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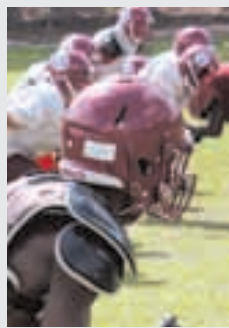
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## Blaze rips through Britt Street home



The Minden Fire Department battles a fire at a home in the 300 block of Britt Street Tuesday evening. Owner George McAdams says the fire started at the rear of the home near an electrical box around 8 p.m. Minden firefighters battled the blaze for more than an hour. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation and no injuries were reported. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



MINDEN CRIME

## Police arrest 1 on drug charges

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A Minden man found himself in handcuffs when police arrested him on a Bienville Parish warrant and additional drug charges.

Jeremy B. Pettit, 29, of the 1400 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested May 4, and charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine), possession of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia and as a fugitive from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office. Bond was set at \$6,700.



**PETTIT**

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says his officers, along with agents from the Probation and Parole Office, went to the Lewisville Road residence to pick him up on the Bienville warrant for a traffic violation.

"We went to Mr. Pettit's residence in reference to an outstanding warrant in Bienville Parish," Cropper said, "and he recently tested positive for drugs by probation and parole. So probation and parole agents went with us and they searched his apartment."

The search of the apartment revealed a small amount of suspected synthetic marijuana, scales, baggies and a smoke pipe. A search of Pettit's person revealed a baggie containing what agents believed to be crystal methamphetamine – about a half gram, according to reports.

Cropper says Pettit was transported to the Minden Police Department where he was booked on the above charges. He was later transported to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

## Counselor makes impassioned plea for Harper school

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A school counselor made an impassioned plea to the Webster Parish School Board to find a solution and work together on J.E. Harper Elementary.

Board members and the buildings and maintenance committee have been discussing options, even hosting public meetings, to come up with a feasible solution to fix the infrastructure issues at Harper. While they have heard and discussed several

options, another was added to the list for the school board to consider.

Olivia Sebald, school counselor, spoke to the board near the end of the meeting, amidst discussion over whether she could even speak without the board amending the agenda. The board did not amend the agenda, choosing instead, to allow her to speak under the superintendent's report on the agenda. There was some dispute over open meetings laws that dictate whether the agenda must

be amended to add an item before it can be discussed in open session.

"I feel like you have opposition against an idea, and I feel like you – and maybe it's not you, maybe it's somebody you represent – but somebody is intimidated or put off by an idea that may just possibly help our kids," she said to board members. "And that's heartbreaking to me that you would bicker over five minutes for me to tell you that I have a thought that might help your test scores. It might help my

child reach her potential."

Board member John Madden says he was under the impression with a handout on Harper from Perry Watson in their packet, that it was to be briefly discussed during the meeting under the superintendent's report. He repeated what he's said for the last two months that the board told the public they are going to do something about the situation at Harper. It was during that discussion he thought she should be able to speak. However, that packet was

never discussed.

Sebald's idea for Harper is to convert it to a K-8 open classroom leadership magnet school for gifted students. With the proposal she put forward, she says it would solve the issue in that it would pull at least 25 to 30 students from each school, allowing first and second grade to be pushed to J.L. Jones Elementary and the third, fourth and fifth grades to E.S. Richardson Elementary.

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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

## AR students awarded for reading

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Students in the Accelerated Reading program were awarded at Tuesday's board meeting with a certificate and a reward.

Charlotte Dean, with the Webster Parish School Board, in conjunction with the librarians of each school, presented students with their rewards.

Each winner from each school received \$50 in cash. If they won their division, they got an additional \$100 in cash. Those winners also received an additional surprise in the form of a \$25 Amazon gift card.

"It's my honor to get to recognize the top accelerated readers in Webster Parish," she said. "The more difficult the book, the higher points they get for the book. There are usually five questions on each computerized test that they take, but with the more complicated books, they might have 10. But they only get points for the ones they get correct."

North Webster schools came away with the highest percentage of readers as well. North Webster High School had the highest percentage of readers according to the number of readers they have in the high school category, with 27.25 percent.

North Webster Junior High School had the high-



Students throughout Webster Parish were recognized by the school board for the Accelerated Readers program at Tuesday's meeting. Students were given \$50 in cash and the students who won their division were given an extra \$100 plus a \$25 Amazon gift card. Charlotte Dean, with the Webster Parish School Board, presented them with certificates and the rewards. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

est percent in the junior high category with 48.60 percent and North Webster Upper Elementary School took the elementary division 52.51 percent.

North Webster Upper Elementary also took the title of the highest percentage in the parish, she says.

Elementary winners include: Katie Green of Browning Elementary with 207.2 points, Kaliyah West

of Harper Elementary with 220.1 points, Maverick Harper of North Webster Lower Elementary with 260.5, Vinh Pham of Central Elementary School with 269.1 points, Abigail Spencer of J.L. Jones with 293.1 points, Sydni Richardson of North Webster Upper Elementary with 366.1 points, Michaela Marcantel of Doyline Elementary with

403.9 points and Alex Burlison of Brown Elementary with 405.5 points.

