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INFERNO ON HWY. 79

## Fire destroys travel trailer

No injuries reported during Wednesday blaze



Webster Fire District 10, along with the Minden Fire Department, were dispatched just after 1 p.m. Wednesday after a fire broke out and destroyed a travel trailer in the 17,000 block of Highway 79. The occupant of the trailer says he was outside and saw smoke coming from the trailer. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



MINDEN CRIME

## Couple arrested on fraud charges

*Police say couple swindled banks, insurance companies*

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A Minden couple sits behind bars after Minden Police discovered an alleged trail of bank fraud and identity theft.

Raymond Warren, 57, of the 1100 block of Rathbun Street, was arrested Tuesday, April 28, and charged with 20 counts of identity theft, 38 counts of access device fraud, 38 counts of unlawful possession of fraudulent documents for identification purposes, issuing worthless checks, bank fraud, forgery, 17 counts of monetary instrument abuse, three counts of computer fraud, and three counts of online impersonation. Bond was set at \$60,000.



**R. WARREN**



**B. WARREN**

His wife, Barbara Warren, 45, has been charged with three counts of bank fraud, issuing worthless checks and three counts of monetary instrument abuse. Bond was set at \$45,000.

"(It (the case) came in as some bad checks and as they (detectives) got to looking into it, they got to two local banks totaling about \$21,000 in bad checks," Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper said. "A representative from National Crime Insurance Bureau, which investigates insurance fraud, got involved and he assisted in the investigation."

Cropper says a search warrant

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Fundraiser Saturday to benefit St. Jude patient

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A fundraiser has been set for Saturday, May 2 for a St. Jude patient who is doing well, but can no longer have the life-saving surgeries he needs.

Daniel Thompson, 20, was diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastoma, giant cell, a type of brain tumor that

was found on his frontal lobe.

The fundraiser is set for noon at 677 Highway 531. Fish lunch plates will be available for an \$8 donation. A live band with Dexter Mathis will be playing as well.

The benefit is to raise money for Daniel and his family to help defray medical and every day expenses.

His family says he's had brain surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments to treat the tumor, but not all of the initial tumor was removed. After he went to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, another tumor was discovered on the right side of his brain. He is unable to have any more surgeries, because it will be detrimental to his health, his

family says. He will return to St. Jude in July for more tests and to monitor the tumors.

Before he had the surgery, Daniel suffered from a severe lack of appetite, vomiting, vision and memory problems and severe



**THOMPSON**

headaches. After surgery, he had to relearn many of the things people take for granted, like learning colors, numbers, telling time, the months of the year. Other things included having to relearn how to bathe, dress himself and use eating utensils.

"He had to learn what to call items and associate the

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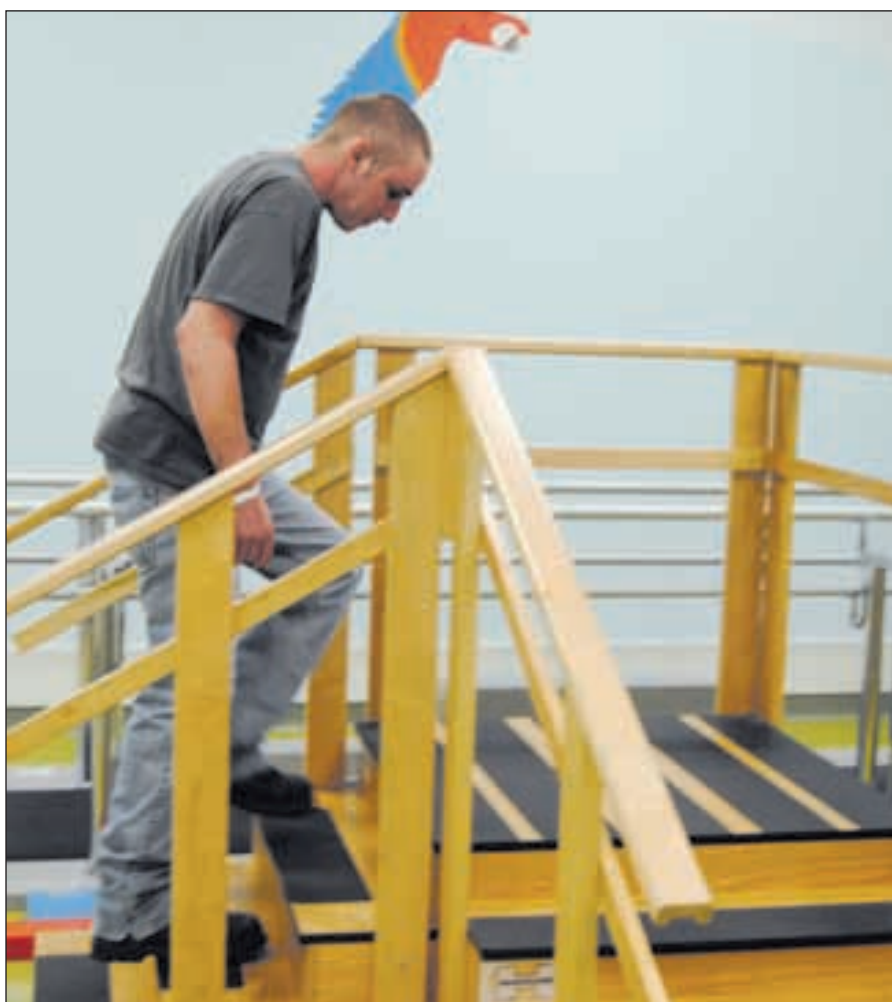
proper word with what he was trying to say," his mother Stephanie Thompson said. "He has lost some of his long-term memory that will never be recovered at this point. He continues to have short-term memory problems but he has developed ways to cope with that."

His family says he is doing well now. His weight is back up, appetite is back to normal and he doesn't get sick to his stomach the way he used to. He has made tremendous improvement in learning.

"His doctor has concerns on the MRI, but that could be a side effect of the radiation," his mom said.

His family says he loves to work, enjoys camping, fishing and hunting. He taught himself to play the guitar and re-taught himself following surgery. He is the oldest of six children.

"He is an awesome young man that I am very proud of," she said. "He knows he wouldn't have been able to come as far as he has without God."



**Daniel Thompson has two tumors, one on each side of his brain. While physicians at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital monitor his health, Daniel pushes himself to stay active, his mother Stephanie Thompson says. The fundraiser set for Saturday at noon is to help the family defray medical expenses and help with every day expenses.** Courtesy Photos

## ARREST

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was issued and police went to the Rathbun Street residence and seized documentation in reference to the case. Police seized numerous boxes of checks, checkbooks, paperwork, and some electronics. Investigators also seized a truck purchased under an assumed name the Friday before the couple's arrest. The dealership in Bossier

City picked it up later.

Investigators say it all started when they were contacted about two bad checks written by Barbara Warren to Brookshire's Grocery in October 2014. One of the checks was more than \$500, which is a felony, Cropper says.

