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KEEPING YOU SAFE

SUMMER HEAT

MEANS SWIMMING & BOATING



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With the summer heat now hitting full force and with kids out of school, water and swimming safety is key to a safe swimming and boating season.

Jerry Madden, a certified water safety instructor through the United States Power Squadrons (U.S. Coast Guard), says the most important thing a parent can do for their child while on a boat or swimming is to make sure they have a properly fitting personal floatation device – better known as a life jacket.

Statistics show that a properly fitting life jacket is the number one way to prevent death by drowning.

"It is a very sad way to ass away," Madden said. Water safety is not only here in (the United States), it's worldwide. It's no less important here than it is there. It's educating parents, it's educating the older adults for them to take

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MINDEN CRIME

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jail

A man accused of shooting someone with a BB gun is now behind bars.

David Harmanson, 25, of the 700 block of Sibley Road was arrested Sunday, June 7, and charged

with aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a firearm.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says officers

were dispatched to Sibley Road in reference to someone shot with a BB

HARMANSON

"When they arrived, the victim was walking on the sidewalk in front of his home," he said, "and when officers made contact with the victim, he indicated that Mr. Harmanson shot him in the upper left arm with a BB

injury." At that point, the victim apparently armed himself with a .22 caliber rifle in self-defense after

gun, causing a minor

he got shot, the chief says. When officers got there, both firearms - the BB gun and the .22 caliber rifle - were recovered from the bedroom," he

Officers responding to the scene were Sgt. Chris McClaran, Officer First Class Shawn Jenkins and Officer First Class Clint Smith.

Harmanson was booked at the Minden Police Station and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

American Red Cross Swimming Tips

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards. ■ Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.
- Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shorelines, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities
- occur from drowning. Avoid alcohol use.

WEBSTER PARISH TOURISM

Tourism bureau installing signs along film trail

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Tourists will soon be able to follow the film trail through Webster Parish.

With Webster Parish becoming home to the sites of several movies filmed within its borders, Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director Lynn Dorsey is

finishing putting the touches on getting film

trail signs completed installed in downtown Minden.

"Thanks Kerry (Easely), we

DORSEY have prototypes here," she said. "These are our logo signs and they will face the traffic. For anyone who wants to do the film trail, they'll have to park and get out of their car and go along the street in different locations and they'll have the location number and the description of the movie. The city and the mayor have already approved

these. The signs will have a QR code to make them inter-

"We have a group right now taking video clips from each of the movies that we have signage for," she said. "You'll be able to scan this code as you walk down Main Street and it will take you to the scene from that movie that was filmed in the location your standing. We're real excited. I do really think we'll have these up by the end of

June."

Easley, commission chairman, says one of the things that really needs to be pushed in the signage advertisement is how it works.

"You have to have an app on your phone for it to work," he said. "For this to really work for us, we really need to encourage and

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WATER STUDY

Camp Minden water study to begin soon

STAFF REPORTS

BENTON — A study on the possibility of re-opening a dormant water treatment plant located at Camp Minden in Webster Parish lacks only a signature to get underway.

Bossier Parish Administrator Bill Altimus told members of the parish police jury Wednesday that an agreement has been reached with engineers, who will also study the quantity and quality of water that would go through the plant.

Parish attorney Patrick Jackson told the jury terms of the agreement with KSA, the firm that will conduct the assessment of the water treatment facility and water supply, have already been approved.

"About a month ago (the agreement) was passed, subject to my review," Jackson said. "We got all the changes back and it's good to be signed."

Altimus said with verification, the agreement could be signed, "...so we can move ahead."

Last month, representatives from the Bossier Parish Police Jury discussed the project with their counterparts in Webster Parish and received

that panel's approval to move forward. Bossier Parish has agreed to foot the bill for the study.

At the Webster police jury meeting, Lanny Buck of KSA said the study would be conducted in steps. Step one, he said, would determine if enough water is available, if the plant can be permitted and what it will cost to bring the plant back on

Reports on water quality and quantity, and the condition of the plant, will take 150 days, Buck said. The distribution study will require another 210 days. If KSA should find a roadblock to the project, "we're going to stop there," Buck

Bossier Parish is preparing to conduct the study that officials in both parishes believe will go a long way toward addressing future water needs in southwest Webster Parish and east Bossier Parish.

A previous study of the Camp Minden water supply was commissioned by the Bossier Parish police jury and conducted by Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure in 2010. That study evaluated the economic benefits to residents and businesses in the Haughton, east Highway 80 and Sligo Road areas and in southwest Webster Parish.

Shaw's study reviewed existing customers, identified potential new customers, produced a future growth analysis, presented a supply and demand review and gave assessments on operating costs. The Shaw report identified 25 utilities as potential users of Camp Minden water; 17 of those are in Webster Parish.

In his report to the police jury, parish engineer Butch Ford said residents will see a lot of construction activity along La. Highway 3 in connection

with the parish's \$55 million-plus sewer project.

"They're getting started on La. 3 and will be moving east toward Red Chute," Ford said. "We're also authorized to go out for bid on the Kingston Road lift station, so it's all coming together."

