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WHAT'S IN A BUDGET?

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With budgets being a hot topic as the legislative session closed and fiscal years approaching an end, there's been a lot of talk about cuts and tighter purse strings.

Why is that? The state just passed a \$25 billion budget, and municipalities like Minden are looking a passing a budget in the millions.

State Rep. Gene Reynolds and Minden Mayor Tommy Davis say these cuts and tighter purse strings come from the fact that much of the money brought in is dedicated money – which means the money cannot be spent for any other purpose than for what it was intended.

“We get two percent sales tax,” Davis said. “Half of that, one percent, is dedicated to the sewer plant and to the recreation center. So, out of an estimated \$5.8 million sales tax, half of that is dedicated and can only be spent on those two items.”

Davis says every budget has to balance.

“Your income and your expenses – you cannot spend more than you take in,” he said. “We estimate our income, and we estimate our expenses and they have to be the same.”

Typically, he says when they estimate income for the next fiscal year, they do so on the conservative side, but they tend to be a little more liberal with estimating expenses.

“We know what our expenses are going to be, but there are so many expenses that we don't know,” he said. “(We) don't know when we're going to have a water leak. We had two

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WEBSTER CRIME

Jury tampering lands man in jail

Officials say suspect asked juror questions during selection

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A Minden man is behind bars charged with tampering with a jury after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Dominick J. Quatruopolo, 59, of the 8100 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested Tuesday, June 16, and charged with jury tampering in a criminal case. Bond was set at \$250,000.

According to reports, Quatruopolo was in court Tuesday and the warrant was served by Lt. Angela Evans,

assisted by Deputies Daniel White and Eric Roby. The charge stems from an alleged incident on April 27 in his court case where he was charged with domestic abuse battery by strangulation.

Assistant District Attorney Marcus Patillo says Quatruopolo asked questions of potential jurors during the jury selection process, which is illegal.

“He was asking a potential juror some questions and asking her some other stuff with regards to his matter,” he said. “The (criminal) code says it's illegal. If you're a potential juror and if you're a defendant somebody that could possibly be on a jury, you can't talk to them, bother them, nothing.”

He says it's also not legal for the defendant's attorney to question potential jury members unless it's



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HEALTH NEWS

MMC: Be mindful of heat-related illnesses

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With temperatures beginning to top out well above the 90s, heat-related illnesses become more prevalent during the summer months.

The official beginning of the summer season is Sunday, June 21, and with that comes a myriad of issues

people need to be mindful of when outside during the hottest part of the day. Heat-related illnesses are common during the summer months, Minden Medical Center officials say, and if not properly managed, it can be fatal.

“If you're going to be outside, keep cool by drinking plenty of water, aiming for 16-32 ounces of

fluid per hour,” said Dr. Denise A. Webb, a physician at MMC. “If you aren't accustomed to being in a hot environment regularly, start slowly and pace yourself – and take



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regular breaks from the heat indoors or in the shade. Try to avoid being outdoors during the peak hours of heat and sun exposure.”

So what is a heat-related illness? Webb says these illnesses are caused by prolonged or excessive exposure to high temperatures and dehydration. Typically, she says, when the body

becomes overheated, it cools itself through sweating, but certain conditions can affect the body's capabilities to regulate proper temperature. A few of these conditions include extreme temperatures, inadequate hydration, high humidity, high blood pressure, sunburn, prescription drug use and

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EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

Jindal loses appeal on Common Core lawsuit in state court

BATON ROUGE — A Louisiana appeals court Wednesday upheld a judge's ruling that barred Gov. Bobby Jindal from suspending testing contracts tied to Louisiana's use of the Common Core education standards.

A three-judge panel of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal said Jindal's attempt to halt the testing contracts was an "unconstitutional interference" with the education department and the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, known as BESE.

A year ago, Jindal suspended the contracts, saying the education department and BESE didn't

properly follow Louisiana's procurement law in the contract award. Parents, teachers and a charter school organization sued, and the state education board joined in the suit.

In August, District court Judge Todd Hernandez lifted Jindal's contract suspension and said the Jindal administration didn't provide any evidence to support the governor's claims that contracting law was violated. Common Core standardized testing for students in third through eighth grade continued as planned in the spring.