The elementary division winner was Elisa Rayne West with 616.5 points. She is a student at E.S. Richardson Elementary.

Middle School winners include: Jedidiah Walker of Lakeside Junior High with 190.4 points, Shadie Hillman of Doyline with 505.1 points, Maiya Hemphill of

North Webster Junior High with 551.7 points, Matthew Seales of Central with 606.1 points and Emma Greer of Phillips Middle School with 757.5 points.

The middle school division winner was Jolie Perot with 1,008.1 points. She is a student at Webster Junior School.

High School winners include: Faith Noe of Doyline High School with 290.6

points, John Devillier of Lakeside with 480.9 points and Armonis Crockett of North Webster High School with 611.9 points.

The high school division winner was Quandreka Richardson with 850.8 points. She is a student at Minden High School.

### EDUCATION

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"We can all agree that Harper is not working for our kindergartners and first graders," she said. "We don't have a lot of money. This is just where we are. So why not find a group of students who could work there? This is where my attention went to our gifted and high achieving students."

Her argument is that the state's curriculum is geared towards the mainstream student, and while the needs of special education students are met, the gifted and high achieving students may be left behind.

"These kids would thrive and that's a use for a building that we could use within the parish, where they could have something

innovative, something forward thinking," she said. "Webster Parish used to be the leader in Louisiana in education. That was a long time ago, but it's the truth. Why can't we do that again?"

Several options over the past few months have been

discussed, like building a new school, renovating the existing facility, swapping schools with Richardson, and moving sixth grade to Webster Junior High School and putting the kindergartners and first graders at J.A. Phillips Middle School.

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

# Groceries and cooking not so simple anymore

**JUANITA AGAN**  
Special to the Press-Herald

Recently following a bout of intestinal flu I decided to make strawberry Jello and put bananas in it. I thought back to my childhood and remembered that we thought that Jello with bananas was about the most "scrumptious" dessert you could imagine. In fact anything made with Jello was good. And then I remembered the many desserts that I have made down through these 70 years that I have been cooking and realized how simple that first dessert really was. I have told you about the Jello salad that our Home Ec Class made when we served the School Board. It was Lime Jello with a topping of whipped cream and grated pecans on top.

**Complicated Food**  
All this just reminds me how complicated our lives have become. What was

simple and yet was delicious does not seem adequate in this complex age. Food is just one of the many things that has undergone such a radical change. I remember that ice cream came in Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry. And I preferred the Vanilla. Now the supermarket freezers are crammed with all those flavors and a myriad of others. And there is sherbert in just a rainbow of colors.

Choices, choices, choices.

Life was simple in my childhood. We had soft drinks (if we could afford even one) and mostly that consisted of Coke, and Nehi drinks in several flavors. Near our home in Shreveport was a bottling company that bottled Grapette drinks.

**Vegetable Wagons**

My mother would go out to the vegetable wagons that came through our neighborhood, and buy bananas by the dishpan full, which cost about a dime. These wagons would have all the vegetables that were in season at a very cheap price. Perhaps the turnip greens would be a nickel a bunch, and the

bunches were three times the size of a bunch of greens today. One bunch would feed a family. We would have so many bananas that she would slice a banana in a small bowl, add a little sugar and cover this with milk, and I ate that like cereal with a spoon.

There were no cornbread mixes. Mother made cornbread with meal, baking powder or soda, salt and milk (either buttermilk or sweet milk.) The same was true of cake mixes. There were one or two tried and true cake recipes that Mother always used. She baked all her cakes in layers. There was no 9 x 13 pan in my childhood. Often between the layers she would put Apple Jelly, and then top the cake with Seven Minute Frosting. Always at Christmas she would grate a fresh coconut and make coconut icing for her Christmas cake. That Coconut cake was a Christmas tradition at our home even down through the sixties, or as long as my mother was up and about any at all.

**Instant Food**

I loved her mashed

potatoes that she made by boiling the Irish potatoes, adding butter, milk, and salt. When my little daughter was small my mother tried the instant mashed potatoes that came in a box. She was not too pleased with the result but she did use that.

However, the cake mixes she spurned.

Now I keep a great assortment of cake mixes and have several innovative ways to use them in a special cake. I occasionally make a cake from scratch, and it is a rare occasion.

Of course our vegetables were either fresh or canned in either jars at home or cans from the store. The day of freezers had not arrived. Today I depend on my frozen vegetables during the winter months to add a fresh taste to meals. During the summer months I put Purple Hull Peas, Okra and occasionally tomatoes in my freezer for the following winter. The same is true of strawberries, peaches and blueberries.

**Cookbooks and Menus**

I have a bookcase that is six feet tall, and about three feet wide. It is filled with cookbooks that my

son has given me. He knows that I love to try new recipes so he has provided the books that I can use.