Ford also told the jury members that updates from the National Weather Service leads him to believe the major impact of rising waters on the Red River will be in the southern part of the parish, south of state highways 154 and 157.

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plan in our advertising how to get the app and where to get it."

It's a free app, he says, and it's going to take some extra effort to teach people where to get the app and how it works.

In other news, Kyle Edmonston, assistant secretary of tourism, will be coming to the next meeting in September to speak to the board of commis-Dorsey says the state

introduces the new programs the Office of Tourism offers for the upcoming year.

"Last year, the lieutenant governor decided to start having the summits in August instead of January because then they know what monies they have funded for the next fiscal year," she said. "It's a much smarter way to do it, and Kyle will be able to reiterate what's offered to us."

The tourism commission also approved grants for the following functions: Ride for Life in Springhill, 4th of July Celebration in Sarepta, Blues Festival by R&D Foster LLC, the Heflin Sawmill Festival, Heart of the Pines Film Festival by Pine Heart Productions and the Vintage Car Club in Minden for the Show and Shine Car and Bike Show.

The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. Sept. 15, in Springhill. For more information, or for questions, call the convention and visitors bureau at 377-



Tourism director Lynn Dorsey and tourism commission chairman Kerry Easley show a prototype of the film trail signs that will be installed in downtown Minden. Dorsey says she hopes to have them up by the end of June. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

SAFETY

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responsibility to realize that that boat is their responsibility."

The owners are responsible for the lives of everybody in that boat, he says. He likened it to driving a car – don't pull out of the driveway until everyone has a seatbelt on. Likewise, boat owners should not pull out of the dock until every person aboard is wearing a properly fitted life jacket. He also recommends

boat owners take a boating safety class. He says its also educat-

ing children to say "no" if there is not a life jacket on board that will fit them.

"If you do not have one to fit me, then I can't get on this boat," he said. "It's OK for a child to tell an adult 'I can't go with you. You don't have what I need to be safe.''

He told a story about when he taught boating

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safety to elementary children at E.S. Richardson Elementary. He ran into one of the children at Walmart and the child's father, at first, was upset with the child because the child told his father he would not get on a boat without a properly fitted life jacket.

Madden says he was in the sporting department when the child recognized him and introduced him to his father. The father ended up thanking him because his child had never told him no.

"All of a sudden this guy comes around the corner and he is a big Grizzly Adams-looking dude," Madden said. "He gets right in my face and he says, 'Are you the guy that told my son to tell me no he wasn't going to get on my boat without a life jacket that fits?' And I thought he was going to hit me. I said, 'Yes sir.' He said, 'Well thank you, I never thought about it. My son has never told me no before.'

He says the boy's father realized how important it

should have been for him to be safe before they got in the water.

The American Red Cross offers several tips for choosing a proper life jack-

■ Make sure it is the right type for the activity.

■ Make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard approved. Look for the stamp on the life jacket.

■ Make sure it fits the intended user. Check the label on the life jacket for weight limits.

Check buckles and straps for proper function. Discard any life jacket with torn fabric or loose straps.

■ Put it on and practice swimming in it.

■ Water wings, swim rings, inflatable toys and other items designed for water recreation are not substitutes for U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets or adult supervision.

To enroll in a boating safety course, visit the U.S. Power Squadron's website at www.usps.org to find one in your area.







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What I did on my summer vacation

JUANITA AGAN Special to the Press-Herald

During the depression, in the early 30s, my mother and I visited her brother each summer. My uncle Louis had several children, a son, Otis, my age, about 8

or 9, and another son, Bill, a son, Lynn, and a daughter, Lucille, who older than I. (I didn't think she was,



thought was just as old as she was.) They lived near Alexandria, maybe not traditional French country, there were a great many French speaking people who lived there - they did not speak textbook French, but a patois. It gave such a lilt to their speech. Many of my cousins' friends were among these people. Uncle Louis' second wife (the mother of his children had died) was a French woman whose family name was Du Bois. I loved to hear her sing the little songs in her French dialect.

Visiting the Farm

It was so much fun to visit them, because their lifestyle was so different than ours. We lived in Shreveport and they lived on a farm, and had the usual farm animals such as cows, horses, pigs and chickens.

At least once a week they got together their provisions and we all walked down to a nearby river.

Fish were plentiful and all along the banks of the stream in the shallow water were crawfish - big, big crawfish. My aunt Georgia had brought along a big cast iron skillet, a big coffeepot, meal, salt, lard, onions, and, of course, coffee for the pot. There was a big pan of cornbread that had been baked for the fish fry. Serving utensils were packed to carry, too.

Outdoor Cooking

The boys quickly gathered enough wood for the fire and while the others fished, they got a good fire going to fry the fish. I went along with the cousins as they waded out into the shallow water along the bank and quickly nabbed several crawfish. They were adept in pinching off the tails, peeling and deveining them, quickly. The three of them worked and in just a short time there was a large pan of crawfish tails ready to fry. Meanwhile Uncle Louis, my mother, and the older cousin had caught several nice size fish. The men cleaned the fish while my Aunt Georgia mealed and fried the crawfish tails. The fish, when they had been cleaned and filleted, soon were fried to a golden brown. There on the banks of the stream under big shade trees we enjoyed our fish supper. There was no tea that I love with my fish today with lemon, nor was

there french fries, hush puppies nor slaw. Just fish, cornbread, onions and black coffee. The coffee grounds had been boiled in the water and the resulting brew had to be strained to keep from getting grounds in your cup of coffee (black coffee.)