Within a handful of days, a representative at Regions Bank contacted police telling them Raymond Warren had taken Navy Federal Credit Union checks and was writing them on an account for a

nonexistent business.

"He was 'kiting' the checks from Regions Bank to the Navy Federal Credit Union," Cropper said.

Kiting is a term used when checks are floated from bank to bank. In other words, Warren was essentially floating a check. But instead of writing a check and making a deposit before the check cleared, he would withdraw money from an ATM machine before the check came through and put it into another bank.

Once Det. Keith King began delving into the alleged crimes against Regions, Agent Ted Raley, with the NCIB contacted them in reference to the insurance fraud against USAA, an insurance company for military members.

Investigators say it's roughly \$25,000 worth of claims where Warren has created bogus accounts, saying someone broke into his vehicle or his home. The claims were between \$1,500 and \$2,000 each

time. The insurance fraud began in 2012, according to what investigators found.

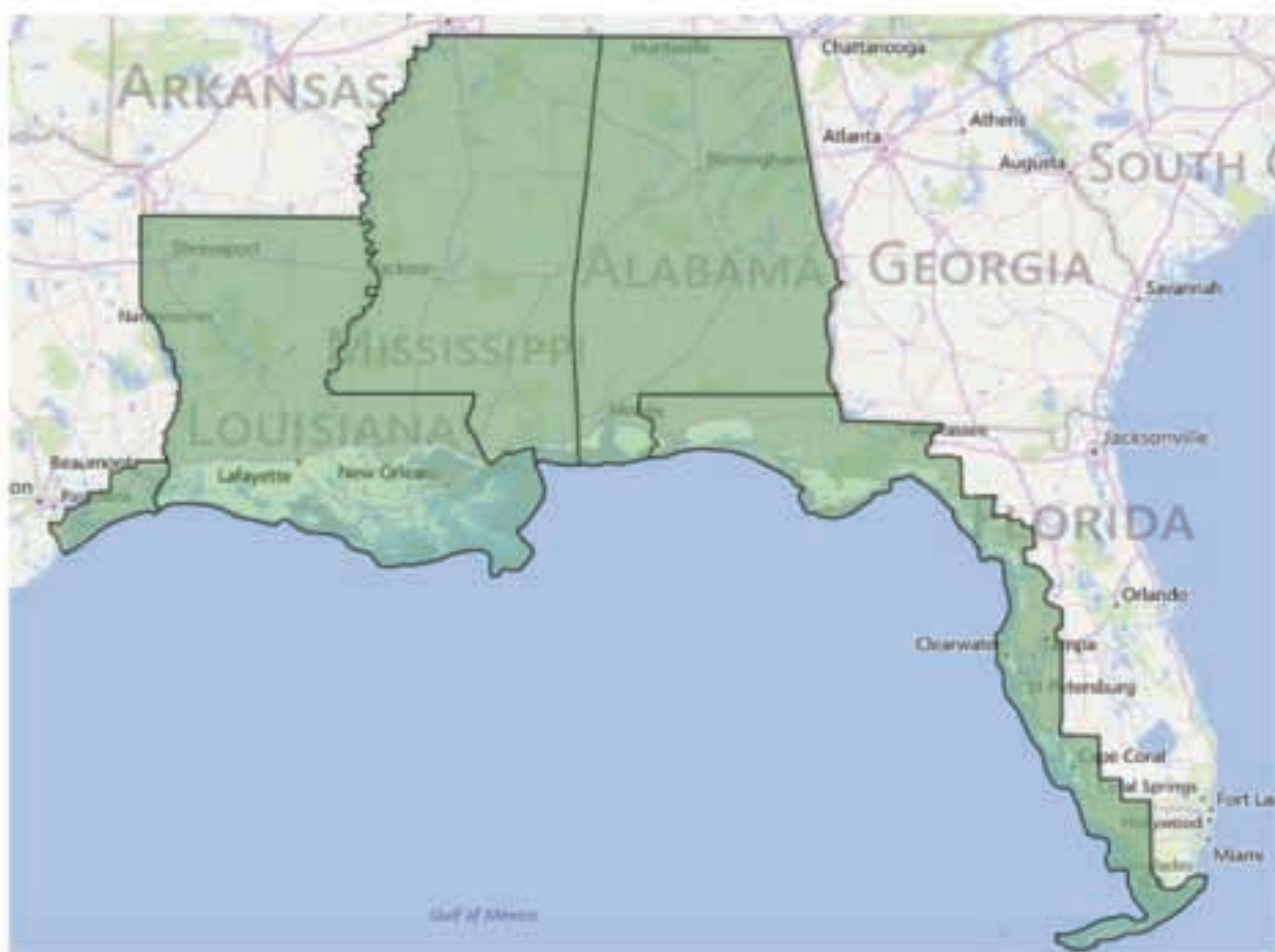
While King was investigating the Regions case, Det. Chris Cheatham received a case from Citizens Bank along the same lines. In the Citizens case, Warren allegedly created a new name and opened an account with false identification and paperwork. Warren was reportedly doing the same thing with two other banks in Bossier

City. Somehow, he said, the banks networked and figured out what was going on.

"He went from banks to writing hot checks at Dixie Mart," Cropper said.

Investigators say Raymond Warren admitted to the charges, including the insurance fraud. Barbara Warren's charges, investigators said, stem from writing bad checks and cashing fraudulent checks.

## Court-Approved Supplemental Information About The Deepwater Horizon Economic Settlement Claim Deadline



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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

## Proposal to limit TOPS program wins senate support

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Ignoring opposition from Gov. Bobby Jindal, state senators agreed Wednesday to put cost controls on Louisiana's TOPS free college tuition program.

The Senate voted 27-9 for the bill by Sen. Jack Donahue, R-Mandeville, which has the backing of higher education leaders and the wife of the program's namesake.

Under the proposal, the TOPS tuition payment rate would be locked in at the

2015-16 level. Rather than the current automatic increases whenever tuition costs rise on college campuses, increases to TOPS payments in the 2016-17 school year and beyond would have to get separate approval from lawmakers.

The measure, heading to the House for debate, could make students and their parents pay more out of pocket for college — if tuition grows and lawmakers don't boost TOPS payments to cover it.

But Donahue said TOPS, slated to cost \$284 million next year, is threatened without ways to limit

its growth. He said the program is forecast to cost Louisiana \$354 million in 2019.

"I think it's wonderful that we have the program, and I think we need to be smart enough to do something to make sure that the program continues for our children and our grandchildren," Donahue said. "If we keep going like we're going, we won't be able to afford it."

Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Baton Rouge, opposed the bill, reading comment cards from his constituents who urged him to protect higher educa-

tion programs.

Jindal described the proposal last week as "breaking the promise we made to Louisiana families" to cover the full cost of tuition if a student reaches the academic requirements for TOPS.

Currently, to get the basic TOPS scholarship that covers all tuition costs at a public college in Louisiana, a graduating high school student must have a 2.5 GPA on core curriculum and a 20 ACT score. The program is slated to cover more than 55,000 students' tuition next year.