Now that my health is so bad, I just stick to the old favorites instead of trying anything new. I am doing good to get anything cooked now.

Also remember our menus during the thirties. If we had dried beans and bread we were satisfied. There was no salad and often no dessert, and certainly meat at the meals was far between. My mother would take sweet potatoes and do so many things with them. She candied them, baked them, grated them for a pudding, she made potato bread (similar to syrup cake), she fried them like french fries but sprinkled sugar over the finished product. They added so much to a meal, and they were so inexpensive. Those meals were simple, but in memory I think of how delicious I thought they were. To walk home for lunch on a cold winter's day and smell the aroma of the sweet potatoes or the spiced up dried beans made the walk worthwhile.

**To a Man's Heart**

Mama said the way to a man's heart was through his stomach. My husband thought that my mother was the best cook (even better than his own mother.) I learned my love of cooking from her since she loved people with her cooking. There is nothing so rewarding than to have friends come in for cake and coffee, and as the song says "Let us break bread together." The gift of hospitality, and the love for "company" is just another thing that I am grateful my mother gave me.

Now when I serve that Jello and bananas today I will once again be that little girl of about eight, in Shreveport, and I will remember Mama and the love we shared. Do you have special memories, too?

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.

OBITUARIES

**Anita Drake O'Rear**  
Jul. 07, 1925 - May 02, 2015

Anita Drake O'Rear, 89, passed away at home in Huntsville, Alabama on May 2, 2015.

Anita was born to Delna Russell "Cowboy" Drake and Willie Moffett Drake, on July 7, 1925, in Minden. She graduated from Minden High School and immediately began work at 'Thad's Cafe' in Minden. Anita was a member of the Meridianville Church of Christ in Huntsville, Alabama.

Preceding Anita in death were her parents; her husbands, Lamar Farrington, Wilbur L. Elkins and James L. O'Rear; a son, Barry L. Elkins; brothers, Charles Edward "Bo" Drake and wife, Patsy, Billie Russell Drake and wife Bess; sisters, Mary Frances O'Rear, Myrtie Jo Elkins, Wimpy Coleman.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Patsy Elkins Starling and husband Harvey M. Starling, Pam O'Rear Park and husband Jerry Park and Lloyd E. Elkins and wife Susan; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 until 7 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Burial will be in Minden City Cemetery.

**Juanita Page**

Juanita Page of Dubberly was born Feb. 16, 1966, and passed away May 3, 2015. Juanita was a very special person, she never met a stranger.

Juanita was preceded in death by her brother, Lonnie Page and her grandparents Roy and Sybil Mixon, and her other grandparents, Herman and Lois Page.

Left to cherish her memories are her parents, Billy and Carolyn Page; son, Justin; daughter-in-law, Emily Page; brother, Donald Page; niece, Taylar Page; nephew, Peyton Page, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m., Thursday,

May 7, 2015, at Beech Springs Baptist Church, following a visitation at 10 a.m. at Beech Springs Baptist Church.

**Eugene Villarreal**

Eugene Garcia Villarreal was his Christian name, but to his family and friends, and there are many on both sides, he was simply Poncho. Poncho was born in Elgin, Texas, on March 20, 1936 to Alvino and Beatrice Villarreal.

Cancer robbed him of his health, but it never weakened his resolve and determination. He died at home Monday, May 4, 2015, surrounded by his family.

His survivors include his wife of 28 years, Sharon Roberts Villarreal; four daughters, Connie (Donnie), Ramona (Jack), Naomi and Victoria (Rob); three sons, Arthur (Ben) and Eugene (Shay) and Joey Roberts (Amanda); sisters, Connie, Isabel, Kate, Margaret, Janie, Lollie, Lupe; grandchildren, David, Patricia, Keith, Rebecca, James, Steven, Beebee, Tyler, and Christina, Brandon, Jessica, Jonathan, Amanda, Courtney, Cole, Josh and Abby Jo; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephew. His daughter, Becky preceded him in death. He loved his family but his grandchildren could make the sun shine in his life, no matter the weather.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Kilpatrick Funeral Home in Ruston. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Mineral Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be, Chris Davis, Brian Davis, Matt Davis, David Audirsch, Brandon and Jonathan Kervin.

Honorary pallbearers will be John C. Roberts, Billy R. Davis, Richard Lunsford, Rick Roberts, David Audirsch Sr, Rob Farrington, Donnie Franks, and Jack Burns.

If heaven had an opening for a "jack-of-all-trades," that position was filled Monday night.

Any planned memorials may be made to St. Joseph Hospice, 1890 Hudson Circle, Suite 3, Monroe, LA or a charity of the donor's choice.

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# OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

## 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 gobbledeygook, 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.



**JIM HIGHTOWER**

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.