A Delicacy? These were the hard times of the depression. I knew that with such a large family meal planning was hard as well as expensive because it took a lot of food for three sons and a daughter. And so, I just associated crawfish with hard times and the depression. I thought you had to be in a really bad financial shape to eat crawfish. The fish was alright because that was an accepted food in my home, but crawfish? That was another story. So, it came as a great surprise to find that now most people consider crawfish a delicacy. Recently I ate some again and then remembered how good

they were. Ďancing

On Saturday nights the young people of the community gathered at my uncle's home. My mother had forbidden me to ever dance and she did not want me to even be where there was dancing.

My cousins had an old wind-up victrola and it would play one record until you wound it again and it played another record.

The nights were hot without air conditioning or even fans. But these young people whirled around the open floor, sometimes almost running into each other. The furniture was pushed back but still the room was small and there were a good many young people who came in to dance besides my four cousins. I was fascinated. I

ones they did since. I think

it must have been a French

Juanita Agan submitted had never seen dancing before, and I have never seen dancing just like the

custom to dance the way they did. But it really looked like fun and they had a wonderful time.

Happy Times

Later my cousin, Lucille, grew up and married one of the boys with the French name - LeMoine. As I look back I remember all the happy times, I remember my first crawfish, and I remember seeing the first dancing I had ever seen. I can't forget my one horseback ride. I also remember that there was a shortage of money but not a shortage of love. Those were happy Now, if I were in gram-

mar school I would entitle this "What I did on my summer vacation."

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

Don E. Austin

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 2015 for Don E. Austin, 62, at the chapel of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Homer with Mr. Brian Mixon officiating. Interment will follow at Arlington Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the

funeral home at 9 a.m. Mr. Austin was born Dec. 27, 1952 to Charles "Hamburger" and Helen Austin in Denison, Texas. He was an avid Scout leader and loved by many. As a mechanic, he had a love for cars, was a collector of them and collector of fine junk. He loved

his dog and gardening. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charlie Austin and Ben Moore Sr.; and grandchildren, James Austin, Helen Austin and Sarahbeth

He is survived by his loving wife of 39

years, Janice Austin; son, Charles "Bubba" Austin and Toni of Minden; two daughters, Racheal Knudson and Richard of Minden and Justina Vaughan and John of Emerson, Arkansas; three grandchildren, Deziray Vaughan, Charles "CJ" Austin, Jr. and Trey Austin; two sisters, Corliss Austin and Pam Austin both of Homer; three nieces, Tracey Ratcliff and husband, Chris, Lori Hamilton and husband, Jimmy and Stacy Rogers; two nephews, James Lawrance, Johnny Rhea Boyd Jr. and wife Jennifer and Benjamin Moore and wife Jennifer; along with other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jamin Butcher, Dan Fraizer, Ed Labruyere, Joe Bill Gamble, Kirk McCann, Sherry Davenport, Sinjin Weiss and Brandon Weiss.

Honorary pallbearer will be Randy Moore and Jamie Lawrance.

For friends considering memorials in honor of Mr. Austin, his family suggests the Local Troop of Boys Scouts of America or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Ava Marie Byrd Jones

Funeral services for Ava Marie Byrd Jones will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2015 at St. Rest Baptist Church under the direction of Benevolent Funeral Home in Minden.

Ava was born on August 19, 1940, to the late Leonard and Bennie Gibbs

Byrd in Homer. She departed this life on June 5, 2015, at Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Shreveport. At an early age, Ava dedicated her life to

Christ at Ebenezer Baptist Church under the pastoral guidance of the Rev. John S. Davis Sr. She later became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kimble. She married William A. Jones, who pre-

ceded her in death, and to this union, three daughters were born - Willetta, Yolanda and Marquitta.

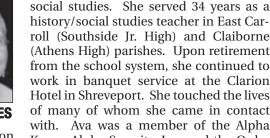
Ava was a 1957 graduate of Mayfield

(Athens High) parishes. Upon retirement from the school system, she continued to work in banquet service at the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport. She touched the lives of many of whom she came in contact with. Ava was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Order of Eastern Star. She leaves to cherish her memory, three beautiful daughters: Willetta Davis (Larry) of Shreveport; Yolanda Bostick