Worries about the cost of TOPS have grown as the state has faced continuing budget shortfalls and as colleges have raised their tuition rates to compensate for cuts to their state financing. Each increase in tuition drives up the cost of TOPS.

But the program is much beloved among middle-class families, who benefit disproportionately from the tuition aid. Also, the program is credited with helping more students get college degrees in a state with low levels of educational attainment.

Senators rejected an

amendment from Sen. Rick Gallot, D-Ruston, that would have kept students whose parents earn more than \$1 million a year from being eligible for a TOPS award.

"In my mind, if you make over a million dollars a year, you probably can afford to pay for a public university education," Gallot said.

Donahue said the TOPS awards were based on merit, not income. He opposed the amendment, and it failed in a 25-10 vote.



## Keith Brown speaks on homelessness to Taking off Pounds Sensibly group

Keith Brown recently spoke to members of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 0483 group about the epidemic that is homelessness. The group provided care packages, consisting of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner and other hygiene items, for Brown to deliver to those without a home. Pictured are, front row, Martha Langley, Zelda Harber and Louise Houghton. Back row are Mildred Boeven, Angie Ogelsby, Faye Wallace, Fran Peterson, Renee Jones and Brown. Leaders include Langley, co-leader, Houghton, weight recorder, Wallace and co-weight recorder Harber. Courtesy Photo

### MINDEN CRIME

## Woman accused of shoplifting, drug possession

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A Ringgold woman was charged with theft and several drug charges after she was caught by store employees taking items without paying for them.

Amy Garcia, 28, of the 200 block of Beckham Camp Road in Ringgold, was arrested April 22, and charged with theft of goods, possession of CDS in the presence of a minor, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of Schedule I CDS and two counts of obstruction of justice. Total bonds were set at \$3,925.

Minden Police officers were dispatched to Walmart when the head of security detained Garcia

for theft of goods. According to reports, she was seen throwing an item into a trashcan and swallowing a pill.

When officers checked the trashcan, they found what appeared to be a partially smoked marijuana "cigarello." When asked what pill she took, she allegedly told officers it was a blood pressure pill.

Her purse was checked, and no pill bottle or any other medications were found. The possession in the presence of a minor charge was levied because she had two small children under the age of 5 with her at the time, according to reports.

She was placed under arrest and transported to the Minden Police Station, then transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

Minden Police Sgt. Joel Kendrick and Officer Jeremy Sitter were the arresting officers.



GARCIA

### OBITUARY

#### Dorothy Gale Shyne Kelly

Dorothy Gale Shyne Kelly was born Nov. 29, 1965 in Shreveport to Robert D. Shyne and the late Almer C. Walker Shyne.

She received her formative education in the Webster Parish school system and a graduate of Minden High School Class of 1982.

Dorothy accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of the Holmes Memorial Temple.

Dorothy Kelly departed this earthly life on April 25, 2015. She was preceded in death by her mother, Almer Shyne; brother, Billy Shyne; grandparents, T. J. and Essie Mae Walker and Dave and Fannie Shyne; uncles, Sammy Shyne, Otis Shyne, Curtis Shyne, Kaiser Shyne, and Jessie Green; aunts, Mable Lee Williams, Effie D. Harris, and Louise Green; and mother-in-law, Dorothy L. Kelly.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories, her loving



KELLY

husband, Dennison V. Kelly Sr.; father, Robert Shyne of Minden; son, Dennison Kelly, Jr.; three sisters, Jacqueline Taylor, Jasmine Taylor, and Takeria Kelly, all of Minden; brother, Dewayne Shyne of Minden; sisters, Patricia Shyne of Minden, Debra Thomas of Dallas, Cynthia Shyne of Minden, Juanita Allen (Brian) of Minden; aunt, Mary Durham of Minden; uncles, J. C. Coleman of Corvina, California, James Walker of Minden, and C. W. Walker (Yuuko) of Aurora, Colorado; sister-in-law, Denise Shyne of Ft. Worth; and a host other relatives and friends.

Homegoing Celebration Service for Dorothy Gale Shyne Kelly will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 2, at St. Rest Baptist Church with Superintendent Roy C. Hill, pastor of Holmes Memorial Temple, officiating. Interment will follow at the Springhill C.M.E. Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Friday, May 1, in Kennon's Mortuary Chapel and family hour will be from 6 until 7 p.m. at Holmes Memorial Temple.

Email condolences may be sent to kennonsmortuary@suddenlink.net

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# OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

## California's water problem

Californians are experiencing their third year of drought. Headlines read: "Current California Drought Is Driest In State's History; Scientists Fear 'Megadroughts' On Their Way." "Global Warming Upped Heat Driving California's Drought." Then there are scientific claims such as, "There's a rapidly growing body of scientific research finding that California is in the midst of its worst drought in over a millennium (and) global warming has made the drought worse." A Stanford University study said, "Human-caused climate change helped fuel the current California drought." One news outlet summarized the conclusions of a group of environmentalists this way: "California's severe and ongoing drought is just a taste of the dry years to come, thanks to global warming."

Let's examine a few drought facts. California experienced eight major droughts in the 20th century, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. They ranged from two years to as long as nine years, such as that which occurred from 1928 to 1937. In the previous century, there was the bitter drought of 1862-65, which was a catastrophe for the state of California — made worse by a smallpox epidemic. Scott Stine — professor of geography and environmental studies at California State University, East Bay — said that all of these modern droughts were minor compared with California's ancient droughts of 850 to 1090 and 1140 to 1320. One wonders whether California Gov.

Jerry Brown and his cadre of environmental extremists would attribute those ancient droughts to man-made global warming.

A large part of California's water problem has economic roots. Whenever there's a

shortage of anything — whether it's water or seats at a baseball stadium — our first suspicion should be that the price is too low. California agriculture consumes about 80 percent of the state's delivered water, and it has been exempted from many of California's new restrictions. On top of that, agricultural water users pay a much lower price than residential users. In other words, California's farmers are being heavily subsidized.

The Imperial Valley, located in the southeastern part of the state, is geologically a desert.

Nonetheless, its farmers grow large quantities of potatoes, cauliflower, sweet corn, broccoli and onions. These crops would not be produced without there being subsidized irrigation and other state and federal subsidies. I need someone to show me that there is such a desperate need for somewhere to grow potatoes, corn and other crops that we need to subsidize making a desert bloom.

Western water is mostly controlled by the U.S. Congress and its Bureau of Reclamation. Through lobbying efforts, the Bureau of Reclamation is controlled by growers and other special interests. Water is distributed in California and other Western states not by market prices but by the political process. Agricultural interests have disproportionate political power. That means that agricultural interests receive taxpayer-financed handouts.

California farmers argue that without federal and state government subsidies, crops could not be grown in desert areas. That's a foolish, self-serving argument. If I were an Alaskan wanting to use government subsidies to build hothouses to grow navel oranges, I could use the same argument: Without government subsidies, I couldn't grow navel oranges in Alaska.

The bottom line for solving California's water problem is that there needs to be a move toward a market-oriented method for the distribution of water. Government management has been a failure.