Hernandez's decision was upheld Wednesday by the appeals court.

The Jindal administra-

tion's accusations "regarding state procurement law were a mere pretext to cloak their true intent to influence education policy in Louisiana, over which the Louisiana Constitution grants exclusive authority to the Legislature and BESE," Judge John Pettigrew wrote in the decision.

Lawyer Jimmy Faircloth, representing the governor, said Jindal "strongly disagrees with the ruling" and will appeal. He said the governor has "clear statutory authority"



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to suspend a contract when procurement laws are not followed.

"The governor will appeal because of the troubling precedent that it creates for the administration of state government," Faircloth said.

The Common Core standards are benchmarks of what students should learn at each grade level in English and math. They've been adopted by more than 40 states as a way to better prepare students for college and careers. Opponents, including Jindal, say the standards are developmentally inappropriate and part of federal efforts to nationalize education.

When he suspended the

testing contracts in June 2014, Jindal argued the education department and BESE needed to seek competitive bids for the work. But he also acknowledged he took the action to undermine Common Core and Louisiana's use of testing material from a consortium tied to the multistate standards.

Jindal, a likely presidential contender who once supported Common Core, has a separate, pending federal lawsuit challenging the education standards. He's tried to strip the standards from Louisiana's public school classrooms. But lawmakers, Superintendent of Education John White and the state educa-

tion board have refused to do so.

Rather than prohibit use of Common Core, the Legislature recently required a review of the standards with public meetings, legislative oversight and an up-or-down vote from Louisiana's next governor.

The education board on Wednesday confirmed the 101 people who will serve on the committees to comb through the standards. The review panels — which include teachers, administrators, higher education officials and parents — must present final recommendations on what changes they want made to the standards by March 2016.

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during the selection process. At the time the incident occurred, Patillo says his attorney was not present.

He explained the jury selection process is a two-part process where they do a roll call to make sure everyone is there, and then they call them into the courtroom.

Potential jurors are not allowed to be questioned until they are called to the jury box for the voir dire process.

The voir dire process is where potential jurors in the jury box are questioned by the judge and attorneys to determine whether they can deal with issues fairly, Patillo says.

Quatruopolo was found not guilty of the domestic abuse battery charge.

However, he remains incarcerated at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center on the warrant at this time.



Rollover injures one

A rollover crash sent a woman to the hospital by Life Air Wednesday just before lunch. Webster Parish Sheriff's Captain Robert Hayden says the woman ran off the road on Goodwill Road, but the cause is unknown. He says the car went into a ditch, causing it to flip up and onto its side before coming to rest. Her name had not been released and as of press time, her condition is unknown, Hayden says.

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alcohol use.

"As your body works to cool itself under extreme or prolonged heat, blood rushes to the surface of your skin," according to webmd.com. "This can interfere with both your physical strength and your mental capacity, leading, in some cases to serious danger."

Heat stroke, the most serious form of heat illness, happens after prolonged, intense exposure to extreme heat, Webb says. The part of the brain

that regulates body temperature malfunctions and the body temperature rises rapidly, sometimes as high as 106 degrees or higher. Without proper treatment, heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability.

Heat exhaustion, a milder heat illness, can develop after several days of exposure to hot weather or inadequate hydration, such as working or exercising outside and not drinking sufficient fluids.

People at the greatest risk for heat-related illnesses include infants and children up to four years of age, adults age 65 and older, people who are over-

weight, ill or are on certain medications. Outdoor workers, as well as people on low sodium diets or those suffering from chronic heart, lung or kidney conditions are also at increased risk.

"Wearing lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that breathes, and using plenty of sunscreen, also are good preventative measures to avoid heat-related illnesses," Webb adds.

Webb says if you notice someone showing signs of possible heat stroke, call for medical assistance immediately, and take steps to cool the person experiencing the heat

emergency by moving them to a cool, shaded area and applying cool water to the body by immersing them in water, spraying or sponging the skin, or wrapping the person in a cool, wet sheet. If possible, monitor body temperature and continue cooling

efforts until the victim's temperature drops to 102 or below.