education at Wiley College and Grambling

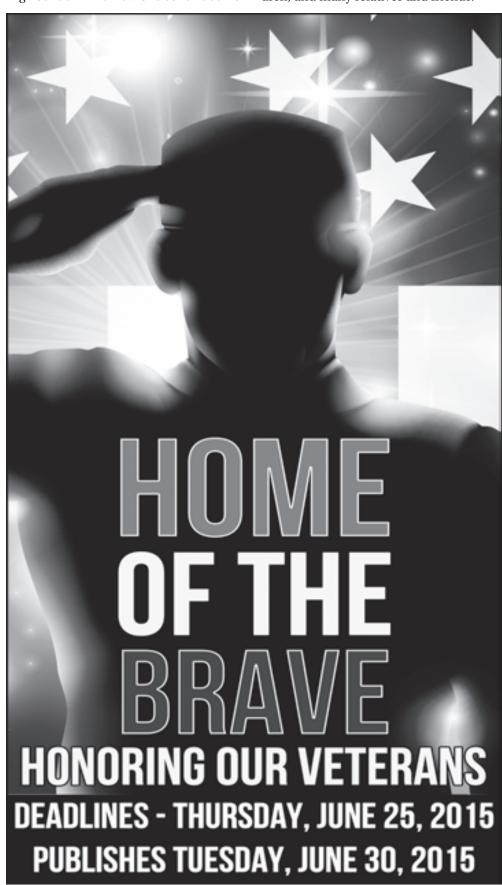
College where she obtained a social sci-

ence degree and a bachelor's degree in



(Aaron) of Duncanville, Texas; Marquitta Jones of Minden; three loving stepchildren, Gregory Jones of Minden; Gwendolyn Payne (Gary) of Burleson, Texas; Cynthia Winzer of Douglasville, Georgia; a special "daughter," Carolyn Washington (Elvis) of Houma; 13 adorable grandchil-High School in Homer. She continued her dren, and many relatives and friends.





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OPINION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

None caring congress for Navy Vietnam veterans

It has come of a common opinion amongst Vietnam War Veterans that Congress tends to exclude mostly Blue Water Vietnam Veterans for VA benefits. This group of veterans never had boots on ground Vietnam, yet just the same they are sick due to Agent Orange exposure. It seems Congress and the VA consider these veterans not worthy.

There are limited benefits to

those who served in Country and those who served at sea are excluded, yet Agent Orange was in the drinking water onboard Navy ships causing sickness years later. How many more of us have to die in agony until there are so few of us left that the amount of dollars to care for those left won't matter much. Is this what America is about none caring attitude by our legislators? Where does it say in our Constitution and Bill of Rights that our veterans need NOT be cared for when in need? "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the Country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards" Theodore Roo-

Over 175,000 Navy veterans are the unsung casualties of the Vietnam War.

It is not about Democrats and Republicans, It is about Americans who fought a thankless war. Maybe this is why Congress is reluctant to provide VA benefits, a Thankless War.

Several years past, legislative Bills have been introduced for this group of sailors only to fail in committee. Presently there are two new Bills, House Bill HR-969 and Senate Bill S.681, both are titled The Blue Water

Navy Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Act. If either of these Bills are passed, Navy Veterans will receive their VA benefits. The American people can help by calling and writing to your members of Congress and Senators to support these Bills.

John J. Bury, US Navy, retired, Vietnam War Veteran

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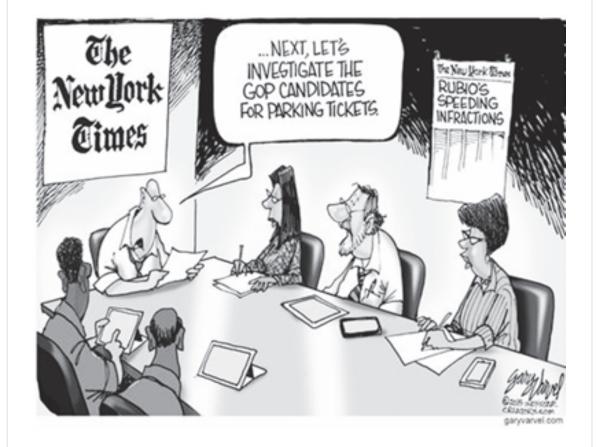
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Improving black education

Last summer's Ferguson, Missouri, disturbances revealed that while blacks were 67 percent of its population, only three members of its 53-officer police force were black. Some might conclude that such a statistic is evidence of hiring discrimination. That's a possibility, but we might ask what percentage of blacks met hiring qualifications on the civil service examination. Are there hundreds of blacks in Ferguson and elsewhere who achieve passing scores on civil service examinations who are then refused employment? There is no evidence suggesting an affirmative answer to that question.

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, sometimes called the Nation's Report Card, nationally, most black 12th-graders' test scores



are either basic or below basic in reading, writing, math and science. "Below basic" is the score received when a student is unable to demonstrate even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at his grade level. "Basic" indicates only partial mastery. Put another way, the average black 12th-grader has the academic achievement level of the average white seventh- or eighthgrader. In some cities, there's even a larger achievement

Black students and their parents believe that their

high-school diplomas are equivalent to those received by whites. Therefore, differences in employment or college admittance outcomes are likely to be seen as racial discrimination. The fact of business is that if seventh- or eighth-graders of any race compete with 12th-graders of any race on civil service exams or the SAT, one should not be surprised by the outcome

In terms of public policy, what to do? It all depends on the assumptions, implicit or explicit, one makes about black mental competency. If one assumes that blacks cannot academically compete with whites, the "solution" is to eliminate the "disparate" impact of civil service exams and college admittance requirements by dumbing them down or eliminating them in order to achieve "diversity." I do not make that assumption, so then what to do?