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PERSPECTIVE

## 'Good luck'

We need only to reflect upon the actions of the Senate Finance Committee last week to recognize Gov. Bobby Jindal has a firm grip on the legislative process thus far in the fiscal-only session of the Legislature.

It was there, last Wednesday, that members of the committee listened to one witness after another, including parish presidents, sheriffs and school officials, explain the dire consequences that would emerge for local governments throughout Louisiana if lawmakers signed off on Sen. Robert Adley's bill to repeal the state inventory tax. It was gut-wrenching testimony to say the least. Moreover, the mood in the committee room was somewhat surreal, only because the testimony was so compelling.

Obviously it wasn't compelling enough, for the committee eventually voted 9-1 to advance Adley's legislation to the full Senate for consideration. Sen. Ed Murray of New Orleans cast the lone "no" vote.

The Finance Committee's decision to hear the Adley bill may have been a surprise to some observers of the political process, but anyone who's been around the camp fire long enough knows there's more than one way to skin a cat. Or move legislation, for just two days earlier, another inventory tax repeal bill authored by Adley was shelved in the Senate Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Committee. That bill fell by the wayside after Greg Albrecht, chief economist at the Legislative Fiscal Office, advised members of the Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Committee that Adley's proposition would yield little money for the state in the fiscal year that begins July 1. Miraculously, by Wednesday, those figures had changed, and lawmakers, particularly members of the Senate Finance Committee where Adley's other inventory tax repeal bill would be heard, were now armed with a projection that claimed a repeal of

the inventory tax would gin up some \$450 million for the state in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Who says a decimal here or a comma there doesn't make a difference? Better yet, who says Senate President John Alario doesn't know a thing or two about overcoming something as silly as a reluctant committee or an economist who may have lost his way momentarily?

And since Alario, an ex officio member of the Senate Finance Committee, sat in on Wednesday's hearing to "observe," it was a forgone conclusion Adley's bill would come out of committee one way or another. Or over any and all objections or testimony painting a picture that the world would come to an end for local government.

The company line leading up to consideration of Adley's two inventory tax repeal bills was the Senate needed to do something to kick start serious discussions in the legislative session as lawmakers grapple with a projected \$1.6-billion revenue shortfall. Truth be known, the Senate had to do something since the chairman of the committee in the House of Representatives that holds jurisdiction over any revenue measures refused to budge until the Senate acted on the inventory tax proposition. Rep. Joel Robideaux of Lafayette chairs the House Ways & Means Committee, which, you guessed it, is the committee in which all revenue bills must originate. Robideaux is an ambitious man. He's got plans to run for mayor in Lafayette. The last thing Robideaux needs is to be known as the chairman of a committee that dumped hun-

dreds of millions of dollars in new taxes on the backs of Louisianians in Jindal's last year in office.

That brings us back to Adley's legislation to repeal the inventory tax.

Jindal has maintained that he will veto any budget bill that results in any net increase in tax revenues for state government. So the thinking among the thinkers is repealing the inventory tax would cut spending by some \$400 million-\$500 million. After all, local governments collect the money, and the state's only role in the matter involves reimbursing businesses for the inventory taxes they pay local governments. Meanwhile, lawmakers would be free to raise some \$400 million-\$500 million in new taxes, keeping in step with Jindal's "no new net revenues for state government" pledge. Or something to that effect.

And Robideaux, astute as he is, wouldn't allow a tax-raising measure to be heard in his committee until the Senate showed some good faith on its side of the Capitol. Smart move by him.

It's unlikely the Legislature, as a whole, will go along with repealing the inventory tax in one fell swoop. Though a certainly reasonable proposition for the business community, the inventory tax represents a huge sum of money for local governments throughout Louisiana. Without it, many local governing bodies will go broke overnight.

And no lawmaker in his right mind wants come home after the legislative session, look some local official in the eye and say, "Good luck."

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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

## The News-Star, on higher ed support being vital

A recent survey listed journalism as one of the most stressful, least desirable jobs in America. While our chosen profession may not be getting the accolades we would like, right now we'd say there are at least a couple of positions that didn't make the list but are much more challenging.

The first is member of the Louisiana Legislature. Our state senators and representatives have the unenviable task of trying to balance a budget with huge revenue shortfalls. Adding to their plight, most options to increase revenue come with more strings and handcuffs attached than even Houdini could break free from on his best day.

The second is head of a Louisiana state university. It was revealed earlier this week that officials in the LSU system are doing their homework on what it would take to seek financial exigency, or, in layman's terms, academic bankruptcy.

Let that sink in a moment. Officials at the state's flagship university and their associated campuses are to the point they have to consider that drastic a measure. Incredible.

In his column Sunday, Gov. Bobby Jindal said the administration seeks to protect higher education from severe cuts. The reality is higher education has already taken a huge hit. As state support has dropped from about 70 percent of funding to less than 30 percent, fees and tuition costs have soared. In the past 15 years, tuition costs have increased way past the rate of inflation.

We understand our representatives in Baton Rouge face a tough task. They will have to make difficult choices, and there will be screaming from all who get cut. But we also believe that education is vital to our state's future.

We can't afford to cut higher education to the point that we drive our best and brightest out of state, or prevent them from getting a college degree. We need to keep them in state and make sure they have the knowledge and skills to lead us in the future. And, hopefully, we'll get some economics majors who can help the state better manage its finances so we don't find ourselves in such a bind ever again.

## The Advocate, Baton Rouge, on severe weather

Some weather experts are predicting a calmer-than-average hurricane season for the Gulf Coast, and we certainly hope that's the case. But the severe weather system that moved across south Louisiana this week, bringing heavy rain and strong winds, served as a powerful reminder to residents of what bad weather can do.

The storm brought gusts of up to 62 mph, downing trees and cutting off electrical power across the region. In Baton Rouge, a tree fell on a motorist's car as he was driving, but he was able to crawl out to safety. He was hospitalized with fractured vertebrae. In Jefferson Parish, the wind blew several train cars off the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Luckily, no deaths were reported from the storm. Some schools and offices remained closed on Tuesday because of continuing power outages.

Severe weather is never a welcome thing. But if there is a silver lining in this week's dark clouds, it is the opportunity that the storm offered for local officials to gain more experience in crisis management. That experience could prove helpful if even larger weather challenges threaten the Gulf Coast this hurricane season.

We commend the first responders who dealt with this week's emergency, which should also underscore to residents the importance of being prepared for bad weather.

In the meantime, we'll cross our fingers and hope the region doesn't experience another storm like this one anytime soon.

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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.

### 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 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.



# Best Kare T-shirt contest

Best Kare Journey Adult Day Health Care Center of Minden recently held a design a T-shirt for the business. The clients all participated and there were three finalists chosen. Third place - Teresa Frazier, second place - Elissia Capers, first place winner is Charles Tillman of Dubberly. The new t-shirt logo will be "FOLLOOooo the Rainbow... Why Chance it??? Get the Best Kare at the Best Kare Journey Adult Day Health Care Center. Courtesy Photo

# School Lunch Hero Day is May 1

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies and offering service with a smile, Webster Parish nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate.

