 7 rebounds per game.

"Jay always played way bigger than his size," Shaw said. "He was a team player that gave us his all every night.'

Girls

The Minden Lady Tiders placed three players on the all-district team: Tiaga Pugh, Sha'Terra Batton and Marlena Hill.

On the second team were junior forward Tiaga Pugh and freshman guard Sha'Terra Batton.

Pugh was a scoring force in the paint, averaging 15.7 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

Sha'Terra Batton averaged 17.6 points to go with 5.6 boards and 3.3 steals in just her freshman season.

Making honorable mention was Marlena Hill who average 12.7 points and 12.2 rebounds a night.

"Each one of these players contributed tremendously to the success of our team," Lady Tider head coach Jacob Brown said. "I thought as the season went on these girls complemented each other very well. There's a lot of upside for these young ladies as they continue to grow as players."





NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Lakeside Bistineau Classic begins Thursday



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2015 Lakeside Bistineau Classic baseball

tournament begins Thursday with both Lakeside and Minden High school taking tournament has

become an outstanding event for baseball with Lakeside and Minden sharing host duties on Thursday and Friday before moving all the action to Lakeside on Saturday.

There are seven teams in this year's field: Lakeside, Northwood Southwood, Sterlington and St. Fredericks. Here's a look at the Southwood matchups for this weekend.

Thursday @ Lakeside

4 p.m. Northwood vs. Southwood 6 p.m. Lakeside vs.

Southwood @ Minden

5 p.m. Huntington vs. Minden Friday

@ Lakeside

3:30 p.m. Huntington vs. St. Frederick

5:30 p.m. Northwood vs. St. Frederick

7:30 p.m. Lakeside vs. Huntington

@ Minden **4 p.m.** Southwood vs. Sterlington

6 p.m. Minden vs. Sterlington

Saturday @ Lakeside

10 a.m. Minden vs.

12 p.m. Lakeside vs. St.

Frederick 2 p.m. Huntington vs.

Sterlington 4 p.m. Minden vs. St.

Frederick 6 p.m. Northwood vs.

Sterlington 8 p.m. Lakeside vs.

Northwood "We're excited about the

teams we've got coming,' Lakeside head coach Bob Gray said. "There are some quality teams in the field and we all haven't been on the field as much as we'd like to. I know they're wanting to play as bad as we are and we're going to do everything we can to get this thing in. There shouldn't be a bad ball game in the whole scenario.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Jimmy Graham traded to Seahawks

The New Orleans Saints and Seattle Seahawks have agreed to a trade sending Pro Bowl tight end Jimmy Graham and a fourth-round draft pick to Seattle for center Max Unger and the 31st pick in the 2015 draft, the teams announced.

The trade is pending passed physicals by both players.

Graham, 28, is regarded as one of the best pass-catching tight ends in the NFL, a player who often lines up as a wide receiver. He has 4,752 receiving yards and 51 touchdowns since entering the NFL as a third-round pick in 2010. In his five seasons with the Saints, Graham had more receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns than any other tight end in team history.

'We would like to thank Jimmy for all that he has done for our organization for the last five seasons," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said in a statement. "He became a very productive tight end with our team. We wish Jimmy the best of luck in the future. We also want to welcome Max to our team. Max has been an instrumental Pro Bowl player with Seattle since being drafted in 2009 in the second round. In addition, with the first round draft pick, we will have the opportunity to impact our team for years to come."

Saints quarterback Drew Brees was taken aback by the move, telling the NFL Network: "I'm as shocked as everyone else. I love the guy."

According to ESPN's Stats Information, Seahawks tight ends combined for 48 receptions in the 2014 season, sixth-fewest in the NFL. Quarterback Russell Wilson didn't target his tight ends once in the Super Bowl loss to the New England Patriots. It was the first time in his career that he didn't target a tight end in a game.

"We are thrilled to have an opportunity to acquire a player of Jimmy Graham's caliber, and will remain relentless in our pursuit of sustaining that championship culture," Seahawks GM John Schneider said in a statement.

New Orleans coach Sean Payton and Loomis had made it clear that they didn't plan to sit idly by after a disappointing 7-9 season in which the Saints underachieved on both sides of the ball -- Graham included.

Graham caught 85 passes for 889 yards and 10 touchdowns last season but was less effective than ever as a downfield threat, averaging a careerlow 10.5 yards per reception.
"Coming to us from a primary basketball background with limited experience in 2010, Jimmy immediately got to work in the weight room, on the practice field and in the playbook and quickly evolved into one of the top tight ends that I have ever coached," Payton said. "Decisions like these are always difficult and we wish Jimmy the best of luck. We're excited to add Max to our offensive line. He is a tough, physical player where he blocked for one of the top rushing offenses in the NFL, he has been a solid contributor to Seattle's success."

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'Bachelor' looks forward to seeing a movie with his fiancee

NEW YORK — So you've found love on reality television that ended with a proposal. Now what?

Well, if you're the star of ABC's "The Bachelor," Chris Soules, you just want to go to the movies.