Many black parents want a better education and safer

schools for their children. The way to deliver on that desire is to offer parents alternatives to poorly performing and unsafe public schools. Expansion of charter schools is one way to provide choice. The problem is that charter school waiting lists number in the tens of thousands. In Philadelphia, for example, there are 22,000 families on charter school waiting lists. Charter school advocates estimate that nationally, over 1 million parents are on charter school waiting lists.

The National Education Association and its political and civil rights organization handmaidens preach that we should improve, not abandon, public schools. Such a position is callous deceit, for many of them have abandoned public schools. Let's

look at it. Nationwide, about 12 percent of parents have their children enrolled in private schools. In Chicago, 44 percent of public-school teachers have their own children enrolled in private schools. In Philadelphia, it's also 44 percent. In Baltimore, it's 35 percent, and in San Francisco, it's 34 percent. That ought to tell us something. Suppose I invite you to dine with me at a restaurant. You find out that the restaurant's chef doesn't eat there and neither do the servers. That suggests they have some inside information from which you could

benefit.
Politicians who fight against school choice behave the way teachers do. Fiftytwo percent of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus who have school-age children have them enrolled in private schools. Thirty-seven percent of members of the House of Representatives and 45 percent of senators who have school-age children have them enrolled in private schools

private schools. The education establishment says more money is needed, but more money does not produce higher quality. New York City spent \$20,331 per student in fiscal 2013. Washington, D.C., spent \$17,953, and Baltimore allocated \$15,050. Despite being among the nation's highestspending school districts, their education quality is among the lowest. Parents, given vouchers and choice, could do a far superior job in the education of their children — and at a cheaper

cost.
Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. The Advocate on House Concurrent Resolution

EDITORIAL

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While it is far from a done deal, the Legislature has made available to a new governor early next year a path toward expanding insurance coverage for lower-paid workers in Louisiana.

A bonus for lawmakers unhappy with Gov. Bobby Jindal: House Concurrent Resolution 75 is an instrument that cannot be vetoed by the governor.

HCR75 would allow Louisiana hospitals to assess fees on themselves to attract more federal dollars for uncompensated care of uninsured patients. It would only take effect if the state agrees to change Medicaid income qualifications to sign up uninsured people who make too much to get the government coverage but too little to buy adequate insurance on the private market. An estimated 240,000 additional Louisiana residents would be eligible.

Oddly, the resolution by House Speaker Chuck Kleckley, R-Lake Charles, has sailed through the Capitol. It's odd because many lawmakers in the Republican-controlled Legislature have opposed Medicaid expansion when it was pushed by the Democratic minority.

Kleckley said the resolution is not a mechanism to expand Medicaid, nor does it make it easier for expansion to occur. He said it simply provides an "option" for when a new governor assumes office. Because the resolution authorizes a hospital fee — but does not create a law, like a regular bill — it is not subject to a Jindal veto; Kleckley's resolution also would expire next spring, giving a new governor the option of expanding Medicaid but not making it a requirement in law.

Medicaid expansion would relieve the state of some costs for health care for the uninsured, allowing a 90 percent match from the federal government under the Affordable Care Act. Under the Kleckley resolution, a new governor would have an option, not necessarily a sure thing.

If one is working in a lowwage job without insurance, this seems a pretty lame initiative, but we have hopes that whether a Republican or a Democrat is elected to succeed Jindal in the fall, there will be considerable reason for the new executive to embrace the initiative.

Let's hope health care is a high priority in the fall campaign and that candidates for governor will give their explicit commitments to voters on this issue. Otherwise, the Kleckley resolution might not amount to

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June 10, 2015

St. Rest Baptist Church's 2015 Vacation Bible school will be at 5:30 p.m. It ends at 7:30 p.m. nightly and runs through June 12.

Forest Chapel COGIC will host the Gospel Crusade at 6:30 p.m. at the B.F. Martin Community Center located at 611 East Union St.

June 11, 2015

The Webster Council on Aging located at 1482 Sheppard St. will have a rummage sale from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the activities room.

June 13, 2015

King Solomon Baptist Church will have Love Day at 5 p.m. featuring guest speaker Pastor Wosheka Burriel of Extreme Faith Worship Center.

Miracle Productions will present An Evening of Gospel at 7 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building located at 311 Bailey St.. Featured guest will beDynamic Holy Spiritualaires.

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church located at 1686 Fuller Road in Minden will present "Becoming a more loving person" from 10 a.m. until noon.

June 14, 2015

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host the New Destiny Singers, Apostle Samuel Smith at 2:30 p.m.

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church will have its 107th anniversary at 3 p.m. featuring the Rev. Lester C. Sims as guest speaker.

Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church will be holding their Annual Homecoming Service Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3 P.M at 3354 Franklin Road in Heflin, Louisiana. They will also be holding Revival Services June 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. The speaker for all services will be Pastor Rodney Williams from King Solomon Baptist Church in Sibley.