And now, if the Trans-Pacific Partnership is approved, foreign corporations won't have to get their national governments to intervene, for they will become governments. Jefferson, Madison, Adams and the other revolutionaries of 1776 would upchuck at this desecration of our nation's democratic ideals — and so should we. For the lowdown on this and to join today's rebellion against the aristocracy of corporate elites, go to [www.citizen.org/trade/](http://www.citizen.org/trade/).

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PERSPECTIVE

## 50 years is long enough

Should government collect membership dues for a private lobbying organization?

Imagine the reaction from journalists across the country if the law required the government to collect membership dues from public employee gun owners and distribute those dollars to the National Rifle Association? What if National Right to Life or Planned Parenthood also benefited from a special law requiring the government to collect their dues from public employees?

Should the government collect dues and other contributions from public employees of the Republican Party, Democrat Party, Tea Party or any other political group? Should the government collect dues from a public employee who also owns a small business or restaurant on the side, on behalf of advocacy groups like the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Chemical Association, National Federation of Independent Business, Louisiana Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association, Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, and the Retail Association or the Restaurant Association? Should the government collect dues or contributions for conservative policy groups like the Pelican Institute or liberal policy groups like the Louisiana Budget Project?

The answer is obviously no. Government has no valid reason to collect dues on behalf of a private membership-based advocacy group, especially when that group has politics and lobbying as its primary purposes.

Despite this obvious truth, Louisiana has kept a law on the books for 50 years mandating that governmental bodies collect union membership dues from Louisiana employees free of charge, and distribute these dollars to union leaders through payroll deduction. In addition, the government asks very few questions to determine what those dollars support and exactly how much of Louisiana taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are simply funneled to the leadership of the

national unions in Washington, D.C.

Last week, the Louisiana House Labor Committee passed HB418 by Rep. Stuart Bishop, legislation that would finally prohibit this 50-year old special mandate for government to collect dues for public sector unions. The time has come to pass this legislation and sign it into law.

How can we allow this mandate to continue while pretending it is fair to other voices in society seeking parity in First Amendment rights, or public workers who deserve the right to control their own paycheck?

Would public workers not benefit from the right to directly start or stop payment to any union at any time for any reason without apology or intimidation — a right they currently enjoy with other private groups?

LABI polled several school districts around Louisiana, and the numbers were startling. In only six of these local school districts, the government annually collects roughly \$4.5 million in union dues from Louisiana residents and sends them to the state union office, with around 20 percent of that amount going to the national union offices. The government collects these dollars from our taxpayers and then sends it to an organization that invests heavily in political and lobbying efforts.

What appropriate public purpose does this special governmental billing mandate serve?

I clearly understand why the compensated leaders of the state unions oppose this bill. State and local government has collected revenues on their behalf for years and asked very few questions about how the union leaders use it. Who in their right mind wouldn't try to get away with that as long as they possibly could?

But, it is Louisiana employees making this investment and they deserve more control over their paycheck. They should not have to deal with the government when deciding whether to join a group that meets their needs. Louisiana workers deserve the right to opt in or out of a group anytime they want, to challenge the dues being collected, and the decisions being made on how it is being spent. They should have the unfettered ability to simply pull out their laptop and stop payment anytime they choose, as well as the ability to sign back up the next day if they desire.

This type of direct control is how the rest of the world works these days. People pay their bills online with relative ease. It is quite common for someone to set up automatic payment plans for utility, entertainment, and other bills. It can all be started and stopped online or with a simple paper form. In most cases, it can be altered or changed easily by computer, phone or iPad. The private sector has evolved and made the collection of dues easy and consumer friendly in many different ways. The rationale for government to provide this service simply does not exist.

Fifty years ago, these robust technological options to pay dues did not exist. At that time, the Louisiana Legislature made a policy decision to give union leaders special treatment and make state and local government the collector of union dues. That Legislature put the union leaders' desire for more dollars above the union members' control over their own paychecks.

Other political and advocacy groups did not receive the same special treatment as unions, and frankly, aren't asking for it today. A half century later, it is time to give public workers more control over their paychecks, treat everyone equally and simply update Louisiana laws to the technological reality of today.

Stephen Waguespack is President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry

PERSPECTIVE

## Hillary Clinton should be the next president

Can you feel the excitement? No, it's not Mardi Gras. Hillary Clinton announced she's running for President! I was hoping she would run, but now that it's official, let me share with you why I think Hillary Clinton should be the next President of the United States.

We all know Louisiana is a special place to live, work, and play. We are passionate people who love our state and our politics. Whether it's cheering in the Dome, a boat blessing on the bayou, or Fat Tuesday, the people of Louisiana enjoy our way of life. We want to protect that way of life, and so does Hillary.

Following Hurricane Katrina, then-Senator Clinton stepped up to the plate to help Louisiana recover. According to the Washington Post, Hillary emerged "as a national spokeswoman for the Democratic Party" criticizing the Bush administration's response to Katrina. She voted for a number of recovery efforts, including a bill she cosponsored to rebuild damaged universities and recruit teachers to K-12 schools devastated by the storm.

