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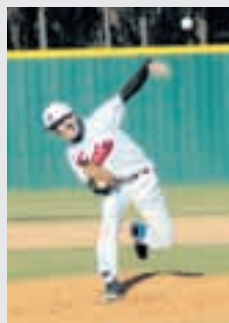
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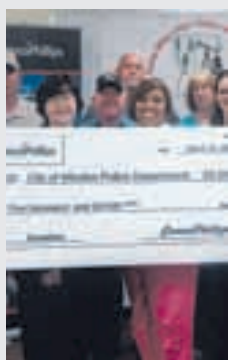


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MINDEN MAIN STREET COMMISSION

Downtown bill set to go before committee

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The bill regarding changes in the law for the downtown development district and Main Street Board of Commissioners is expected to go before the House committee Thursday.

Bill author state Rep. Gene Reynolds says the bill will clarify who commission members can be and who is in charge of

the downtown development director.

"The mayor will be here to testify with me on Thursday," Reynolds said. "The bill takes an old bill and it clarifies the membership and who's in charge."

Mayor Tommy Davis



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says when the Louisiana Attorney General rendered an opinion on who has the right to hire and fire, a discrepancy in the law was discovered.

"We're a city that operates under a legislative charter, so in order to change our charter, the



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legislature has to do it," Davis explained. "What happened is when we started reviewing this, because we had a question about who has the right to hire and fire, then it came up about our commission."

"When you look at the old rules of our commission, none of those rules were being (followed)," he continued. "We didn't have anybody really on our commission that met the requirements. So we

didn't have a duly constitutional commission."

In March, the city council unanimously agreed to adopt a resolution "supporting state legislation which would amend R.S. 33:2740.24 with respect to the Downtown Development District Commission and powers and to otherwise provide with respect thereto, as presented with modified changes as dis-

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Assessor announces \$1 million in savings



In a press conference Tuesday, Webster Parish Tax Assessor Morris Guin announced an additional \$500,000 in savings to taxpayers, making the total reduction \$1 million. The first \$500,000 reduction was in 2013. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald



One goal was to save tax dollars by maximizing the efficiency of the assessor's office and passing on those savings to the taxpayers.

Webster Parish Tax Assessor Morris Guin

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Webster Parish Tax Assessor Morris Guin made a big announcement Tuesday that some say is an unprecedented savings to the parish's taxpayers.

"Today, I am happy to announce that I have continued streamlining our operations and I will be able to save another \$500,000 for Webster Parish citizens," Guin said in a news release. "When I took office in January 2013, one of my top goals was to reduce the property

taxes that were dedicated to the assessor's office. I believed if I would adopt modern techniques and expect the most from myself and my very capable office personnel, that goal could be met. Thanks to the dedication and work of the people working in our office, we have passed my expectations."

In his first year of office, Guin reduced the amount of total taxes by \$500,000 by cutting costs within the assessor's office. He says he also did away with the charges to municipalities

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Minden City Councilman Mike Toland congratulated Tax Assessor Morris Guin on the additional savings to taxpayers, saying he appreciated the work he and his staff have done. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

WEBSTER CRIME

Couple arrested on theft, drug charges

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A couple has been arrested on drug charges, but a theft was solved in the process.

Jimmy Edward Nutt, 44, of the 400 block of Shadows Lane in Dubberly, was arrested April 22, and charged with a warrant for burglary. Bond was set at \$55,000.

Shannon D. Strother, 46, of 17000 block of Highway 79 in Minden, was arrested April 22, and charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamines), possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant for burglary and probation and parole violation. Bond was set at \$36,700. However, with a probation and parole hold, he is still incarcerated at Bayou Dorchet Correctional Center.

Kimberly Ann Strother, 45, of the 17000 block of Highway 79 in Minden, was arrested April 22, and charged with felony possession of Schedule I CDS (second offense), possession of drug paraphernalia

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Bistineau bill passes out of committee

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State Rep. Gene Reynolds has announced the Lake Bistineau bill to generate funding for the fight against giant salvinia has made it out of committee with some amendments.

If passed into law, the bill, over a three-year period, would generate roughly \$300,000 towards the operations of a

weevil breeding station to help eradicate the invasive aquatic weed.

Reynolds hopes a public/private partnership will help fund what these funds won't cover, he says.

The bill will now have to be heard on the House floor, and if it makes it out of the House, it will go to the state senate for discussion and potential approval.

If passed, it will go into effect July 1 and sunset on or about July 1, 2017.



State Rep. Gene Reynolds says the Lake Bistineau bill to generate funding to fight giant salvinia made it out of the committee with amendments Tuesday. File Photo



Hernandez wins Lakeside competition

Senior Jessica Hernandez, left, won the 2015 Lakeside Scholars Competition Monday while Senior Lacie James, right, came in second. The scholars competition has been a tradition at Sibley/Lakeside for more than three decades. Students answered questions in a variety of subjects including algebra, geometry, literature, chemistry, adult responsibilities, fine arts and more. The competition lasted more than five hours and went through seven rounds before a winner was crowned. The event is a high school-wide competition. More than 100 students competed Monday. Courtesy Photo

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and possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamines). Bond was set at \$11,432.

Additional warrants were served on Kimberly Strother at the time of booking at BDCC. The warrants included failure to appear for no seatbelt, failure to appear for speeding and failure to appear on a charge of driving under suspension.

According to reports, Nutt was arrested on the burglary warrant stemming from the alleged burglary of a shop on Sand Plant Road in Dubberly reported in February. Upon interviewing Nutt, he admitted to Webster Parish Sheriff's Detectives

Lt. Scott Tucker and Maj. Dustin Reynolds that he and Shannon Strother burglarized the shop and took a welding machine and some tools.

Nutt was incarcerated at BDCC at the time the warrants were served.

The Strother couple was arrested when sheriff's detectives went to their residence, along with agents from the Probation and Parole Office. They went to the residence to serve the burglary warrant on Shannon Strother, and upon questioning, detectives say he admitted to the burglary and one of the items taken was on the front porch.

According to reports, Strother was asked about any drug use and he allegedly admitted that he and his wife, Kimberly used drugs the night

before. Strother gave permission for detectives to search the residence, and evidence of drug use was in plain sight. Reports indicate about a quarter gram of methamphetamine along with a spoon with suspected methamphetamine residue and a small amount of suspected marijuana were recovered at the scene.

Shannon Strother is on probation and parole for a sex offense, according to reports.

Detectives say Kimberly Strother admitted to using drugs. When she was transported to BDCC, the additional traffic warrants were added to her charges.

Arresting officers were Tucker, Reynolds, Detectives Bobby Igo III, Shawn Baker, Joel Thomas, Ervin and Rogers.