A community meeting, sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, will be at 6 p.m. at Webster Junior High School in the gym in Minden. For more information, call Jason McKinney, U.S. EPA community involvement coordinator at 214-665-8132 or 800-533-3508 (toll-free) or email him at mckinney.jason@epa.gov.

That's the percentage of Louisiana adults that say their local newspaper provides them the most information on events and activities in their community.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Brookshires gives back

Brookshires gave out three checks to charity as part of their Grand Re-Opening. Brookshires' Mark Sandefur, Director of Minden store was allowed to pick 3 non-profit organizations to give \$1000 to as part of the ceremonies.



UCAP

Store director Mark Sandefur presents a \$1,000 check to Charlotte Jones, co-director of UCAP. Courtesy Photo



MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Store director Mark Sandefur presents a \$1,000 check to Minden High School Principal Robin Tucker. Courtesy Photo



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Store director Mark Sandefur presents a \$1,000 check to Carlie Day on behalf of St. Jude Research Hospital. Courtesy Photo

SPORTS

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Mets rookie Heston

tosses no-hitter NEW YORK (AP)

Chris Heston handled the New York Mets with ease. Explaining his accomplishment was the hard part.

The 27-year-old rookie had just thrown baseball's first no-hitter this season, in his 13th major league start, and here he was in the interview room, flanked by San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy and catcher Buster Posey, trying to detail a most unexpected moment.

"Definitely something I'll remember forever,' Heston said

Heston threw called third strikes past pinch-hitter Danny Muno, Curtis Granderson and Ruben Tejada in the ninth inning, completing a 5-0 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

In a championship rotation filled with All-Stars, his name is the one that sticks out as lacking pedi-

He is far from the prototypical major league pitch-

Drafted on the 47th round, he stayed in school. Drafted on the 29th round, he stayed in school.

Taken on the 12th round, he finally signed with San Francisco in 2009.

And in an era of radar gun worship, Heston didn't throw a pitch faster than 91

NFL

Sherman in another war of words

RENTON, Wash. Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman said it's "unfortunate" that New York Jets cornerback Antonio Cromartie criticized him last week, saying Sherman isn't the best cornerback in the NFL because he doesn't switch sides of the

"That was unfortunate," Sherman said Tuesday after Seattle finished an OTA session. "You would think after me helping him get a Pro Bowl bid [for the 2014 season] ... We went to the Super Bowl and he wouldn't have made it to the Pro Bowl otherwise. And now he's talking bad."

Cromartie, who played for the Arizona Cardinals last season, made the Pro Bowl as an alternate because Sherman and the Seahawks were in the Super Bowl, so Sherman couldn't play in the Pro Bowl game the Sunday before the Super Bowl.

Last week, Cromartie said Sherman benefits from the Seahawks' defensive alignment, which allows him to stay on one side of the field.

"Go follow the No. 1 receiver," Cromartie said. "Follow him around for a whole entire game and let's see what you can do. Darrelle Revis [Cromartie's teammate now with the Jets] has done that his whole career. I've done that. Patrick Peterson Arizona] has done it. Joe Haden [of Cleveland] has done it. [Sherman] is the only defensive back that hasn't."

Sherman has switched sides a few times in his career to follow the opponent's top receiver, but not often because it's not part of Seattle's defensive scheme.

LITTLE LEAGUE

MINDEN REC CENTER RESULTS

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Coach Pitch Roma 12

Minden's Finest Storage 2

Peyton Houston hit three home runs for Roma, followed by Garrett Adams with three singles, Brody Walker with two singles and Jake Bryce and Zavious Lewis added base hits.

Nolan Waller had a double and triple to lead Minden's Finest, followed by Gavin Irby, Keegan Pope and Blake Lewis with base hits.

Southern Stone 7 C.J. Consulting 4

Cameryn Davis had three tripled for Southern Stone, Judson Boothe had three base hits, Cash Frizzell and Hudson Glasscock had two hits and Jarrett Burt and Remington Arender added base hits.

Jacob Jefferson had a pair of doubles and Dakota Roberts and Bryce Gates each had a base hit for C.J. Consulting.

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}$ Minden Athletic 7

Apaches 6
Cooper Chase tripled and added two base hits to lead Minden Athletic, followed by Collin Murphy with a double and Jackson Lott with a single. Cooper Chase also struck out 15 batters in a great pitching performance.

Maddox Mandino led the Apaches with a triple and a single. Landry Powell had two base hits, Garrett Brown added a double and Cason Clemons and C.J. Watts pitched in with base hits. Watts also struck out eight batters for the Apaches.



Kirk's Towing 8 Skeeter's 3

Michael Woodford, Jaytron Wells and Zander Couch all had base hits for Kirk's and Jacob Whitehead struck out seven batters on the mound.

Ethan Vise doubled for Skeeter's, followed Hudson Dillard and Elijah Redding with base hits.

Dixie Youth Tigers 17 U.S. Silica 1

Caleb Rhodes, Christian Stevens and Parker Hall led the Tigers with doubles, followed by Ryan Sheets who had three base hits, Jakob Walker with two base hits, and Blain Bradley and Trenton McLaughlin with base hits. McLaughlin struck out five batters as well.