To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Webster Parish Schools will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day Friday, May 1. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by the School Nutrition Association and Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the Lunch Lady graphic novel series.

School Lunch Hero Day provides and opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to 30 million of America's students each school day.

All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored with thanks, cards

and recognition from students, school staff, parents and the community.

"School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools," Sylvia Dupree, food service supervisor, said. "School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hardworking heroes."

Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat, or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.

Get details about School Lunch Hero Day at [www.school lunchhero-day.com](http://www.school lunchhero-day.com). To learn more about the school nutrition program for Webster Parish, visit [www.websterps.org](http://www.websterps.org).

The School Nutrition Association is a national, nonprofit professional organization representing 55,000 or more school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its

members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. To find out more about today's school meals, visit [www.schoolnutrition.org/SchoolMeals](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/SchoolMeals).

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## SPORTS briefs

### COLLEGE BB Bulldogs defeat SFA behind big sixth inning

**RUSTON** — Louisiana Tech used a seven-run sixth inning to break a tied ball game as the Bulldogs ran away with an 11-3 victory over Stephen F. Austin Wednesday night at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park.

With the midweek victory, Tech (21-21) has now won 11 consecutive non-conference victories dating back to March 6 against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The last time the Bulldogs won as many non-conference games in a row was in 2006 when Tech won 12 games out of league play.

Heading into the bottom of the sixth with the game tied at 3-3, Tech sent 11 batters to the plate and scored seven runs on four hits, three walks and a Stephen F. Austin (15-30) error as the Lumberjacks sent four pitchers to the mound in the inning before the Bulldogs came away with a 10-3 lead.

Braden Bristo (3-2) once again gave Tech a quality start on the mound as the sophomore pitched six full innings, while allowing three runs and striking out six to earn the win before making way for the Bulldogs' bullpen. Jared Keating, Adam Derouen, Brandon Horne and Kelby Blalock combined to pitch the final three innings and held SFA scoreless on just two hits to close out the win.

### NBA Hawks defeat Nets for series lead

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Al Horford banged his dislocated finger and spent much of the game fiddling with it. Jeff Teague twisted his right ankle and hobbled to the locker room for a quick tape job.

By the end of the night, they were both feeling just fine. Horford and Teague scored 20 points apiece, helping the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks hold off the Brooklyn Nets 107-97 Wednesday night in an NBA playoff series that's closer than anyone envisioned.

Down by 17 at the end of the first quarter, Brooklyn might have returned home with an improbable lead if not for Horford and Teague.

In the final minutes, Teague darted into the lane on his taped ankle for a pair of baskets that sealed another hard-fought victory.

"It's the playoffs," said DeMarre Carroll, who led the Hawks with 24 points but also had his right hand wrapped up after taking a hard fall. "You don't have injuries in the playoffs."

Atlanta leads 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, with Game 6 Friday night in Brooklyn. If needed, Game 7 would be back at Philips Arena on Sunday.

## WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT

# SRT WIFFLEBALL TOURNEY

**BLAKE BRANCH**  
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Living Word of Minden hosted a wiffleball tournament on Saturday, April 25, in an attempt to raise money for the Minden Police Department's Special Response Team.

Plenty of people turned out to support the good cause, including Minden's Chief of Police Steve Cropper.

The tournament took place at Living Word's newly built wiffleball stadium, Bush Stadium.

Bush Stadium was built in memory of former senior pastor, Rev. Bill Bush.

After a spirited day of wiffleball, the Conoco Phillips team took home the tournament title.

More importantly, a goal was set by Pastor Trey Waller before the tournament to raise \$3,200 for the Special Response Team, and thanks to generous donations, team participation and corporate sponsorships, a total of exactly \$3,000 was raised.

"We set a goal of raising \$3,200," Waller said. "We almost hit that goal,

but as far the turnout it was great. Chief Cropper and his wife stayed out here all day with us and everything went really well. Thankfully no one got hurt."

Waller said the tournament wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of their corporate sponsors: Hol-mont Sales & Rental, Fairway Carts, Inc., Minden Embroidery & Gifts, Professional Home Health, Old Arcadia Motor Company, MCO Electric, Hebert's Town & Country, Mike's Outdoor, Lagnippe Montessori & Children's Center, Minden Farm & Garden, Grider's Glass, Inc., Harper Motors, City on a Hill, Loye's Pharmacy and Party Express Catering.

Waller said that while they came up \$200 short of their goal, being able to aid our local police made the tournament a success.

"Our main goal with this whole thing and the tournaments to come is to serve," Waller said. "It says in the word of God that our greatest call is to serve, and be a servant of all. For us to be able to help those who are already serving us, that's huge."



Members of team Conoco Phillips pose with their first place trophy from the Wiffle Ball tournament held at Living Word's Bush Stadium. The tournament raised \$3,000 for the Minden Police Department's Special Response Team. Courtesy Photo/Trey Waller



## Lakeside begins playoffs at home against Dunham

The Lakeside Warriors wrapped up the regular season with an impressive 18-8 overall record, 9-1 in district. The Warriors enter the playoffs as the No. 11 seed on a six-game winning streak and have won 13 of their last 15 contests. Friday, Lakeside will host the Dunham Tigers out of district 2-6A (18-15 overall).

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### Minden Press-Herald and Holcomb's ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Lakeside's Josh Prince. He is this week's MPH/Holcomb's Athlete of the Week after going 3-3 with a single, double, homerun and 4 RBI in Saturday's win over Evangel.

The Press-Herald's Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Thursday by Holcomb's Body Shop.

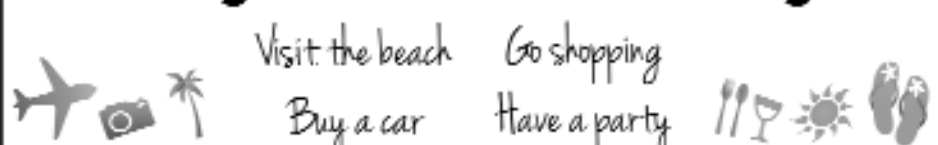
## SHOOTING SPORTS PITTMAN TAKES FIRST AT STATE COMPETITION

### WEBSTER PARISH 4-H DOOR SKILLS-SHOOTING



Blaine Pittman, a member of the Webster Parish 4H shooting sports team, recently placed first at the 4H state shooting competition in the .22 rifle division. Courtesy Photo/Gwen Deloach

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

## The Gift of Holy Time

It seemed that God had finished His perfect work of creation. Adam and Eve were now exploring their Eden home. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" Genesis 1:31. There was, however, one more work of creation – not something tangible, but rather the creation of an experience of time with God – holy time. "And on the seventh day God ended his work