Webster Parish Court News

Jessica A. Allen: possession of a Schedule II CDS, bench warrant, bond forfeiture. New bond set at \$50,000. Trial set for July 6.

Clinton S. Branton: Sentenced to six months hard labor at the Webster Parish Jail for cyberstalking. Two years active supervised probation. Withdrew not guilty plea to the charge of violation of a protective order, pled guilty. Sentenced to six months in the Webster Parish Jail, to run concurrent.

Keandre R. Dillard: Obtaining CDS by fraud amended to misdemeanor theft. Withdrew not guilty plea and pled guilty to misdemeanor theft. Sentenced to six months in the Webster Parish Jail. Credit for time served on this charge.

Coy D. Hitt: Domestic abuse battery and false imprisonment. Continued to May 29 at defense's request.

Andreaeous Jemale Huey: Pled guilty to possession of marijuana (second offense), \$1,500 plus

costs over 15 years. Supervision fee, pay \$800 representation fee for public defender's office, no right to appeal. Sentenced to three years in the Louisiana Department of Corrections, three years suspended, active supervised probation and must have full time employment within 60 days and maintain. Obstruction to driver's view or driving mechanism charge dismissed.

Steven Humphreys: Waived formal arraignment, pled not guilty. Motion for discovery tendered. Status conference set for June 22, trial set for Oct. 19. Bond reduction hearing on charges of theft between \$750 and \$5,000, bond reduction denied.

Dormeca Matthews: Unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling. Passed to May 29 due to pending charges.

Jeb W. McCuen: Theft of oil and gas equipment valued at \$500 or more, less than \$25,000. Offer rejected. Trial set for Sept.

14. Charge of criminal trespassing, reset by notice. Reassigned to Division C.

Brenda Randle: Withdrew not guilty plea, pled guilty to distribution of a Schedule II CDS. Sentenced to five years at the Louisiana Department of Corrections, suspended. Five years active supervised probation. To pay \$2,500 plus court costs,

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Sayings heard only in the South

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

Recently I sat at a dinner table across from our Minister of Music Todd DuBose and his wife, Alicia. I referred to someone as a "ring-tailed tooter" and they had no idea what that was. I had used that phrase all my life and had heard it used. Apparently it is just a local phrase. We Southerners have a language all our own. At least those of us who have passed at least our three score and ten (and almost four score)



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have heard it and have probably used it. I suppose it is English, but it is a southern variation on accepted English. (And by the way, a ring-tailed tooter is a kid that will do anything he thinks of and is very talented and may cause problems wherever he goes and that is a dictionary definition) Just so you'll know I'll give you a sample of my Southern vocabulary.

'Condensed' Words

Fix – When we say we are going home and fix supper we don't mean repair it, we mean prepare it. Even though the repair shop does "fix" our broken car we don't mean to do that to our supper.

Whatcha – someone calls on the phone and asks

"Whatcha doing?" Translated they mean "what are you doing?"

From Cats to Dogs

Adam's house cat – How about "I don't know him from Adam's house cat." He really does not know the man at all, does he?

Druthers – And if I had my "druthers," there would not be a war. Of course, that means you would prefer not to have a war.

Dog drunk – He was driving the car and he was dog drunk. That means he was really drunk.

Poor white trash and red neck – The people call them "poor white trash" or a "redneck." All refer to a low class person.

Yourn – Is that dog "yourn?" Translated that

would mean is he your dog?

Under the Weather

Gully washer – That was a real 'gully washer' last night. The weatherman would say that it was a heavy rain.

Gourd – Quit doing that boy, use your gourd! Gourd meaning head.

Gals going to a meeting – They were dressed up like "gals going to a meeting." Best clothes like we wear to church.

Cuda – I cuda told her how if she had asked. "Cuda" meaning could have.

Cramp colic – He died with the cramp-colic. At any rate he had a severe belly ache.

Sweet Patooty – She is his "sweet patooty." That is

one way of designating a girl friend.

"Keep your cotton-picking hands off my car!" – That translated means despicable, or wretched or trashy hands.

Coming up a cloud – It's coming up a cloud. That means that a storm is approaching.

Moonshine and an Earnest Fight

Moonshine – He was making moonshine. That was illegal liquor or bootleg liquor.

They live just a hoot and a holler away. – Of course they mean nearby.

Well, I'll be dawg! Just an exclamation – no special meaning just surprise.

He held his feet to the fire. – That is in reference to

making somebody do something they just don't want to do, but are forced to do.

Flittered – Scared her so bad she almost flittered. (Fainted!!)

Well, I guess you have heard all these and more phrases we southerners use. I suppose that they need translating to the present generation or to someone not native to this part of the country.

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.

OBITUARY

Voncille Y. Atkins

Memorial services for Voncille Y. Atkins will be at 2 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden. Officiating will be Bro. Charles Grigsby. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time May 1, 2015.

Voncille was born Dec. 30, 1919, in Arcadia, to Foster and Myrtle Youngblood and raised in Doyline and entered into rest April 21, 2015, in Shreveport. Voncille was a loving mother and proud of her family. She was a former Sunday school teacher of the Presbyterian Church

in Minden, the first manager of the Montgomery Ward Store in Minden, and she also worked for Beall-Ladymon in Shreveport at the age of 80. Voncille loved working in her yard raising beautiful flowers and truly had a green thumb. When living at the Waterford, Voncille sang old hymns for the other residents. She was blessed with a beautiful voice.

Her parents; husband R.B. "Buster" Atkins Sr.; brothers, Jacob Foster Youngblood Jr., Revis Youngblood, Winston Ray Youngblood; son-in-law, Jerry L. Grigsby Sr. and grandson, Jerry L. Grigsby Jr. preceded her in



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death.

She is survived by her son, Reginald "Reggie" B. Atkins Jr. and wife Wanda of Shreveport; daughter, Linda M. Grigsby of Hamburg, Arkansas; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great great-grandchildren.

The family would like to recognize the staff of West Wing Pierremont Health Center, especially the rehab staff, and Harmony Hospice who treated her like family.

Her family rejoices that she will be spending eternity in heaven.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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and the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office to help them save money as well.

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office is the tax collector for the parish.

"Since I've been in office, we've tried to think outside the box," Guin said during a press conference Tuesday. "One goal was to save tax dollars by maxi-

mizing the efficiency of the assessor's office and passing on those savings to the taxpayers. I truly believe the hard working taxpayers of Webster Parish deserve to keep as much of their hard-earned money as possible."

The second reduction of \$500,000 makes \$1 million the assessor's office has saved the taxpayers of Webster Parish, and this will happen this year, he says.

James Madden, a retired

businessman, says he's proud of the work the assessor's office has done to help taxpayers.

"What that amounts to is that we as taxpayers are enjoying this year \$1 million in savings on our taxes," he said. "It is an historic event; it is something that is important. And I asked Morris this question, 'Do you anticipate, do you think that you will be able to continue this program?' Morris' words were, 'I'm danged sure going to try.'