Hillary said rebuilding the damaged communities was "an American obligation." You see, just like this state we all love so much, Hillary Clinton is resilient. When faced with challenges, she doesn't waiver. We've seen it time and time again — after 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, Hillary worked on behalf of the American people. Her knowledge, work, and passion for making our government work for people dealing with a disaster is unprecedented, and I know as our Commander-in-Chief, she will always be there for us.

Nearly ten years after Katrina, Louisiana has been tested and shown its resolve. But there is another, more subtle disaster looming in our midst. Just like most places across the country, we are still recovering from the economic downturn. Some of our neighbors are still out of work and are having a hard time making ends meet. The gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow.

In cities throughout Louisiana, there are wealthy communities with rich cultural traditions. But in some neighborhoods, it is a very different picture — decrepit homes, inadequate schools, and people struggling to find jobs. The people in those neighborhoods deserve the opportunity to have rich cultural traditions of their own.

Hillary Clinton has been a leader in the fight for increasing opportunity for all Americans. She's worked to expand access to healthcare and education for children in lower income families. She supported progressive tax policies that required millionaires to pay their fair share. She supports increasing the minimum wage, and voted repeatedly to do so in the Senate. She believes in equal pay for equal work. She was a bipartisan leader on fighting to extend emergency unemployment benefits for those in need.

Hillary Clinton wants the economy to work for everyone, not just the wealthy, through a fair tax structure, investments in our schools and our children, and a level playing field so we can all continue to enjoy Louisiana and what it means to this country.

Talley Madina is a Coastal Communities Program Officer for Oxfam America in New Orleans, and serves on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation.

## Around Town

### Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Minden branch of the NAACP will host 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.

### Saturday, May 9

Full Deliverance Baptist Church's Men's prayer breakfast will be at 7 a.m.

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

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

## EDUCATION

### Head Start now accepting applications

The Webster Parish Head Start pre-school program is now accepting enrollment applications for children who will be three or four years old before Oct. 1, 2015. Each child will receive developmentally appropriate education lessons, taught by qualified teachers with no less than an AA degree in Early Childhood education. Children enrolled in Head Start also receive individualized disabilities services designed to meet their specific needs. Transportation services are available. For more information call or visit one of these head start locations.

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## HOMEMAKERS CLUB

### Basket weaving topic of Homemakers meeting



**CINDY K. RICHARDSON**  
*Special to the Press-Herald*

At the oldest community house in Shongaloo down the Mimosa Lane and Western Church and Cemetery route, three of us Homemakers Clubs, Shongaloo, Sanders Rd. of Springhill and Evergreen; met for the first time since I joined with the Stateline Homemakers Club at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14.

Those present included Shongaloo Homemakers Virginia Benson, Lealyce Reddell and Cindy Kauffman Richardson, Sanders Road. Homemakers Barbara Dean, Betty Null, Brenda Samples, Christine Snider and Elizabeth Tripp and Evergreen Homemakers Charlotte Martin and Frances Foster and baby Eliza Haley.

The hostesses were Stateline and they included President Nell Smith, Treasurer Jeanette Evers, Dorinda Payne of Emerson, Arkansas and Secretary Diane Kilpatrick.

Virginia Haynes Benson and her sister, Lealyce Jones Reddell, showed us how to weave baskets from newspapers. It was fun and very interesting. Lealyce made hers from sale papers so it was very colorful. Some of us will get private lessons to scallop the tops of our baskets.

We had two wonderful soups: vegetable and potato, crackers, tea and other drinks.

We are all (including Heflin Homemakers Club, so that makes the entire parish) going between 10 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, to the American Rose Garden for the 45-minute tour. Following that we will go eat, which most have said "Cracker Barrel" so majority will win. It will all be so much fun!

I have to report that the Shongaloo President Idelle Simms and her daughters and friends are in Scotland! So we expect her to come back talking "funny!"

Hope to see you all at the American Rose Center.

For more information, call Shongaloo Homemaker's reporter Cindy K. Richardson at (318) 847-4480.

**Above, Lealyce Reddell, of Shongaloo Homemakers, demonstrates part of the process of making baskets from newspaper. Below, Dorinda Payne of Stateline Homemakers, watches as Virginia Benson, of Shongaloo Homemakers, explains the weaving process with newspapers.**

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## SPORTS briefs

### GOLF TOURNEY Pine Hills 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 club manager, Leo Elshout.

The tournament features a \$350 entry fee, two person teams with scramble play on Saturday and better ball on Sunday.

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 [pine-hillsscmminden.com](http://pine-hillsscmminden.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 Conley comes back to even series at 1-1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The masked man came to the rescue for the Memphis Grizzlies.

Mike Conley returned just eight days after having facial surgery to score 22 points, and the Grizzlies used a smothering defensive effort to beat the Golden State Warriors 97-90 on Tuesday night, evening the Western Conference semifinals 1-1.

"My eyesight was pretty good. I didn't have too many times where I felt like my vision was impaired by looking too fast or the mask getting in the way," Conley said. "It does get hot. I had to open it up a few times and let the sweat come down and let the steam out a little bit."