**KATHY IRIZARRY**

which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" Genesis 2:2, 3. The seventh day was the only day that was blessed and sanctified, set aside for a holy use. It commemorated God's work of creation. God's law of love, the Ten Commandments, is a prescription for living at the highest

level of happiness. Remove any commandment and one's capacity for life fulfillment is diminished. The fourth commandment reads "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hal-

lowed it" Exodus 20:8-11. The very fact that this command begins with the word "remember" tells us that God knew we would need reminding. Life keeps us in the fast lane, it is easy to forget the holiness of the Sabbath, but God intended it as a special day to spend with Him free from our daily works and concerns. Rather than doing our works 24/7, we place our trust in our Creator/Sustainer to meet our needs. Rather than cleaning, lawn mowing, work projects, shopping, etc., we lay all of that aside choosing only what will forward our relationship with our Creator – personal Bible study and prayer, corporate

worship with other Christian believers, acts of care for others such as visiting the sick and shut ins, enjoying God's second book of nature. When is the last time you went for a walk just to enjoy the creation around you? Jesus modeled this kind of Sabbath keeping rather than the manmade legalistic traditions current in His day. The spiritual, emotional and physical refreshing that comes from enjoying the gift of the Sabbath is known to be a longevity factor. Why would anyone want to miss out on its blessings? Remember this gift of holy time.

ALONG THE WAY

## There's a big world out there

We have heard that statement many times, and it is so true. Just cast your eyes to the skies on a cloudless night and gaze at the 'worlds God has created up there'. We hear often that new galaxies, planets or heavenly bodies are being 'discovered'. And yet, back on planet earth, there seems to be an ever-expanding world before us here. (Dynamic changing area of medicine, physics, cyberspace; use of drones, sophisticated weaponry and fiber optics, electronic domains, and paperless banking, etc)!

Kindergarten children are exposed to so much in just one year of classroom studies, opening up a world to them that will be expanded exponentially throughout life. In times past, if we could read a dozen books a year, that would be a wonderful window to open our minds to the world beyond the cotton field or the

coal mine. And now with all the iphones, ipads, kindle and other 'helps' everyone is reading more and more (we hope). Another expanding world for us! With our ever-compelling search for more knowledge, we still must deal with issues of the past, dragging baggage that we need to dump as quickly as we can. Many of us have grown up having to deal with issues that hamper our vision for the future, serving as blinders in seeing God's expanding plan for us. We are continually reminded in Scripture to 'turn loose of the past and grasp for the future blessings God has in store for us'. (Heb 12:1). We all have dealt with disappointments in life. By trusting God and His promises, we can sincerely seek to focus our hopes and energies on the future, limiting our glances back over our shoulders to yesterday's hurts. When these

hurtful thoughts invade our conscious/subconscious mind, use Scripture promises to dispel and forbid them from captivating our thoughts. Sing a hymn, say a prayer, focus on God's love and forgiveness. Isaiah 43:18-19 reminds us to 'do not remember the past events, pay no attention to things of old. I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? I will make a way in the wilderness; there will be rivers in the desert.' Yes, "God will make a way...through the wilderness and deserts of our lives?" Now that sounds great and wonderful...but it is not always easy. We know God wants us to be persistent in our requests and lay our petitions before Him, believing in His power to 'move mountains'. He is ever-ready to help us make peace with our past – getting right with our fellowman; cleaning up our failures and mending broken hearts! We must find ways to accept the past, no matter how difficult it may be to do so. Don't let your mind get stuck in the quicksand of regret. It is time to plan your escape. We

can begin by accepting what has been and by trusting God for what will be. TODAY let's declare an end to all hostilities, regrets, and defeats. When we do this, we can turn our thoughts to God's wondrous promises and the glorious future He has in store for us. Zig Zigler reminds us: "The pages of our past cannot be rewritten; but the pages of our tomorrows are blank." The Bible tells us that God is at work in our lives at all times, continuing to help us grow and mature in our faith. We need His divine wisdom each day. We need His help to show up strong in our lives each

day. We need His help in leaving regrets, misfortunes, and hurts of yesterday behind us and focus on what God has prepared before us around the curves on life's road. We know God is the source of all power, love and goodness. So we can leave our petitions before His throne and ask Jesus, our Mediator before the Father, to intercede for us. Change will begin to come. It may be slow at first, but as we draw near to God, He will draw nigh unto us....and we will sense we are making peace with our past, through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us..

By turning loose of the past, and grasping for the future blessings of God, we will better understand the Biblical teachings of 'growing in grace, living by faith and being a 'peculiar people'. And we will see the ever-expanding worlds God has prepared for us. Worlds of ministry, mission opportunities, serving our fellow man in ways we never dreamed about as we obey the directive of Matt. 28:18-19: Go, change your world! (Some quotes taken from Devotions for A Righteous Man).



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THE UPWARD LOOK

## Crying out to God



**MAX HUTTO**

"In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, And my cry for help before Him came into His ears." Psalm 18:6 NASB David was in great distress as the perils of life were tormenting him. The evil and ungodly, who were all around him, were persecuting and pursuing him even to the point of attempting to kill him. David called out for help to God, his only hope. He prayed for God

to deliver him. God in His heavenly temple heard David's cry. David was confident that God would answer his plea for God hears the cries of His people. Lord Jesus, I call to You and You provide the relief and strength I need to persevere. In my times of distress, troubles, and trials, You are my deliverer and my help. Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at [www.upwardlook.org](http://www.upwardlook.org).

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# GOOD NEWS

## Now I belong to Jesus

This was Paul's theme song after his 'Damascus Road Conversion'. It became obvious to everyone around him too. No doubt he composed a song or two about the One who was the object of everything that engaged Paul's attention. (What an example for you and me?)

Every time Paul had an opportunity, he shared what Jesus had done for him, what Jesus meant to him, and what the blood of Jesus can do for all sinners. It was Paul who was led away from Jerusalem to share the gospel to the "Gentiles". This led him through Asia Minor, Southern Europe, Crete, and then on to Rome. His message never changed: "I belong to Jesus; He is the source of

my life; Salvation comes through faith in this resurrected Lord; Salvation is free to all who will believe, etc". (What challenge did he lay out for us to follow in our daily lives?).

As we study through the New Testament (especially Paul's writings and actions in Acts), we become more convinced that our lifestyles must be measured by the plumb-line Paul used to gauge his commitment and dedication to the teachings of Jesus Christ. In his letters to Timothy and Titus (two young pastors), Paul outlines so many principles for godly living, teaching, leading and serving. Each disciple must be encircled by these concepts to grow us into the 'saints' we were meant to be.

(Since we, now, belong to Jesus, we become clay in the hands of the Master Potter. Remember, we belong to Him)!

A dynamic parallel to today's cultural pull is found in Acts 17 when Paul confronts the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers with the "new religion about Jesus' death and resurrection". So he addressed them and preached about the "Unknown God", preceding to tell them about this God who sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Paul, then (V 24-34) points why he had committed his life to his Lord. His main point, of course, was to turn their attention away from their gods to the True God. Though He is not ever far from us, Paul

“ I belong to Jesus; He is the source of my life; Salvation comes through faith in this resurrected Lord; Salvation is free to all who will believe, etc. ”

APOSTLE PAUL

points out that we must respond to the invitation to embrace His forgiving Spirit. He had learned firsthand by God overshadowing him, bringing him face-to-face with Jesus. He wanted to share the same 'living faith' with everyone he met, especially the Gentiles.