Thank you Morris for being the man you are."

Webster Parish Police Jury President Jim Bonsall says he knows how hard it is to pay bills every month, and the police jury struggles to do what they need to do with the money they have.

"We try to keep from asking anybody for more money," he said. "To give some back is unprecedented. I really appreciate it, and I know the people of the parish appreciate it."

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ISDS a corporate cluster bomb

The Powers That Be are very unhappy with you and me. They're also very unhappy with senators like Elizabeth Warren, activist groups like Public Citizen, unions like the Communications Workers of America and ... well, with the majority of us Americans who oppose the establishment's latest free-trade scam.

Despite its benign name, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a cluster bomb of legalized "gotchas" that won't bode well for the vast majority of Americans and for our small businesses. TPP empowers global corporations from Brunei, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam and seven other nations to circumvent and even overturn our local, state and national laws. Those moneyed elites are upset that rabble like us oppose their latest effort to enthrone corporate power over citizen power, and they're particularly peeved that we've found TPP's trigger mechanism — something called "Investor-State Dispute Settlements."

That's a mouthful of wonky gobbledegook, isn't it? Indeed, ISDS is an intentionally arcane phrase meant to hide its democracy-destroying impact from us. It would create a system of private, international tribunals through which corporations (i.e., "investors") could sue our sovereign governments to overturn laws that might trim the level of corporate profits that — get this — they "expected" to make.

These tribunals are not part of our public courts of justice but are totally privatized, inherently biased corporate "courts" set up by the UN and the World Bank. A tribunal's "judges" are corporate lawyers, and they unilaterally decide whether the protections we've enacted for workers, consumers, our environment, etc. might pinch the profits of some foreign corporation.

This mess all started when the Dr. Frankensteins on our Supreme Court created a monster by declaring that a lifeless, soulless corporation is a "person." But the corporate giants thought, "Why stop there?" So now, another coterie of Frankensteins is trying to transform multinational private corporations into "nations." The secretly engineered Trans-Pacific Partnership magically endows private profiteering corporations with sovereign rights equal to those of real nation-states.

Under TPP, a "corporate nation" — unlike individual citizens of real nations — could directly compel the U.S. or other countries to alter their laws in order to increase corporate profits. Of course, the Frankensteins dismiss such concerns as an "irrational fear," claiming that no corporation would actually be able to force a country to change its laws.

To give you a look of what this is going to look like, let's take a peek at what other corporate-written trade deals have done to the laws written in the USofA.

Remember that these Frankensteins say that no corporation outside our country can change our laws. Really? Well, just ask "Flipper" the dolphin. While not yet able to confront a nation directly, corporations can get their home governments to sue in the World Trade Organization to overrule another nation's laws. That's what happened to our "dolphin-safe" tuna labeling law. Most Americans oppose tuna fishing with nets that also catch and kill the loveable Flipper, so we have a law encouraging dolphin-free fishing methods. Tuna packers that comply can put "dolphin-safe" on their labels, thus giving consumers a marketplace choice. Free-enterprise at work!

But some Mexican fishing companies got their government to complain that our label discriminates against their dolphin-slaughtering methods — and a World Trade Organization "compliance" panel ruled that our label is a "technical barrier to trade," essentially overruling a law that We the People enacted.

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PERSPECTIVE

A reputation in the balance

A good reputation is hard to earn, but often easy to lose. A bad reputation is the exact opposite.

Over time, Louisiana has earned a national reputation as a state with a poor legal climate. Sensible and fair-minded people may disagree as to whether or not that reputation is just, but regardless of your opinion on that question, there is no doubt how the nation sees us.

Louisiana ranks No. 7 nationwide on the Tort Activity Index, No. 49 for its lawsuit climate and No. 7 on the Judicial Hellholes list. Nearly 60 percent of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) members report that frivolous lawsuits increase the costs of doing business, savings they could otherwise reinvest in their business and the economy. Seventy percent of corporate executives around the country report that a state's litigation environment affects where they locate and do business.

While Louisiana has earned a reputation for a poor legal climate over time, nothing prohibits us from taking control of the system, passing sensible laws to improve it, and changing our reputation for the better. In fact, this year LABI is supporting three small impactful steps for the judiciary that can make one giant leap for Louisiana's legal reputation.

The first piece of legislation is HB698 by Rep. Neil Abramson, a bill that calls for an annual report of court budgets that taxpayers easily view. Every year, the Louisiana Supreme Court prepares an annual report that offers data and detailed information on the operations of Louisiana courts such as the number of judges and location of every court, the number of criminal and civil case filings, and the number of trials. This report, however, offers little to no information on the resources, budget, or expenditures of the Supreme Court or other state courts.

In general, the Legislature appropriates state taxpayer funds for the operations of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the five courts of appeal as

well as the salaries for all state court judges, the compensation of retired and ad hoc judges, and a portion of the salaries for parish and city court judges. In the current fiscal year, \$169 million of State General Fund was appropriated to the Louisiana judiciary.

A recent Public Affairs Research Council (PAR) report notes that the judiciary budget has increased 27 percent in the past seven years in comparison with social services, for example, which has been reduced by 36 percent.

In addition to state appropriations, courts are funded by local government and by various fees and fines collected in civil and criminal proceedings. In this legislative session alone, at least 10 bills have been filed to request the state increase fees for an array of court functions.

Despite this significant annual amount of taxpayer funding through direct appropriation, fines and fees, Louisiana state law does not currently require the publication of judicial budgets. After the appropriations are made from state and local government, neither a breakdown of revenue sources nor court expenditures are easily accessible.

Rep. Abramson's bill would encourage the judiciary to promote better public access to basic data on court budgeting, place them on similar footing with other governmental agencies, and allow taxpayers to better monitor spending and performance.

The second piece of legislation is HB293 by Rep. Taylor Barras to disclose the contracts held in the judicial branch.

As outlined above, little information on the budget of Louisiana's courts is available online for public viewing and

oversight. This practice stands in stark contrast, for example, to the hundreds of pages of documentation offered on the Division of Administration's website, thousands of hours of executive branch testimony before the Legislature, and the online contract database run by the State of Louisiana known as LaTrac.

One national study gave Louisiana an "A" for internal auditing, a "B" for state budget processes, and an overall "C-" score on the State Integrity Index, while rating judicial accountability with an "F" grade. Louisiana specifically scored poorly on such indicators as access to court administrative records.

The Public Affairs Research Council writes: "Citizens are typically concerned with three issues when tracking government's use of dollars — which services the state is paying for, who the state chooses to provide services, and why and how the vendors are chosen." States such as Arkansas, Mississippi, Ohio, and Oregon among others, include judicial contracts on their state's transparency website.