Wearing the clear mask to protect his swollen face and red left eye, Conley stole the spotlight from newly minted MVP Stephen Curry. He made his first four shots to get the Grizzlies going, and Memphis did the rest on defense.

Zach Randolph had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Marc Gasol and Courtney Lee scored 15 points each to help the Grizzlies end Golden State's 21-game home-winning streak. The Warriors dropped to 42-3 this season at rowdy Oracle Arena, losing for the first time at home in more than three months.

Game 3 is Saturday in Memphis. "Tremendous heart," Grizzlies coach Dave Joerger said of his point guard's effort. "He gave us an extra element."

## MINDEN HIGH FOOTBALL

# Tide off and running



The Minden Crimson Tide are nearing the end of their spring football practices. The Crimson Tide will finish with a spring game at Richwood Tuesday, May 12. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch



**BLAKE BRANCH**  
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The Minden Crimson Tide have been hard at work on the practice field, giving head coach Spencer Heard and his staff their first look at the suddenly veteran-laden team.

The Tide are working with a pretty full deck, with 16 starters back from last year's 7-3 squad.

Even with it just being spring, there is plenty of buzz about what this Minden team is capable of in the coming season.

"It's been good so far," head coach Spencer Heard said. "Having had success in district and making the playoffs, it definitely bled over into the offseason. Being as young as we were last year, I think these kids

and coaches all have high hopes for this year."

Heard said the team had worked hard in the offseason, whether it be in the weight room or the track, to get faster and stronger.

"They've shown a lot of growth," Heard said. "I think having a lot of the guys run track this year will have a carry over affect on our team speed."

Spring ball doesn't reveal much, with the emphasis of practices on fundamentals and re-teaching the system, but one thing the coaches will be anxious to see is who takes over the leadership role left behind by departed seniors Taylor McKissack, Marcellous Moses and Cameron Dollar.

"It's still early," Heard said. "I think our seniors will step up to that call."

Heard said the Tide will finish out spring practice this week before they travel to Richwood High School Tuesday, May 12, to take on the Rams in their spring game at 6 p.m.

Richwood traveled to Minden last year, so now the Tide are returning the favor.

## LITTLE LEAGUE

# Action filled Tuesday night at Minden Rec. Center

**Darlings**  
Gray's Jewelry 14  
State Farm 6  
Baylee Bonsall led Gray's with two base hits, followed by Abigail Clark, Sa'Rhya Reeder, McKenna Clarence and Gemi Robinson with base hits.  
Kenzie McCoy led State Farm with a double, followed by Syniah Rabb, Mattlyn Price and Kambrie Frizzell with base hits.

**Global Pressure 7**  
Lady Rangers 2  
Kylie Ryan doubled to lead GPS, followed by Madison Blewer, Meghan Harris, Lindsey Ryan and Makenzie Branton with base hits.  
Chelsei Hampton, Haylee Guthrie and Asia Blow had base hits for the Lady Rangers.

**Dixie Angels**  
Kennon Dazzlers 2  
Timberland 1  
Ada Kennon Gilbert and Kaylin Williams doubled for the Dazzlers. Elisabeth Cage struck out six batters for Kennon in the circle.  
Lauren Still had the only base hit for Timberland. Landry Malone struck out five batters.

**Minden Athletic 13**  
Fuzion 3  
Ella Floyd hit a home run to lead Minden Athletic, followed by McKenzie Gates with a double, Gabby Salas with two hits and Kenzie Warmack with a base hit.  
Tatum Hayes had the only base hit for Fuzion, a double.

**Ponytails**  
CWW Fire 8  
Sky Rangers 4  
Hannah Mosley doubled and singled for CWW, while Laney Taylor and Madison McCullough singled. Mosley also struck out nine batters for CWW.  
Whisper Mason had the lone base hit for Sky Rangers.

**Gotshall Girls 15**  
Subway 2  
Taylor Bumgardner doubled and Cristalyn McDaniel had a base hit for Gotshall. Bumgardner contributed on the mound as well, striking out six.  
Reagan Lee tripled for Subway's only hit of the

night.

**Dixie Belles**  
Haughton 1  
OWC 6  
Karlee Osbon tripled and added a single to lead OWC. Halie Cross tripled for OWC, and Olivia Osborne, Emma Mayfield, Abagael Cross and Haley Machen all had base hits.  
Compton, Ward and Edmunson had doubled to lead Haughton's offense.  
Olivia Osborne struck out seven for OWC, and Myers sat down six for Haughton.

**Glenbrook 21**  
Pink Pratique 2  
Alyssa Martin had two singles and a double for Glenbrook. Amber Lovitt, Aubrie Dickson and Faith Earnhardt added base hits for Glenbrook.  
Shamorrow Whiting had two base hits for Pink Pratique.