Although Norman Clayton is credited with writing these lyrics, it is possible Paul composed such songs as this as he made his way across his

world, singing "Now I Belong to Jesus".

Jesus, my Lord, will love me forever; From Him no pow'r of evil an sever.

He gave His life to ransom my soul; Now I belong to Him.

Once I was lost in sin's degradation; Jesus came down to bring me salvation,

Lifted me up from sorrow and shame; Now I belong to Him.

Joy floods my soul, for Jesus has saved me;

Freed me from sin that

long had enslaved me.

His precious blood He gave to redeem; Now I belong to Him.

Now I belong to Jesus; Jesus belongs to me;

Not for the years of time alone, But for eternity.



# Observe the Sabbath

Even God had to rest after six days of labor, and the observance of the Sabbath, besides commemorating that day of divine rest, is instituted to give all who labor a rest from their toil. Notice how in the formulation from Exodus, the requirement is extended even to one's servants and animals: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns." (Exodus 20:8-10) For those of us who are inclined to work seven days a week, this is surely a good rule. Everyone needs rest, and with work taken out of the picture we have time to worship, time to spend with family and friends, and time to recharge life's batteries. Throughout the Old Testament, we see unequivocal statements commanding us to observe the Sabbath, with plenty of warnings from the prophets if we don't. In the New Testament, however, we see a loosening of the particular rules governing the Sabbath, in essence saying that the Sabbath was instituted for us and should be observed as each person or church sees fit.



*Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'*  
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REVIEW

# Wiig captivates in funny, disturbing 'Welcome to Me'

There's dark comedy, and then there's take-no-prisoners, dare-you-to-keep-looking dark comedy. Kristen Wiig's "Welcome to Me" falls decidedly in the latter category, making us laugh but feel deeply unsettled about doing so.

That's because the film, directed by Shira Piven, is about mental illness, a decidedly unfunny subject. On the other hand, if you're going to try to make mental illness funny and heartbreaking at the same time, it's a good idea to have Wiig in your corner; the actress is not only one of the most talented comedienne of her day but one of the boldest and bravest. And this is a performance that's naked, in more ways than one.

Wiig plays Alice Klieg, who suffers from a mental condition currently described by her shrink as borderline personality disorder. She lives in an apartment filled with swan-themed tchotchkes, old VCR tapes of Oprah shows, and yellowing piles of lottery tickets.

But one day, wouldn't you know it, she actually wins the Mega-Millions jackpot. And thus it begins. Alice tells her doctor (played, tongue in cheek, by Tim Robbins) that she's going off her meds. Not a good idea, he tells her. "It's a new era," she replies. "Eighty-six million-dollar Alice."

If you had \$86 million, what would you spend it on? Alice's heroine is Oprah, and she believes her special calling is to be a talk-show host. After hijacking a live infomercial broadcast to tell her story, jumping onstage as the



stunned producers debate what to do, she marches into their offices and offers them \$15 million.

"I want a talk show with me as the host," she says.

"What do you want to talk about?" they ask

"Me," she replies. "Oh, and I want to come in on a swan boat."

The owners of the struggling production company, brothers Gabe (Wes Bentley) and Rich (James Marsden), have no choice but to accept, since they need the funds. The scary-bad reality show that ensues has Alice regaling viewers with long minutes

of her eating an iced meatloaf cake (she's on a high-protein diet), opining about oral sex, and wreaking vengeance on mean girls from her high-school days by re-enacting scenarios with hired actors.

She also decides to spend hours neutering pets on-air (she once work for a veterinarian) — "Let's castrate!" she begins. Soon, things spiral out of control; there's a rather terrifying scene of her wandering, aimless and rudderless, bare in many ways, and utterly alone.

A uniformly terrific cast has been assembled to

play the various people in Alice's life. A wonderfully sensitive Linda Cardellini is Gina, Alice's loyal best friend who tries to help blunt her excesses. Marsden is especially entertaining as the slick, profit-minded studio owner. Bentley is touching as his brother Gabe, who forms an actual relationship of sorts with Alice.

For an extra bonus, there's an angry Jennifer Jason Leigh and a wise-cracking Joan Cusack as Deb and Dawn, crewmembers who endure the insanity, both figurative and literal, of working on Alice's

show. One wishes these excellent actors had meatier parts. But it makes sense that they don't, because everything is about Alice and her disturbing Wonderland, of course.

Director Piven and screenwriter Eliot Laurence (the producers include, by the way, Will Ferrell) are trying to say something, to be sure, about the ever-deepening navel-gazing in our culture. But it's hard to forget that this is really about mental illness. At any minute, you're apt to wonder: Shouldn't they be

stopping Alice? Shouldn't WE be stopping her?

But we don't want to, because Wiig is so darned entertaining. Alice may be hard to watch at her worst moments. But she's harder not to watch.

"Welcome to Me," a Millennium Entertainment release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sexual content, some graphic nudity, language and brief drug use." Running time: 105 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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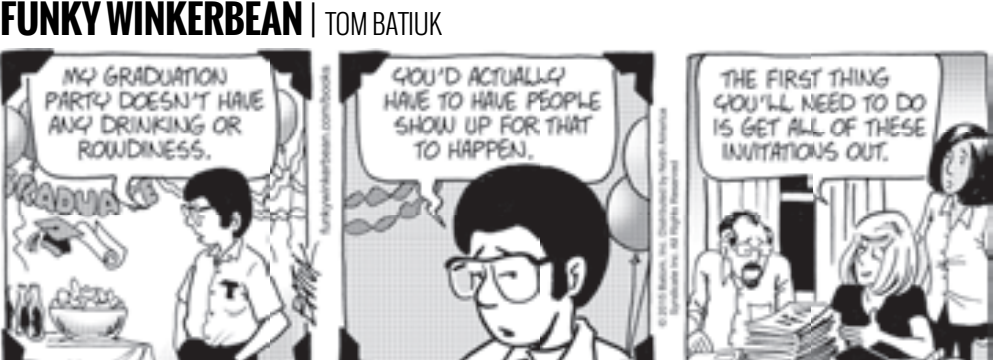
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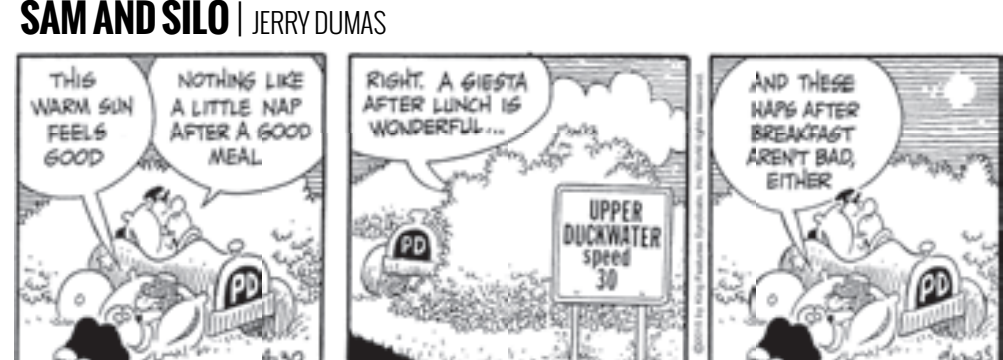
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Minden Planning Commission Meeting May 7, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. Pelican Conference Room - Minden City Hall

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On the agenda is a request from Creighton Hill Community Development for a zoning change on property owned by them located at the corner of W. R. Reeder Street & Bayou Avenue. The zoning change being requested is from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to RP (Single Family Residential Patio Homes).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this zoning variance is to place a 2015 year model mobile home on the property to be used as a residence by

a family member. Mobile homes are allowed in an R-3 District but a variance is needed because there is already one residence on the property.