Specifically, Rep. Barras' bill would require the Supreme Court to establish a website by Jan. 1, 2016, to annually publish the following information on judicial contracts for goods or services: contract amount, agency, and a brief description of the purpose, and dates, name of the contractor, and city and state of the contractor's business.

The final piece of legislation LABI is supporting to improve the legal climate this session is HB294 by Rep. Stuart Bishop to require personal financial disclosure for judges.

Rep. Bishop's bill would require online and accessible financial disclosure by judges in the same manner as other elected officials in Louisiana, which will promote public access, discourage potential conflicts of interest, and enhance public confidence in the integrity of all branches of state government.

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



STEPHEN WAGUESPACK

EDITORIAL ROUND UP

The News-Star, on state's park budget

In one ironic sense, the notion that Louisiana historic sites appear wilted and tired seems appropriate.

Louisiana weather can be humid, sultry and the idea that our aging plantations might pout and peel under the onslaught of our semitropical weather may be in character for what the old buildings face, decade after decade.

Crumbling brick? Softening wood? Strained bousillage? Welcome to paradise.

But when tired turns to tortured, when maintenance is too meager, when we patch and cover and not repair the treasures that dot Louisiana's national parks, we risk losing part of what makes us unique.

Louisiana's history is like no other in the U.S. References to our cultural gumbo may seem overcooked, but, truth be known, we are a marvelous place. It took centuries — millennia, really — and many peoples — French, Spanish, Americans, Haitians, Africans, Germans and more — to make us this special. From the ancient Indian culture at Poverty Point National Monument in Epps to the Chalmette Battlefield, where an army of Tennesseans, free blacks, pirates and French stared down Britain's finest troops, Louisiana can relish its past.

We should not risk watching Louisiana's historic treasures wear and waste away. It would be bad for business — the tourism business, which feeds us. It would be bad for our own self-esteem, which sustains us. It would be bad for the country, which needs exposure to our national parks.

National parks in Louisiana face a \$13.7 million backlog of maintenance work that has put off until tomorrow — maybe longer — things that should have been addressed many yesterdays ago. Laura Gates, superintendent at Cane River Creole National Historic Park in Natchitoches, which includes some 65 buildings and structures at Oakland and Magnolia plantations, knows well the risks.

Some of the eight cabins built of soft brick are deteriorating at that park, victims of eroding brick and neglect. Those cabins housed slaves before the Civil War, sharecroppers later. Some cabins need repair on the bousillage at Oakland. There is considerable masonry work needed.

Here's what is at stake in and around Natchitoches: "The most intact French Creole plantations anywhere in the United States." Here's what's at stake elsewhere in Louisiana, including at Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve, which includes six sites from New Orleans to Eunice: the Chalmette battlefield; three Acadian cultural centers, including those in Lafayette and Eunice; the French Quarter Visitor Center, where you can start your stroll around Jackson Square; the New Orleans Jazz National Historic Park.

The Obama administration's fiscal year 2016 budget calls for a \$433 million increase for national parks. Will it help Louisiana sites? We need to know. If it does, we need to support it.

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Around Town

Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Minden branch of the NAACP will have its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 6:30 p.m., May 8 at the Minden Civic Center. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Earl Griggin Jr., presiding elder of Monroe District of the CME Church and former pastor of Mt. Zion CME in Minden. For ticket information, contact Tan Grigsby at 470-3364 or Sharon Wallace at 840-1165.

music, cake walks, a silent auction, quilt raffle will be available. Gourmet hot dogs at noon and supper at 5 p.m. with grilled hamburgers. Lots of food and fun. Also, a fun game of Mt. Lebanon Jeopardy will be played with trivia questions and answers about the history of Mt. Lebanon. The event begins at 11 a.m. Exit 61 off I-20, Mt. Lebanon is on Highway 154, three miles south of Gibsland.

A special meeting to discuss the development plans proposed by Creighton Hill Development Corp. will be at 1 p.m. in the fellowship building at Great Saint Paul Baptist Church.

The Pine Grove cemetery fund annual memorial service will be at Pine Grove Methodist Church at 11 a.m. The offering is used to maintain Pine Grove, Crow and Miller cemeteries. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 3

Union Grove Baptist Church will host its 111th church anniversary at 3 p.m. The guest speaker and church will be Pastor Donald Crawford and Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church of Emerson, Arkansas.

Rocky Mount Baptist Church will host its 17th anniversary for Pastor Billy R. Ellis at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Julian Burns of Springville United Baptist Church of Gibsland. Rocky Mount BC is located at Highway 534 in Homer.

**Monday, April 27-
Wednesday, April 29**

Annual youth revival, 7 p.m. each night at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Minister Brian Jackson of Union Springs Baptist Church in Shreveport. Theme is "Doing What My Parents Say." All are invited.

Tuesday, April 28

Minden Medical Center will host "Just 4 Girls" at the Webster Parish Library Meeting Room. More more information and registration, visit www.minden-medicalcenter.com/just4girls. Ages 9 - 12 only from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Ages 13 - 18 only 7 until 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

The NAACP Minden, La Branch will meet for its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. For more information contact Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

Saturday, May 2

Mt. Lebanon Historical Society presents "Stage Coach Days" at Mt. Lebanon. Live



ConocoPhillips gives back

ConocoPhillips continues to support the communities in which their employees live and work. The North Louisiana Production office recently donated \$5,000 to the Minden Police Department. The funds will be used to support the Special Response Team. Pictured from left in the front row are, Frank Ryan Jr., ConocoPhillips Operations Superintendent; Cathy Durain, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; Glenda Allums, ConocoPhillips SAP Associate; Steve Cropper, Minden Police Chief; and LT Ronald Payne, Minden Police. Second row, Scott Boothe, ConocoPhillips I & E Foreman, Jimmy Dean, ConocoPhillips Maintenance Advisor; Jane Sutton, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; Melissa Rheeme, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; and Michael Wissing, ConocoPhillips HSE Supervisor. Back row, Terry Sanders, ConocoPhillips Maintenance Supervisor; Tommy Pearson, ConocoPhillips Production Supervisor; and Greg Brillhart, ConocoPhillips Production Foreman. Courtesy Photo

Minden USDA welcomes newest employee

The Minden USDA Service Center-Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to welcome the newest assigned District Conservationist, Sarah Trichel.

Sarah joined the staff April 20 and has worked for the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service since 2010. Since that time, she has served in Field Offices across the state, including Lake Charles, Natchitoches, Crowley, Rayville, and most recently as the District Conservationist in Mansfield.

Sarah grew up on a small farm in

Natchitoches and has a passion for agriculture and forestry. She attended Northwestern State University and graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Biology and a concentration in natural science. She loves helping people help the land and putting conservation on the ground.