"I keep telling (fiancee) Whitney Bischoff I want to go see 'American Sniper' with her," Soules said in an interview. "I've been waiting. I just want to go somewhere besides (being) locked down in a house or on a television show."

Soules popped the question last November, but the couple had to keep their relationship a secret until Monday's finale.

It wasn't as difficult for Soules, 33, to keep who he picked to himself. He's a farmer from a small town in Iowa and admittedly is "not around a lot of peo-

Bischoff, 29, is a fertility nurse in Chicago and wanted to share her news. She kept herself busy to bide the time.

"When we got home literally the next business day I hit the ground running," she said. "It was important to me because there was that sense of

normalcy I wanted to have back, and it was very clear very quickly that this was not going to be normal so it was hard."

Life for the couple won't be exactly ho-hum just yet.

Soules has joined the cast of the new season of "Dancing with the Stars," which premieres Monday. He's partnered with pro dancer Witney Carson, who won last season's mirror ball trophy with actor Alfonso Ribeiro.

Soules said he wouldn't take the opportunity without Bischoff's blessing.

"If she's on board it's an opportunity of a lifetime, and it sounds like a lot of fun," he said.

Fans of the "Bachelor" franchise don't have to wait long for another installment. The next season of "The Bachelorette" begins airing on ABC in May, but with a twist.

Kaitlyn Bristowe and Britt Nilsson, who each competed for Soules' affection on Bachelor," will appear on the first episode to meet a group of eligible men. Those guys will then decide who goes forward as the Bachelorette.



Fox's 'Empire' sets growth standard

NEW YORK (AP) — For the eighth straight time, Fox's music business soap "Empire" pulled in more viewers than it had the standard of success that appears to be unprecedented in the modern tel-

The series' ninth episode reached 14.3 million viewers, second only to AMC's "The Walking Dead" as the most popular turn up no other series drama on television last week. Since the "Empire" premiere in January before

9.9 million people, the series has increased its audience every single week, the Nielsen company said.

A typical new program sees a drop in viewers between its first and second weeks, since a premiere will draw in the curious. Increasing its audience for eight straight weeks is extraordinary, and Fox's research could that has grown for that long since Nielsen began using people meters to

measure viewership more than two decades ago.

Among Fox's target audience of viewers aged 18-to-49 years old, the "Empire" audience grows by some 40 percent when time-delayed viewing is taken into account.

That's the good news for Fox. Less welcome is the widening gulf in popularity between television's two biggest music competition shows, "American idoi" and "The voice.

Two episodes of NBC's "The Voice" averaged 15.1 million viewers last week, a full six million more than Fox's aging champ "Idol." In the four years the two shows have aired at the same time, that's the biggest advantage "The Voice" has ever had in a week when both shows aired two episodes, according to Nielsen.

CBS' new spinoff series, "CSI: Cyber," had 10.5 million viewers for its premiere last week, landing just outside of Nielsen's top 10. ABC's "American Crime" had a promising

start, with more viewers for its debut than any other show on the network besides "Modern Family" and "Scandal."

"The Big Bang Theory" was the week's most popular show, with its 18.2 million viewers its largest audience of the season, Nielsen said.

CBS won the week in prime-time, averaging 8.6 million viewers. NBC had 7 million viewers, ABC had 6.2 million, Fox nad 4.8 million, Univision had 3 million, Telemundo had

1.2 million, ION Television had 1.1 million and the CW had 1 million.

Fox News Channel was the week's most popular cable network for the first time this year, averaging 1.88 million viewers in prime time. TBS had 1.82 million, USA had 1.79 million, AMC had 1.78 million and the Disney Channel

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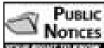
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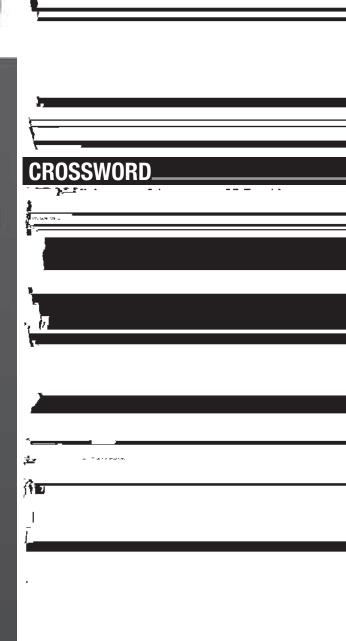
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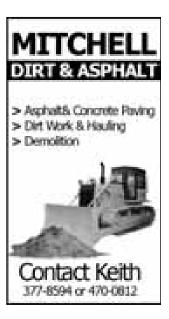


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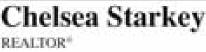






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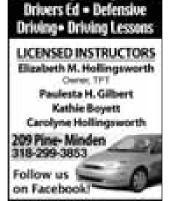
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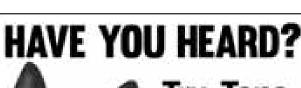


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