Less severe forms of heat illness can be relieved by resting quietly in a cool, shady place, drinking clear juice or a sports beverage.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY

Treasury says woman will be picked for \$10 bill

WASHINGTON — Alexander Hamilton, who has been featured on the \$10 bill since 1929, is making way for a woman.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is to officially announce Thursday that a redesign of the \$10 will feature the first woman on the nation's paper money in more than a century. The plan is to decide which woman sometime this summer.

The bill will have new security features to make it harder to counterfeit and will be unveiled in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. The date it will be put into circulation will be announced later.

Lew is asking the public for suggestions on who should be chosen for the bill, as well as what symbols of democracy it should feature. Ideas can be submitted by visiting

thenew10.treasury.gov website.

Various groups have been campaigning to get a woman honored on the nation's paper currency, which has been an all-male domain for more than a century. The last woman featured on U.S. paper money was Martha Washington, who was on a dollar silver certificate from 1891 to 1896. The only other woman ever featured on U.S. paper money was Pocahontas, from 1865 to 1869. Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea are on dollar coins.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-New Hampshire, who is sponsoring legislation to put a woman on the \$20 bill, praised Lew for moving forward with a decision to use the \$10 bill, which is the next denomination of currency scheduled to be redesigned.

"While it may not be the twenty dollar bill, make no mistake, this is a



Women On 20s suggests featuring a great woman from American history, such as Rosa Parks, on the \$20 bill. Parks became the "mother of the freedom movement" after refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger in 1955. Courtesy Photo

historic announcement," Shaheen said in a statement. "Young girls across this country will soon be able to see an inspiring woman on the ten dollar bill."

A grass roots group,

Women on 20s, had been pushing to get a woman's portrait on the \$20, which currently features Andrew Jackson. They had conducted an online poll that gathered over 600,000 votes. African-American

abolitionist Harriett Tubman was the top choice in that poll.

Lew said that Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary, would still be honored in some way. He said one possibility being

considered would keep Hamilton's portrait on some of the redesigned \$10 bills. Lew said no final decision had been made yet.

OBITUARY

Ilene Lewis Patrick

Graveside services for Mrs. Ilene Lewis Patrick, age 67, will be at 10 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2015, at the Jolley Cemetery in Junction City, Arkansas, with the eulogy being given by David Shelton, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Springhill.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 5 p.m. until 7 at Bailey Funeral Home in Springhill.

Mrs. Patrick was born on July 22, 1947 to Trinton W. and Geraldine Cole Lewis in Camden, Arkansas and passed away on Tuesday,



PATRICK

June 16, 2015 in Bossier City. Mrs. Patrick was a resident of Minden for over 50 years, and was a former resident of Camden, Arkansas and Homer. She worked for the State of Louisiana in the Welfare and Child Support Enforcement Department for more than 20 years.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, William E. "Pat" Patrick; daughter,

Kelly A. Satterwhite and husband, Allen of Indonesia; son, William Wade Patrick and wife, Mandie, of Gonzales; and grandchildren, Audrey, Ailene, Patrick, and Lauren.

Mrs. Patrick was preceded in death by her parents, Trinton W. and Geraldine Cole Lewis.

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BUDGET

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water mains break on Homer Road since Memorial Day – one on Memorial Day weekend. We just can't anticipate, but we still try to put money in there for that."

He goes on to say the biggest nonrevenue expense is the police and fire departments. While they do have taxes that support public safety, there is no income generated from them. Next to that is the expense of supporting employees. Davis says one third of their budget goes to employees to pay their salaries, benefits and retirement.

Statewide, it's not much different than a municipality in that the state has income that is dedicated; however, much of the state's budget is constitutionally dedicated, which means it cannot be touched. Reynolds says there's very little money that can be moved around to plug holes in the budget if need be.

This year instead of cutting just higher education and healthcare as has been done in the past, across the board cuts were made to help balance the budget. Since so much of Louisiana's income is dedicated funds – it cannot be spent on anything else other than for what it was intended – higher education and healthcare have

always been the two funds slashed the hardest, he says.