Sarah and her husband are excited to move to the Minden area and she is looking forward to working with the people of Claiborne and Webster parishes. The Minden Field Office is located at 216B Broadway in Minden.



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Memorial Classic

Pine Hills Country Club is getting ready to host their annual Memorial Classic Golf Tournament on July 11-12.

This year, the two-day tournament will honor the memory of longtime Minden resident and avid golfer, Leo Elshout.

The tournament features a \$350 entry fee, two person teams and better ball format.

This year, first place in each flight will receive \$1,000. Additionally, participants will have the chance to win a whopping \$10,000 for making a hole-in-one during the tournament. Also, keep an eye out for other on-course activities and surprises.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served Saturday and Sunday, with Dinner and other festivities included on Saturday night.

For additional information or to register for the tournament, visit pinehillsc-minden.com.

Entry forms are also available at the clubhouse in the 19th hole, or call James Hodges at (318)789-3309.

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

NBA

Spurs top Clippers
to take 3-2 lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The ball bounced around the rim, and the pivotal fifth game of a thrilling first-round series teetered along with it.

DeAndre Jordan leaped up and tapped it in — an instant too early.

The San Antonio Spurs got the biggest bounce in a game full of them, and the champs landed on the brink of the second round.

Tim Duncan scored 21 points before Jordan was called for basket interference with 4.3 seconds left, and the Spurs hung on for a 111-107 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers in Game 5 on Tuesday night, taking a 3-2 series lead.

San Antonio earned the chance to close it out at home on Thursday night, but only after its lead dwindled to 108-107 in the frantic final minute at Staples Center.

Blake Griffin launched a leaping leaper off an inbound play with 6.9 seconds left, but it rattled around the basket. Jordan, who had 21 points and 14 rebounds, grazed the ball while it appeared to be inside the cylinder.

"It was a dumb play," said Jordan, who sat at his locker long after the game ended. "I hit the ball. We did a good job fighting to put us in a situation to go up one. You can't blame anybody on that but me. I tipped the ball."

The officials decisively waved off the basket while Jordan waved his hands pleadingly, but the Clippers still hoped for a reversal on video review.

"That was the play of the game," said Manu Ginobili, who scored 14 points off the bench. "That's why I say we got lucky. The ball was going in, and he happened to touch it. That would have put us down one. Instead, it was a completely different ballgame. We got a little lucky on the play."

CRIMSON TIDE BASEBALL

Minden falls to Lutch



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LUTCHER - In a game that was back and forth the whole way, the Minden Crimson Tide gave the Lutch Bulldogs all they had.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, as the Crimson Tide fell to Lutch 7-3 in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs, ending their season.

"It was just a back and forth game," Tide head coach Dean Francis said. "The final score doesn't indicate how the game went. We were in it from the beginning to the end."

With the loss, the Crimson Tide wrap up their season with a record of 13-15.

The Tide never had things easy, competing in one of Class 4A's toughest districts, one that featured five playoff teams.

It seemed that the Tide had some momentum heading into their matchup with Lutch, fresh off wins over North DeSoto two weeks ago and defeating Calvary this past Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Tide got off to a good start, putting up a couple of runs early.

However they couldn't sustain that success into the late innings, as the Lutch duo of Vincent Laurent and Cameron Guillot were good on Tuesday, limiting the Tide to just six hits, none of them extra base



The Minden Crimson Tide fell to Lutch 7-3 in Lutch on Tuesday. With the loss, the Tide end their season with a record of 13-15. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

hits.

"We didn't hit the ball like we had been," Francis said. "But the kids played hard and overcame a lot of obstacles on this trip."

Francis said due to bad weather that ravaged south Louisiana, the Tide weren't sure they would even play until hours before the game.

The Tide got good pitching from Trace Francis and Jay Beene, but when Lutch needed a rally in the sixth, they got it, putting up three runs to break open what was a 4-3 game.

Leadoff man Luke

Zeringue and three-hole hitter Gavin Engle provided most of the offense for Lutch, going 5-6 with five singles and 5 RBI.

Gavin Smith got things started offensively for the Tide, driving in Gunner Stephens with an RBI single in the first.

Smith remained in the action as he was hit by a pitch in the third, then stole second. That set up Matt Eskew who delivered with an RBI single to score the Tide's second run.

In the fifth inning with the game tied 2-2, Trace Francis

reached on an error. Austin Keough laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Francis to second. With two outs, Eskew was up again, and again he delivered with his second RBI single of the game.

The Tide held a 3-2 lead at this point, but not for long, as Lutch came back with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and then the three insurance runs in the sixth.

Matt Eskew led the way in the loss, going 2-3 with a pair of RBI singles, Gavin Smith finished 1-3 with an

RBI single and Austin Keough, Gunner Stephens and Peyton Gray added singles for the Tide.

Even with the loss, the Tide will return plenty of key contributors for another shot at a playoff run next season.

For the Tide's two seniors, it will be a tough pill to swallow.

"We'll miss Jay and Keough," Francis said. "Anytime you lose your seniors it's tough. You could see at the end they realized this was it. That's what you hate about it."

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Glenbrook Netters defeat district rival Riverfield



Special to the Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apache netters closed their regular season with a dual match, 6-3 victory against their district foe Riverfield Raiders.

Girls' Singles

Amelia Christy, undefeated for the second consecutive season, defeated Sophie Heath 6-1, 6-1.

Catherine Willis, also undefeated this season, claimed

a 6-4, 6-1 victory, defeating her main rival Alexa Roberts.

"Amelia, a freshmen, and Catherine, a junior, have certainly strengthened their games and have improved their on-court strategy," head coach Wayne Orr said.

Boys' Singles

Schuyler Powell was defeated in a tie break after having split sets, losing to Travis Rawls 6-4, 2-6, 1-0 (12-10). At the No. 2 Position, Graham Lemoine defeated Alex Durbin 6-2, 6-0.

"Both boys have adapted to playing singles and have contributed to the success

of our team's district championship," Orr said.

Boys' Doubles

Undefeated at the No. 1 position, John Curtis Brown and Johnny Law Flournoy claimed a 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (10-6) win.

"These two boys are beginning to reap the benefit of experience; only in the eighth grade, they desire to dish out losses to those upper classmen who are their usual opponents. They display an exciting, thrilling game of tennis," Orr said.

Justin Le and Beau Branch, playing the No. 2 position, defeated Jonah Sharbano and Gabby Gill 6-

2, 6-4.

"This is a first year duo, but improvement has been the operative word regarding their play."

Girls' Doubles

Advancing to the North Tournament hinged on the matches of both teams. Unfortunately the No. 1 duo of Bridget Cone and Abigail Gilbert defeated Kylie and Caroline Mills 6-3, 6-2, win which left them tied with the duo of Prairie View.