Ashton Stewart had the only hit for U.S. Silica. Connor Humphreys struck out six batters.

Minden Athletic 6 Rangers 4

Hayden Engel and Drake Freeman led the way with triples for Minden Athletic, followed by De'Mareya Howard with a double and Blaine Sparks added a single. Drake Freeman struck out an

impressive 14 batters

Andrew Fegley, Parker Cupples, Kenny James and Landen Hopkins all had base hits for the Rangers. Trevor Chachere sat down 12 batters for the Rangers.

Swain's 6 MPC Bulldogs 5

Je'Dyah Taylor, Keaton Moore and Jackson Powell all had triples to lead Swain's and Brian Foster struck out 11 bat-

Nick Mercer had the only base hit of the day for the Bulldogs. Grady Brasher struck out eight batters for the Bulldogs.

Dixie Boys Glenbrook 12 Lakeside 6

Cade Clemons tripled and doubled to lead Glenbrook, followed by Nick Mourad with a triple and Trevor McLean with a double. Haynes Mandino and Austin King added hits for Glenbrook. Cade Clemons and Nick Mourad combined to no-hit Lakeside on the night.

Dixie Angels Minden Athletic 9 Cooksey's Tax 0

Emma Earnhardt doubled and singled, while Gabby Salas and Maci Tanner both doubled to lead Minden Athletic. Gabby Salas also struck out six batters pitching, and Emma Earnhardt also struck out five batters.

Katelin Weston had the only hit for Cooksey's, a dou-

Ponytails Gotshall Girls 24 Sky Rangers 4

Madison Bumgardner tripled, doubled and added two base hits, Karlee Gotshall doubled and singled, Bridget Morgan had three hits and Cristalym McDaniel added a base hit. Taylor Bumgardner struck out five batters.

Kenya Harris and Bethani Jackson doubled and Amelia Coleman had a base hit for the Sky Rangers.

Belles OWC 20 Pink Pratique 5

Karlee Osbon had a double and single to lead OWC, followed by Haley Machen with a pair of base hits.

Shamorrow Whiting had a double for Pink Pratique and Nancy Silva added a base hit.

SWIM TEAM

MTAC takes first place in home meet



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The MTAC Stingrays took first place in last Wednesday's home meet with Homer/Haynesville Swim Club and the Monroe Athletic Club. Several pool records were broken on the day by Claire Waites and Jackson Lott. Waites had record breaking swims in the 100-yard individual medley, 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard breast stroke in the 9-10 year old girls age group. Lott set records in the 50-yard backstroke and butterfly for the 9-10 year old boys division.

Here are the rest of the results from the Stingrays' impressive win.

6 & Under Mixed 100 Free Relay: 1 - Lily McFarland, Briley Cupples, Carson Powell, Bennett Speer; 2 - Anna Moralas, Bella Guin, Carson Whitehead, Jackson O'Brian

8 & Under Girls 100 Medley Relay: 1 - Allie King, Sophie Spillers, Emily Chanler, Gwenyth

Lott 8 & Under Boys 100 Medley Relay: 1 - Preston Pope, Aaronlane Garza, Jaxon Smith, Reagan Coyle

9-10 Girls 100 Medley Kelay: 2 - Lowery Lain, Madie Cameron Smith, Madelyn Whitehead

9-10 Boys 100 Medley Relay: 1 - Carter Barnett,

Relay: 1 - Claire Waites, Anna Claire Lemoine, Lily Spillers, Madison McCullough; 2 - Embeth Coyle, Gracie Sivils, Mary Evelynn King,

Relay: 1 - Kayla Booth, Peyton Mayfield, Blair Eubanks, Emma Mayfield 15-18 Girls 200 Medley Relay: 1 - Amanda McLemore, Mayfield, Kaylee Lindsay,

Relay: 1 Braeden McLemore, Cameron Shaw, Cade Shaw, Lawton

- Lily McFarland, 2 -Lott, 5 - Anna, Moralas, 6

6 & Under Boys 25 Free: - Bennett Speer, 3 -Carson Powell, 4 Jackson O'Brian, 5

1 - Allie King, 2 -Sophie Spillers, 4 -Emily Chanler, 6-Gwenyth Lott 8 & Under Boys 25 Free: 1 - Reagan Coyle, 2 Jaxon Smith, 3 - Preston

Vandenoord,

Blake Guin, Jackson Lott, Tucker Pittman 11-12 Girls 200 Medley

Rayne West 13-14 Girls 200 Medley

Emma Ashton Smith 15-18 Boys 200 Medley

O'Brien 6 & Under Girls 25 Free:

Briley Cupples, 4 - Amelia - Bella Guin

Carson Whitehead 8 & Under Girls 25 Free:

Pope, 5 - Aaronlane Garza, 6 - Topher Wilson



9-10 Girls 50 Free: 1 -Madelyn Whitehead, 2 -Lowrey Lain, 3 - Madie Vandenoord, 4 - Elle Ann Baldwin, 5 - Piper West 9-10 Boys 50 Free: 2 -Carter Barnett, 3 - Jackson Lott, 5 - Blake Guin

Madison McCullough, 2 -Anna Claire Lemoine, 4 -Mary Evelynn King, 5 -Rayne West 11-12 Boys 50 Free: 2 -Riley Streetman, 4 -

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Jackson McKinney 13-14 Girls 50 Free: 2 -Blair Eubanks, 3 - Peyton Mayfield, 4 - Makayla Booth, 5 - Kayla Booth 13-14 Boys 50 Free: 1 -Beau Branch, 4 - Dakota

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6 & Under Boys 25 Back: - Bennett Speer, 3 -Jackson O'Brian, 4 -Carson Powell

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LeBron, Cavs take surprising series lead

CLEVELAND (AP) -LeBron James is doing more than ever. With the Cavaliers missing two All-

Stars, he has no choice. "I'm so outside the box right now," he said.