"About 46 percent of our budget is federal money, and that's dedicated," Reynolds said. "About \$7 billion to \$9 billion of that was tax rebates that we've given companies for a long, long, long time. So about \$3 billion of that was general fund. The rest of that is dedicated to some-

thing constitutionally. In a nut shell, that's the issue."

He says so much of the state's money is dedicated and makes the budget nearly impossible to deal with, because there's not much wiggle room.

"This goes back for many years," he said. "We had a constitutional convention in 1973, and every governor and legislator that's come by has dedicat-

ed funds. Every October, there's some constitutional amendment that dedicates funds. This is not one person or one governor's fault. This is something that's been going on for a long time.

"If you dedicate all your money and give away the kind of money we've been giving away in tax credits, something's got to give, and the only thing that's

not dedicated is higher ed and health and hospitals," he continued. "That's why they get clobbered year in and year out."

He hopes in January, when a new governor is seated, to begin discussion on changing the structure of the budget with the hope of finding some wiggle room to stop bleeding higher education and healthcare.

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PERSPECTIVE

The choice is simple

Life as we know it would come to an end in Louisiana. Colleges and universities would close and what's left of publicly funded health care facilities in the state, well, they would be shuttered.

That's what the prognosticators told us just a few months ago prior to the legislative session that concluded late last week. It seems a projected \$1.6-billion revenue shortfall heading into the 2015-2016 fiscal year made a few folks nervous.

The prognosticators were wrong, of course, and as always, lawmakers found a way to at least create the appearance that the state budget was balanced. The end times aren't here after all. Not now, at least.

It was a tall order to close a projected \$1 billion-plus hole in the budget void of gutting higher education and health care, but hey, what's a little revenue problem when there's roughly \$200 million discovered on the floor in the Capitol and some \$700 million or more in new taxes to be raised. A few cuts in spending here and a few cuts there, and low and behold, a balanced budget is in hand. It's that easy.

The voters will have a say in the very near future whether the actions of the Legislature were tolerable, for every lawmaker who seeks re-election will face the electorate in just four months. Not exactly enough time for us commoners to get a good dose of what it feels like to have about \$1 billion in new taxes dumped on our backs, but those tax hikes will play a significant role in some legislative races. Mark my word.

I could go on ad nauseam about the good and the bad that came out of this year's session, but what's the point? The session is over. Gov. Bobby Jindal is on his way out of office. He's a good man, and he did what he thought was right. History will have the final say on the Jindal administration, positive or negative.

A new governor and a new Legislature will take the reins of state government in January. But the state's problems — fiscally and otherwise — will still be around, including a projected \$1-billion revenue shortfall heading into the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Already I can hear the hue and cry among liberals about the necessity to raise taxes on the backs of the business community to make things right. For who is in the eyes of the beholder.

Let's face it. The Left in Louisiana, God bless them, won't be happy until all of us who make a decent living are taxed half to death. Thus, the challenge going forward is very important.

The challenge, as you might expect, is to elect a governor and lawmakers who recognize money doesn't grow on trees. Hopefully, they also will recognize a whole-sale review of the roughly \$8 billion the state spends each year courtesy of constitutional and statutory dedications should be the first order of business. Otherwise, we will continue to encounter budgetary shortfalls as well as live the under "threat" that the world is coming to an end.

Or we can embrace a boatload of new taxes that would make this year's tax hikes look like Monopoly money.

The choice is simple. Pick one. *Sam Hanna Jr. is publisher of The Ouachita Citizen, and he serves in an editorial/management capacity with The Concordia Sentinel and The Franklin Sun, three newspapers owned and operated by the Hanna family. He can be reached by call 318-805-8158 or emailing him at samhanna-jr@samhannajr.com.*



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A step forward for roads

Much has been said about the recently concluded 2015 legislative session, though not much of it has been positive. The predominant message coming out of this two-month saga is simply "thank goodness it's over."