The playoff match resulted in a 6-3, 6-2 loss for the Lady Apaches.

"I was disappointed for our girls, especially since on half of each team is

filled with a senior member. We could not ride that momentum of the second set into the tie break," Orr said.

Mixed Doubles

The team of Lexie Martin and Graham Lemoine were defeated 6-2, 6-2 by Madeline Turner and Caleb Clark.

"The duo from Riverfield went undefeated during the season and will represent our district as the No. 1 team. Lexie and Graham have teamed for three years and have represented our district twice in the playoffs."

"I am very much pleased with their contributing to our success," commented Orr.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Games back on after Monday's cancellation

Darlings
Lion's Club 2 Kennon
Krushers 11

Baliegh Haulcy led Kennon with a homerun and a double, while Brooklyn Davis and Kennadie Keener doubled. Ah'Lazia Douglas, Dakota Howard, Aubrey Gorman and Leyla Slaughter all had two singles for the Krushers, and Leigha Gilbert, Kristian White, Destiny Boyd and

Serenity Hartwell had base hits.

Kendall Cummings doubled to lead Lion's Club, and Kelly Sumlin, Kylie Barton, Markeithdra Willis, Alyana Banks and Devin Harris had base hits.

Gray's Jewelry 12
Lady Rangers 13

Kyrin Clary and Shelby Glenn singled three times a piece to lead the Lady Rangers. Ka'breyia Forbes,

Asia Blow and Chelsea Hampton singled twice, while Cheyenne Smith, Kaelynn Williams, Natalee Dodd and Kabryn Hayden had base hits.

Baylee Bonsall led Gray's with two singles and a double, while Riley Austin and Abigail Clark singled three times on the night. Izabella Miller and Lauren Barrett had two hits each, and Kalyn Williams, Madison

McGraw, Kaylie Jordan and Havannah Edwards added base hits.

Dixie Angels
Dunn Tigers 0
Minden Athletic 14

Sydney Robinson hit a homerun, Maci Tanner and Sarah Margaret Mosley doubled, and Ella Floyd, Kenzie Warmack and Gabby Salas added base hits to help out Minden Athletic.

Piper Stephens doubled

to lead the Tigers, and Kaydree Kemp singled.

Gabby Salas struck out six batters for Minden Athletic.

Fuzion 11 Cooksey's 0
Allie Spigener led Fuzion with a triple, while Molly Fanning, Gracie Green and Miranda Crabtree doubled. Jaden Dent contributed with a base hit.

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Lions Club tops Alpha Energy, Bandits get big win

LITTLE LEAGUE

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Hilary Bates struck out three batters for Cooksey's, while Molly Fanning struck out five for Fuzion.

Ponytails
Sky Rangers 9
Gotshall Girls 10
Karli Gotshall had the only hit for the Gotshall Girls, a double.

Kenya Harris collected the only hit for the Rangers, a single.

Amelia Coleman struck out three batters for the Rangers, while Taylor Bumgardner sat down four for Gotshall.

CWW Fire 17
Subway 2
Francis Robinson, Hollie Payne and Katelynn Pruitt all had base hits to lead the Fire.

Hannah Mosley pitched a two-inning no hitter. Haliagh Cooper, Reagan Lee and Holly Estes struck out one batter each for Subway.

Dixie Belles
Glenbrook 19
First United Methodist 2

Hannah Mosley had two singles to lead Glenbrook, while Amber Lovitt and Emily Self singled.

Erin Lee had the lone hit for First United Methodist, a triple.

Alyssa Martin struck out six batters for Glenbrook, and Audrey Plants sat down two for First United Methodist.

Haughton Heat 18
OWC 1

Compton led the Heat with a triple, while Giese, Myers, Crumpler and Sims all pitched for Haughton.

Karlee Osbon tripled and singled for OWC, Olivia Osborne tripled, and Abby Cross, Haley Cross, Kamry Nix and Haley Machen singled.

Olivia Osborne struck

out seven batters for OWC.

Baseball
Coach Pitch
CJ Consulting 1
Southern Stone 7
Hudson Glasscock led Southern Stone with a double and a single, and Ryan Reagan, Cameryn Davis, Cash Frizzell, Judson Boothe, Connor Bolton, Remington Arender and Gage Williams all had base hits.

Zach Pruitt and Bryce Gates had two hits for CJ Consulting, and Jacob Jefferson and Ethan Cox added base hits.

Minden's Finest
Storage 0 Roma's 5
Peyton Houston, Brody Walker and Preston Blakely all had two singles for Roma.

Derodney Bryant and Blake Lewis had the only base hits for Minden's Finest Storage.

AA
Exterminators 2
Bandits 11

Spencer Brantley tripled and doubled to lead the Bandits. Wyatt Whorton tripled and singled, Brian Williams singled and doubled, and Tanner Johnson doubled. Hayden Watkins added two singles for the Bandits, as did Dustin Clanton and Devery Moore. Willie Jenkins and Everonte Williams added base hits.

Joey Curry, Hayden Whitehead, Ross Hammett and Omar Corley all had base hits for the Exterminators.

Wrecking Crew 5
Timberland Services 1

Jekoye Knowles hit a homerun and a double to pave the way for the Wrecking Crew. Preston Frye, Grayson Gorum, Braydon Winston, Kyler Monk and Levi Pope all had base hits for the Crew.

Timberland Services was led by Jackson Waller with a double. John Rolen,

Clayton Tomas, Nolan Still and Landon Rushing added base hits for Timberland.

AAA
Lion's Club 13 Alpha Energy 2

Bryce Powell led Lions Club with two doubles, while Jake Wilkins added a base hit.

Jadarious Allen had the only base hit for Alpha Energy.

Dayton Sims had a big day pitching, striking out 10 batters for Lions Club, and Jaylen Williams struck out five for Alpha Energy.

The Raptures 2
Minden Athletic 6

Kendall Flournoy led Minden Athletic with a base hit at the plate and 10 strikeouts on the mound. Chase Tolbert doubled for Minden Athletic and Collin Murphy and Jacob Powell added base hits.

The Raptures were led by Elliot Sheppard who had a triple, and Ric Harris, who pitched and struck out three batters.

Kirk's Towing 9
Skeeter's 4

Brennan Benton led Kirk's with a single.

For Skeeter's, Ethan Vise tripled and CJ Davis and Hudson Dillard singled.

Jase Pate struck out seven batters for Skeeter's, while Cooper Parker Dale sat down nine batters for Kirk's Towing.

Holmont 21 Minden Farm & Garden 6

Dexter Smith tripled, Riley Streetman had two singles and Noah Spears, Maurice Rabb and JP Parker had base hits to lead Holmont.

Andru Ebert and Gavin Hicks pitched for Farm & Garden, combining to strike out three.

Noah Spears struck out five for Holmont.