**Coach Pitch**  
Southern Stone 7  
Minden's Finest  
Storage 1  
Ryan Reagan hit a home run and added a single for Southern Stone. Hudson Glasscock homered as well for Southern, while Cameryn Davis added a double and Justin Woodford, Jarrett Burt, Eli Greer and Landry Merritt added base hits.  
Nolan Waller hit a home run for Minden's Finest Storage. K.J. Jackson and Brody Monk added base hits.

**Defiance 13**  
C.J. Consulting 0  
Landon Brewer led Defiance with two singles and a home run. Ty Erving had a double and single, Jamall Carey Jr. doubled, Aiden Fizer and Jordan Ainsworth had two base hits each and Jayveion Jackson, Malachi West and Nolan Harmanson added base hits.  
Cole Shirley, Levi Hall, Aiden Galloway, Kedarian McKinney, Zain Pruitt and Jacob Jefferson all had base hits for C.J. Consulting.

**AA**  
Lil Soldiers 3  
Roughneck Rentals 2  
Junior Hogan doubled and homered to lead the Lil



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Soldiers. Josiah Jordan doubled, while Brandon Davis, Kris Jackson and Christiano Ambrosio added hits.  
Braxton Glover led Roughneck with two base hits, followed by Zander Rowell, Gavin Davis, Dakota Rayner and Rion Coker with base hits.

**Wonder Boys 10**  
Alpha Energy 0  
Landyn Huddleston homered and singled, Brody Bower tripled and added two singles, Bryson Ranger had two doubles and a triple, Reagan Coyle had two triples, and Easton Sanders had a single, double and triple for the Wonder Boys.  
Hunter Sutton and Haylon Maddox each had a single and double to lead Alpha.

**AAA**  
Alpha Energy 10  
Skeeters 3  
Gavin Woodall and Seth Martin singled to lead Alpha.  
Ethan Vise and Hudson Dillard both had base hits for Skeeters.  
Hudson Dillard led Skeeters with four strikeouts and Jaylin Williams had eight for Alpha.

**Apaches 13**  
Holmont 3  
Maddox Mandino and Jakobe Jackson singled, and Cason Clemons and C.J. Watts blasted triples to lead the Apaches.  
Dexter Smith pitched for Holmont, striking out nine.

Cason Clemons, C.J. Watts and Maddox Mandino combined to no-hit Holmont.

**Dixie Youth**  
Sluggers 10  
Minden Athletic 0  
Jedyah Taylor tripled and doubled for the Sluggers, and Luke Dickerson blasted a home run to lead the way. Caid Thomas doubled and Keaton Moore, Jackson Powell and Hayden Brown added hits.  
Drake Freeman pitched for Minden Athletic, striking out six.  
Cale Harris struck out six for the Sluggers.

**Bulldogs 6**  
US Silica 11  
Grady Brasher, Jonathan Parkerson and J'Raceyun Scott had doubled for the Bulldogs, while Carson Parker added two hits.  
Xander Turner had a double and Thomas Rhames, Chance Hammons and Andrew Cooper added base hits.

**Rangers 13**  
Tide 4  
Jake Chumley singled and tripled to lead the Rangers. Andrew Fegley had two hits, and Parker Cupples, Jaron Davis and Mason Harper all added hits.  
Felix Weston tripled, Seth Johnson doubled and Jacques Jackson singled for the Tide.

**Tigers 15**  
Braves 2

Jake Walker doubled, tripled and homered for a huge night for the Tigers. Blain Bradley tripled, Parker Hall had two doubles and Cole Osbon singled and doubled. Trenton McLaughlin, Cameron Herman, Ryan Sheets and JT Edge all added hits.  
Tyler Tharpe singled and Bladen Jacquez doubled to lead the Braves.

**Glenbrook 9**  
Town & Country 0  
Beau Branch doubled and tripled, Haynes Mandino added two hits and Trevor McLean, Cade Clemons, Nick Mourad, Austin King, Reed Brantley, Branthon Brown and Greg Douglas added base hits.  
Gage Edwards and Ethan Waller singled for Town & Country.  
Cade Clemons struck out seven batters for Glenbrook.

**Minden Elite 9**  
Lakeside 13  
Drake Austin led Lakeside with two hits, while Landon Rasberry, Trevor Randle, Michael Watts, Alex Haynie, Eric Lander, Braeden Frye and Kris Stewart all had base hits.  
Hunter Wilkes tripled to lead Minden Elite. Treyton Butler added two hits and Brandon Scott, Cameron Choat and De'Audrick Gill added base hits.

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# Schwarzenegger surprises in zombie drama 'Maggie'

Would you stand by your child if she was slowly dying of a gruesome and highly contagious illness? That's the central question that Arnold Schwarzenegger has to face in "Maggie," a terminal illness drama where the malady at hand involves morphing into a member of the flesh-eating undead.

Director Henry Hobson's film imagines a world devastated by zombies — although no one ever says that word. Instead of turning to genre conventions, though, "Maggie" stays small, intimate, and fascinatingly realistic.