Legal Description: LOT 70 X 372.5 X 370.7 X ? FT. IN NW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 27-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

April 16 & 23 & 30, 2015  
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Pelican Conference Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Associated Machine of Minden, Louisiana, Inc. for a front yard setback variance on property owned by them located at 633 Shreveport Road. This property is zoned B-4 (Highway Commercial).

Associated Machine of Minden, Louisiana, Inc. plans to construct a new commercial building on this property and is requesting a front yard setback variance. The front yard setback requirement in the B-4 District is 25 feet.

Legal Description: LOT #7, WEST SIDE ADDN. (BEING DESC. AS A LOT FRONTING 100.8 FT. ON MINDEN-SHREVEPORT RD. X 118.3 X 80 X 167 FT. IN SW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 28-19-9) & 15 FT. STRIP ADJ. IN SW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 28-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY)

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On the agenda is a request from Creighton Hill Community Development for a zoning change on property owned by them located around the Town Hall Building, motion carried. Brandon DeHart volunteered to research this matter and report next month.

Motion was made by C.C. Cat Cox, seconded by Naomi Houston, to appoint Earnie (Buster) Gipson to the Webster Parish Fire District #8 Executive Board, motion carried. The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Cotton Valley expressed their deep appreciation to both candidates, Will Tolar and Mr. Gipson for their interest and dedication to the people of

given a chance to be heard.

To be advertised in the legal section of the official journal on April 16, April 23, and April 30, 2015.

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Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Phillips. Invocation offered by Officer Jason Fitzgerald, Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Phillips. Motion was made by C.C. Cat Cox, seconded by Toby Sinclair to accept the Agenda as presented, motion carried. Motion was made by C.C. Cat Cox to accept March 2015 Minutes as presented, motion carried. Motion was made by Toby Sinclair, seconded by C.C. Cat Cox to pay the bills as presented, motion carried.

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The Town Clerk announced that Mrs. Brown from the Council on Aging reports by phone that she will be making recommendation to her Board to return the property of the Old Cotton Valley Depot to the Town of Cotton Valley and that she will be seeking the equipment inside be declared surplus.

The Mayor informed the Council that the outstanding warrants have been delivered to AMS, and collection process has begun. The total of the outstanding warrants surrendered to AMS was approximately \$200,000.00.

The Mayor informed the council that there had been an incident the month before where monies had come up missing from the Utility Department. That the matter had been turned over to the authorities and was currently under investigation by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office. Motion was made by Toby Sinclair, seconded by Brandon DeHart to investigate the possibility of installing security cameras in and around the Town Hall Building, motion carried. Brandon DeHart volunteered to research this matter and report next month.

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the community. Terry Brown spoke with the Council regarding his department. He reports while they are busy, they are doing well.

During Citizen's participation period, a citizen expressed a desire to build, refurbish, or otherwise improve the children's park area(s) in Cotton Valley. The Board of Aldermen explained our current financial situation but encouraged her to work toward that goal with their appreciation for her efforts.

Motion was made by C.C. Cat Cox, seconded by Toby Sinclair to adjourn, motion carried.

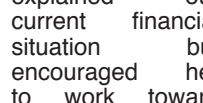
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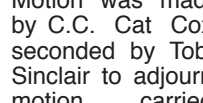
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                            | <b>32</b> Gravy, on a French menu | <b>52</b> Poolroom prop    | <b>11</b> Sleep phenom              |
| <b>1</b> Dogfight participants           | <b>33</b> Challenge               | <b>53</b> Honey bunch?     | <b>19</b> Illustrations             |
| <b>5</b> Energy                          | <b>34</b> Actor Cheadle           | <b>54</b> Bond, for one    | <b>21</b> Remnant                   |
| <b>8</b> In the neighborhood             | <b>35</b> Payable                 | <b>55</b> Fist (Sl.)       | <b>23</b> Aligned                   |
| <b>12</b> Ancient mariner                | <b>36</b> Tend the turkey         | <b>DOWN</b>                | <b>24</b> Huck's transport          |
| <b>13</b> Courtroom pseudonym            | <b>37</b> Haberdashery items      | <b>1</b> Hathaway or Heche | <b>25</b> Eyelid woe                |
| <b>14</b> Wheelbase terminus             | <b>40</b> Sty cry                 | <b>2</b> Wheedle           | <b>26</b> Govt. workers             |
| <b>15</b> Houston acronym                | <b>41</b> Inventor's insurance    | <b>3</b> Right on the map? | <b>27</b> "— ben Adhem"             |
| <b>16</b> Joined at the hip              | <b>45</b> Walk unevenly           | <b>4</b> Hone              | <b>28</b> Clear soup                |
| <b>17</b> Couple, in a gossip column     | <b>47</b> Id counterpart          | <b>5</b> Everyday writing  | <b>32</b> Politicos' trips          |
| <b>18</b> Crowd scene actors             | <b>49</b> Largest of the seven    | <b>6</b> A billion years   | <b>33</b> Treacherous one           |
| <b>20</b> Sport                          | <b>50</b> Wile E.'s supplier      | <b>7</b> Diminutive ones   | <b>35</b> Lair                      |
| <b>22</b> Pseudo-claimants to the throne | <b>51</b> Wage earner's burden    | <b>8</b> Water nymph       | <b>36</b> Support of a sort         |
| <b>26</b> Diamond side                   |                                   | <b>9</b> Maxi-mums         | <b>38</b> They're calling Danny Boy |
| <b>29</b> Scarlet                        |                                   | <b>10</b> Pub order        | <b>39</b> Strong adhesive           |
| <b>30</b> Wrestling surface              |                                   |                            | <b>42</b> Birthright barterer       |
| <b>31</b> Black, to Browning?            |                                   |                            | <b>43</b> Shaving mishap            |
|  |                                   |                            | <b>44</b> Snatch                    |
|  |                                   |                            | <b>45</b> Retriever type            |
|  |                                   |                            | <b>46</b> Lemieux milieu            |
|  |                                   |                            | <b>48</b> Diastema                  |

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