Dixie Youth
Rangers 8 Tigers 2

Andrew Fegley stroked



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two doubles, Parker Cupples doubled and Landen Hopkins singled to lead the Rangers.

Ryan Sheets doubled for the Tigers and Christian Stevens and Cameron Herman added base hits.

Trenton McLaughlin struck out 10 batters for the Tigers, while Andrew Fegley sat down a whopping 13 batters for the Rangers.

U.S. Silica 3 Minden Athletic 5

De'Mareya Howard hit a homerun and singled to lead Minden Athletic, and Hayden Engel blasted a homer as well to lead the way. Blaine Sparks and Drake

Freeman added singles.

Connor Humphreys tripled for U.S. Silica, while Corban Kendrick and Ashton Stewart singled.

Corban Kendrick was outstanding on the mound for U.S. Silica, striking out 10 batters.

Farm Bureau 15
Minden Elite 1

Cameron Dollar had two triples, Wesley Dennis doubled and singled and Brittain Ranger, Joseph Kidd, Millard Johnson and Sutton Synco added base hits.

Treyton Butler had the only two base hits for Minden Elite, and also led the way pitching with two strikeouts.

Cason Fields struck out four batters for Farm Bureau.

Glenbrook 9 Hebert Town & Country 1

Nick Mourad and Trevor McLean doubled and singled for Glenbrook.

Cade Clemons, Thomas Parnell and Gage Douglas added base hits.

Tyler Gillespie had Town & Country's only hit. Cody Johnson had six strikeouts for Town & Country.

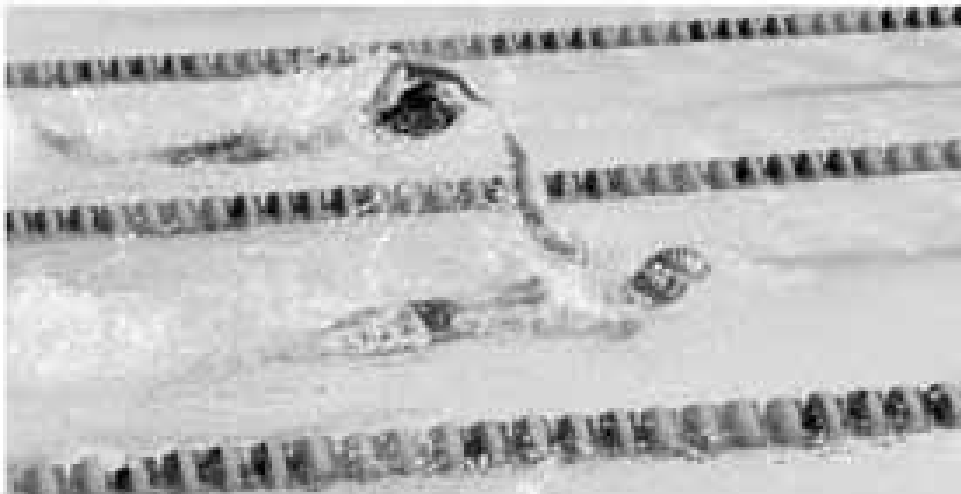
Trevor McLean struck out four and Nick Mourad struck out three for Glenbrook on the mound. Cade Clemons also tossed a scoreless inning.



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Big price, big expectations for Mayweather-Pacquiao pay TV

LAS VEGAS — George Foreman was fighting Evander Holyfield for the heavyweight title, and anyone wanting to watch it in April 1991 had to plan ahead.

It was the night boxing pay-per-view was born. But to get the fight, customers had to go to their local cable TV offices and put a deposit down for a box that would allow them to get the bout.

"I remember the Friday before the fight we were getting calls from cable operators saying there were lines wrapped around the building a number of times and not enough boxes to meet the demand," said Mark Taffet, who oversees pay-per-view for HBO. "We were shocked when we saw the number of buys."

The fight cost \$35.95, and 1.4 million people bought it for their homes. They got their money's worth when Holyfield took some big punches from the 42-year-old Foreman, but fired back with more of his own to win a unanimous decision.

A lot has changed in a quarter-century. Now it takes just a few clicks of the remote to buy a fight. The potential audience, meanwhile, has grown from 16.5 million addressable homes to nearly 100 million.

And, of course, the pay-per-view price has gone up. It will cost people \$99.95 to watch Floyd Mayweather Jr. fight Manny Pacquiao Saturday night.

Cost aside, more than 3 million people are expected to buy the megafight for their homes, helping make it the richest fight ever. The bout is set to break records for both number of buys (the current mark is 2.48 million for Mayweather's 2007 fight with Oscar De La Hoya) and total pay-per-view revenue (\$150 million, set by Mayweather and Canelo Alvarez in 2013).

"We expect we will break the pay-per-view record," said Showtime executive Stephen Espinoza, whose network is pro-

ducing the telecast and is partners with HBO in delivering it. "We're not sure exactly where the ceiling is but we are already seeing unprecedented traffic and unprecedented viewership. There are all kinds of indicators which point to huge success, we're just not sure how huge of a success it will end up being."

Longtime rivals in the boxing business, Showtime and HBO had to agree to do the fight together in order to get it made. Mayweather fights under contract with Showtime, while Pacquiao fights on HBO.

The model is similar to that used by the two networks in the 2002 fight between Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson, including an announcing team that features HBO's Jim Lampley on play-by-play and Showtime's Al Bernstein as the color analyst.

"Lampley and Bernstein, two of the most experienced and knowledgeable broadcasters the sport has seen," said Espinoza, executive vice president and general manager for Showtime Sports. "It's really an excellent pairing."

The networks are counting on an unprecedented promotional campaign the week of the fight by the different cable and satellite distributors to push sales. Unlike most fights, the ads will be aimed at casual sports fans who might want to gather a few family and friends together for a viewing party, much like they would for a Super Bowl.

"We're targeting people who are not generally engaged in sports conversation as well as people who aren't big sports fans but are event fans," Espinoza said. "They may not follow sports much but they like the big events and this is a big event."

The \$99.95 price tag most systems will charge is the most for any fight, though fans will be able to get up to a \$50 rebate by buying beer from sponsor Tecate. Taffet, senior vice president of sports operations and pay-per-



view for HBO, said that if people are making an event out of it, they can justify the cost by the number of people attending.

"When you take the cost of pay-per-view and divide it by the number of viewers in each house we expect the cost averages out to that of a movie ticket," Taffet said. "The cost of the refreshments for the viewing parties usually exceeds the cost of the pay-per-view telecast."

The early indications are that the price won't be a deterrent for

a lot of people. Taffet said several distributors had already sold more than 10,000 pay-per-views with nearly two weeks left before the fight, which is unheard of in a business that relies on last-minute decision making.