Set in a small Midwestern town, society is still tenuously functioning amid the breakout. Hospitals diagnose the afflicted and set terms for mandatory quarantines before the diseased turn truly dangerous. The police, also, are there to enforce. Other institutions, though, are all but abandoned. Gas stations are empty and electricity is unreliable.

For many, life continues as normally as possible. There are no rogue bands of hostile survivalists competing over bunkers and land and no massive zombie armies attacking. "Maggie" is a zombie tale that is more interested in the microcosm — the effects of the virus on the family unit and the community, not the shocks and thrills of an all-out war.

If this seems like a surprising choice for Schwarzenegger, it is. Even more surprising? He's pretty great.

The heart of the movie is the relationship between Wade (Schwarzenegger) and his teenage daughter Maggie (Abigail Breslin). She's infected and missing when the film starts, but Wade searches for two weeks to find her and bring her back to the country home that he shares with his new wife (Joely Richardson) and their young children.



There, Wade waits for Maggie to transform, trying to spend as much time with her as possible in the interim. Maggie, in turn, fluctuates between all the emotions of dealing with a life cut too short — and her fatal, itchy and grotesque wound.

There are a few jump scares and horror movie elements that help to break up the melodrama. Maggie's carefully designed physical transformation is punctuated by frightening visions of what's to come — even if it's unclear whether they're nightmares or symptoms.

Still, everything is restrained.

Schwarzenegger's Wade only resorts to violence when protecting Maggie, and even those moments seem to be done reluctantly. His despair is evident in his physicality and his eyes throughout.

Many of the scenes take place around the dinner table — some tense, some funny, but all with the heavy fear of the inevitable hanging over every moment.

Some of the more affecting parts involve Schwarzenegger weighing his options with various friends. The horrifying reality is that death is really the only solution. The "how" is the ques-

tion.

And yet, for as fascinating as the conceit is (and as lean as the movie is), the deep emotions at play don't really hit as well as they should. Part of the problem is the distracting look of the film. "Maggie" appears as though it was shot through a variety of Instagram filters — a dusty grey for the exteriors, and a warm, oversaturated orange for the interiors. Also, even at a brisk 95 minutes, the runtime feels like a stretch.

Maybe Hobson — a title designer in his feature debut — wasn't going for tearjerker,

though.

"Maggie," ultimately, is a fascinating experiment in genre that has captured a side of Schwarzenegger that the movies have not seen before — an impressive, exciting and worthy accomplishment in and of itself.

"Maggie," a Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "disturbing thematic material including bloody images, and some language." Running time: 95 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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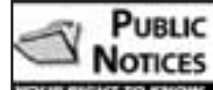
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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | <b>50</b> Means of betrayal     | <b>6</b> Ambulance abbr.              | <b>27</b> Without doing anything |
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| <b>12</b> Exist               | <b>58</b> Fresh                 | <b>10</b> Witticism                   | <b>31</b> Eli's campus           |
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| <b>14</b> Unyielding          | <b>60</b> On the — (unfriendly) | <b>17</b> Charged bit                 | <b>38</b> Wan                    |
| <b>15</b> Meadow              | <b>61</b> See 43-Across         | <b>19</b> Kimono closer               | <b>40</b> Book-keeper (Abbr.)    |
| <b>16</b> Country quaintness  | <b>DOWN</b>                     | <b>22</b> Chan-teuse Edith            | <b>42</b> Main-lander's memento  |
| <b>18</b> Yuletide rendition  | <b>1</b> Body powder            | <b>23</b> Scatter about               | <b>45</b> Vocal come-back        |
| <b>20</b> A billion years     | <b>2</b> Vicinity               | <b>25</b> Creche trio                 | <b>47</b> Galvanizing matter     |
| <b>21</b> Conks on the noggin | <b>3</b> Tolerate               | <b>26</b> Unruly kid                  | <b>48</b> Eternally              |
| <b>24</b> Halos               | <b>4</b> Spelling whiz?         |                                       | <b>49</b> Moist, in the morning  |
| <b>28</b> Poison level        | <b>5</b> Ostrich's kin          |                                       | <b>50</b> Society newbie         |
| <b>32</b> Witty one           |                                 |                                       | <b>51</b> Multi-purpose truck    |
| <b>33</b> Mess up             |                                 |                                       | <b>52</b> Bit of wordplay        |
| <b>34</b> Gold measure        |                                 |                                       | <b>53</b> Debtor's letters       |
| <b>36</b> Cowboy's sweetie    |                                 |                                       | <b>54</b> Stick with a kick      |
| <b>37</b> Bound               |                                 |                                       |                                  |
| <b>39</b> Great joy           |                                 |                                       |                                  |
| <b>41</b> Trust-worthy        |                                 |                                       |                                  |
| <b>43</b> Shed tears          |                                 |                                       |                                  |
| <b>44</b> Shelter             |                                 |                                       |                                  |
| <b>46</b> In a stunned state  |                                 |                                       |                                  |

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