And two wins from a championship — one like no

Pushed by a crowd howling to see Cleveland's 51year title drought end, James scored 40 points, his new sidekick Matthew Dellavedova added 20 and the Cavaliers survived Golden State's furious fourth-quarter comeback led by Stephen Curry for a 96-91 win over the Warriors on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

James added 12 rebounds and eight assists in 46 minutes, his third stellar performance in his fifth straight finals. The Cavs, who won Game 2 at Golden State for their first ever finals win, got their first at Quicken Loans Arena, which shook from start to finish. They'll have a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series in Game 4 on Thursday night.

Through three games, James has played 142 of 154 possible minutes, scored 123 points and taken 107 shots. With Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love out with injuries, it's all on James to deliver. So far, he has.

"I'm just trying to do whatever it takes to help our team win," he said. "It's the finals, and it's whatever it takes. This is a totally different challenge.'

Cleveland nearly threw Game 3 away. The Cavs, who led 92-83 with 51 seconds left, had to withstand a scoring flurry by Curry.

The league's MVP finally found his shooting touch in the fourth quarter, scoring 17 points as the Warriors, who trailed by 20 in the third, refused to go away. Golden State got a huge lift



David Lee, but they rode Curry, who made five pointers - his last

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JAMES with 18.9 seconds to pull

Warriors within 94-91. Cleveland then caught a break when referee Danny Crawford blew an inadvertent whistle with 17.5 seconds to go after Golden State appeared to force a turnover. The officials, who have come under scrutiny for several missed calls in the series, then reviewed the play and it was clear that Klay Thompson was out of bounds when he made contact with the ball that Dellavedova was holding in his hands.

James was fouled and made two free throws with 16.8 seconds left. On Golden State's last possession, Andre Iguodala appeared to get fouled on a 3-point attempt and the Cavs

pulled down the rebound to close out a win that nearly slipped away.

"We're a young group," James said, "and like I told the group, 'It's OK.' We haven't been in a lot of these situations, if any, with this group."

Curry finished with 27 points but had three turnovers in the final minute. Iguodala scored 15, Klay Thompson, 14 and Lee, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2, had 11.

Despite the loss, Curry feels he's now in a rhythm.

"I think I found something when it comes to how I'm going to be able to attack their pick-and-rolls," Curry said. "I'll keep that in the memory bank going into Game 4."

After two overtime games in Oakland, Game 3 didn't have quite the same last-second drama, but it didn't lack any intensity as players were sprawled on the floor fighting for loose balls like the Browns and 49ers scrambling for fum-

Curry, who went just 2 of 15 on 3s in Game 2, hit a couple did-he-really-justdo-that 3s in the fourth that have made him one of the game's most captivating players before the Warriors ran out of time.

Still, they're confident they can come back again.

"I'm telling you that right now," Thompson said, "if we get our offense back, which we will, we're going to win this series."

11-12 Girls 50 Butterfly:

1 - Lily Spillers, 2 - Anna

Claire Lemoine, 3 - Mary

13-14 Girls 50 Butterfly:

13-14 Boys 50 Butterfly:

15-18 Girls 50 Butterfly:

15-18 Boys 50 Butterfly:

1 - Cade Shaw, 2 - Cameron Shaw, 3 -



LeBron James goes up for a contested layup in Tuesday night's 96-91 win over the Golden State Warriors. The Cavaliers now lead the series, 2-1. AP Photo

SWIM TEAM

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13-14 Boys 50 Back: 2 -Thomas Parnell, 5 -Dakota Morrow 15-18 Girls 50 Back: 1 -

Ashton Smith, 2 - Amanda

McLemore 15-18 Boys 50 Back: 1 -Braeden McLemore, 3 -

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Evelynn King

2 - Blair Eubanks

2 - Beau Branch

1 - Kaylee Lindsay

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Lily Spillers, Madison

Booth, Makayla Booth 13-14 Boys 200 Free **Relay**: 1 - Thomas Parnell, Riley Streetman, Jackson McKinney, Beau

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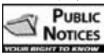
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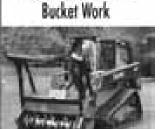
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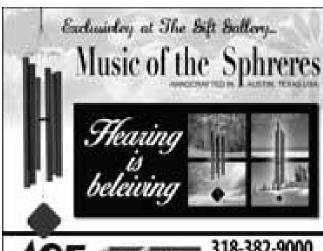


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