If more than 3 million people buy the telecast it would mean huge payouts for the two fighters. Promoters get an average of between \$55 and \$60 for each pay-per-view after splitting with the networks and distributors, meaning revenue to the camps of

the two fighters could near the \$200 million mark.

Yes, it's a lot pricier than the \$35.95 charged to watch Holyfield beat Foreman. And the argument could be made to wait a week when a tape of the fight will almost surely be broadcast for free on both networks.

Then again, no one will have to get up early Monday morning to return a box to their cable operator.

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(2) The description of the property to be lease is:

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(4) A copy of the proposed Contract of Lease is on file in the office of the North Webster Parish Industrial District for public inspection.

(5) Any objections to this lease with an option to renew will be heard at a regular meeting of the North Webster Parish Industrial District at 5:30 o'clock P.M. at its offices on May 18, 2015, at the North Webster Parish Industrial Office, North Webster Parish Industrial Park, Highway 7 South, Springhill-Cullen, Louisiana.

This 20th day of April, 2015.

/S/_____
Jeffrey D. Harper, Chairman

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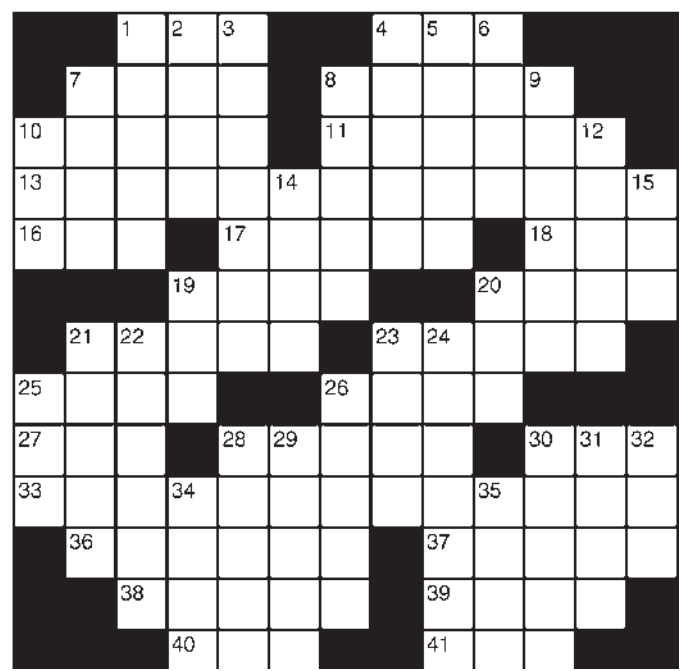
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“discussed...” according to city council minutes. According to the new bill, in order for commission members to qualify, they must either be a registered voter of the City of Minden or hold a majority

interest in a business or property located in the Downtown Development District. “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 amended legislation reads.

“The commission shall appoint sub-committees for various needs and events with no limitations on residency. In addition, the mayor of the city of Minden and the project director shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the commission. “One of those rules, for instance, was that the commissioner was going

to be nominated by the Downtown Business District,” Davis said. “Well, there’s not a Downtown Merchants Association anymore. We’re just changing the qualifications and how the commissioners are appointed.” The old rules dictated that members where chosen as follows: ■ Two members shall

be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Minden Chamber of Commerce. ■ Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Retail Merchants Association of the city of Minden. ■ Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by

the Minden Historic District Commission. ■ One member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Minden NAACP. The Downtown Development District begins where Dennis Street intersects with Highway 80 and ends around Pennsylvania Avenue with properties in between.

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pro-rate over the first year. Pled guilty to distribution of Schedule IV CDS, sentenced to five years at the Louisiana Department of Corrections, five years suspended, active supervised probation. To pay \$1,000 plus court costs, prorated over the first year. Sentences to run concurrent. **James K. Ratliff:** Molestation of a juvenile. Status conference set for May 29, with trial set for July 6.

Terrel James Smith: Aggravated burglary of an inhabited dwelling. Waived formal arraignment. Pled not guilty. Status conference set for June 22 with trial set for Oct. 19. **Justin Sumner:** Bond revoked on charges of possession of Schedule III CDS, and resisting a police officer with force. Defendant requested to proceed without counsel.

Shaquill West: Possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS. Sentenced to eight years at the Louisiana Department of Corrections, three years suspended. Active supervised probation. To pay \$5,000 plus court costs within first 24 months prorated. Must obtain GED within first 12 months and maintain full-time employment within first 60 days. Must pay \$800 representation fee to the public defender’s office.

Tonio B. Bennett: Charged with illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities. Taken into custody. Bond set at \$5,000. Waived formal arraignment and pled guilty to two counts of disturbing the peace. Sentenced to 30 days in the Webster Parish Jail, suspended 90 days active supervised probation. Must pay \$100 plus court costs.

Rickey Black: Withdrew not guilty plea, pled guilty to resisting an officer. Must pay \$125 plus court costs or 20 days in jail. Credit for time served. Must testify truthfully against co-defendant. Trial set for June 15.

Alonzo Brown: Charged with three counts of Distribution of a Schedule I CDS, withdrew not guilty plea, pled guilty. Sentencing set for June 5.

Jeffery Dark: Charged with simple burglary. Withdrew not guilty plea, pled guilty. Sentenced to the Louisiana Department of Corrections at hard labor eight years. Credit for time served. Two years probation and parole.

Ashton Davis: Charged with nine counts of simple burglary. Status conference moved to May 18 at the defense’s request. Trial set for June 15.

Rebecca Colleen Foster: Amended charge of simple possession of marijuana. Pled guilty. Must pay \$500 plus court costs. Six months active supervised probation. Pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Must pay \$175 plus court costs.

Ketrick D. Frazier: Contradictory Hearing on three counts of theft of \$1,500 or more. Motion to withdraw counsel denied.

Ryan Gladney: Pled guilty to armed robbery. Sentenced to 15 years without benefit to the Louisiana Department of Corrections. Credit for time served.

Marquea Green: Waived formal arraignment. Pled not guilty to three counts of distribution of a Schedule I CDS. Status conference set for June 1, trial set for August 17.

Lavanity Vanshay Griffin: Recall bench warrant, bond forfeiture on charges of first degree vehicular negligent injuring, operating a vehicle while intoxicated (first offense) and

careless operation of a vehicle. Passed to June 1 at the defense’s request. Trial set for June 15. **Latrice Jana Harris:**

Charged with resisting an officer with force or violence, resisting an officer by flight and disturbing the peace with offensive

words. Status conference passed to May 18 at the defense’s request. Trial set for June 15. **Germylun K. Hawkins:**

Motion to withdraw denied. Charged with nine counts of simple burglary. Trial set for June 15. **Chakeeta Heidelbert:**

Charged with failure to report a missing child and cruelty to juveniles. Trial reset to July 27.

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