The Legislature voted to raise taxes on employers and individuals by more than \$700 million this year in 12 different bills that will collectively have a five-year impact of more than \$2.2 billion. The governor is expected to sign all 12 bills into law. These new taxes will broadly affect employers of all sizes and industry sectors. Removing dollars of this magnitude out of Louisiana's economy, with such rapid and broad strokes, in order to fund government will undoubtedly have an impact on the state's economic growth.

Throughout this session, the chorus emanating from the Capitol from most legislators was that raising taxes was their only choice to fund higher education and health care...that their hands were tied and they had no other available options. In reality, there were many other options on the table, such as making long-needed strategic reductions in government spending, reforming the state's budget to undedicate the litany of statutory dedicated funds that currently prohibit roughly \$1.3 billion from being used for critical services, restructuring the generational high levels of state support for local government that continue to rise every year, giving higher education the same full tuition autonomy enjoyed by its competitors in other states and updating Louisiana's pension systems to make it more efficient to taxpayers.

The financial decisions made this session to address a budget challenge were simply a taxpayer-funded Band-Aid to hide a larger budget structural disease. Band-Aids don't heal wounds like that, the problem is only going to get worse until aggressive, and targeted treatment is

pursued. Let's hope next year's fiscal special session that every gubernatorial candidate has promised can provide a treatment that prioritizes taxpayers and economic growth over protecting the populist approach of the past that again took hold this session.

Having said all of this, transportation funding thankfully received good news this session.

Every resident in the state is aware of the significant challenges Louisianans face when it comes to transportation. Louisiana receives a "C-" on the report card for America's Infrastructure, we rank No. 44 in urban interstate conditions, and the state's road maintenance backlog is roughly \$12 billion. This challenge, while annoying for all of us during our daily commute, is even more pressing as we attempt to rebuild and diversify the state's economy through providing a reliable transportation system to meet the needs of our current employers and also prepare for the growth Louisiana is experiencing in energy, manufacturing, exports and new markets.

The first step for meeting this challenge is better utilizing the dollars we have today for infrastructure.

Since 2005, the state has diverted over \$400 million from the Louisiana Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) to the Louisiana State Police (LSP) for the function of traffic control. While this is obviously a noble and necessary service, 71 percent of Louisiana voters approved a gas tax in 1989 for improving transportation infrastructure.

LABI worked very closely this session with Rep. Terry Landry to pass House Bill 208, a bill to ensure taxpayer dollars dedicated to the TTF are utilized for highway maintenance and construction by gradually limiting the amount that may be appropriated to LSP, beginning with a \$45 million cap in fiscal year 2016, \$20 million in fiscal year 2017 and \$10 million in fiscal year and every year going forward. This bill will go a long way to protecting the commitment made to taxpayers that TTF dollars will be used for infrastructure, while separate bills also passed this session to fund state police operations through other sources going forward.

It is estimated that an annual minimum of \$70 million is necessary to meet the federal match requirements for a reliable transportation preservation program. This year, Louisiana dedicates approximately \$26.7 million to match federal funds under a restructured preservation program focused mainly on interstate highways. House Bill 208 will help set the foundation for having that match requirement in place each and every year.

Other LABI-supported legislation also passed this session.

Senate Bill 122 and Senate Bill 221 by Sen. Robert Adley will have the effect of raising the mineral revenue base from \$850 million to \$950 million before the allocation to the state general fund. Doing so secures up to \$100 million beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018 and each year thereafter to transportation infrastructure projects. This measure dedicates the first \$70 million of the new total monies into the TTF to be used exclusively for state highway pavement and bridge sustainability projects in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development definitions of projects. The majority of the remaining dollars will be split between highway priority program projects, port investments, and seed funding to the proposed Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank.

This new infrastructure bank was created this session by House Bill 767 and House Bill 618 by Rep. Karen St. Germain and is intended to assist in financing eligible transportation projects.

While our infrastructure needs are great and additional reforms will be needed to build and maintain the system we have long sought, securing the TTF, prioritizing more of our mineral revenues for infrastructure improvements and developing incentives to encourage local stakeholders to invest more of their dollars in infrastructure are critical first steps.

Stephen Waguespack is the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the largest and most effective advocacy organization in the state.



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PERSPECTIVE

TPP is not a trade fight

White House spokesperson Josh Earnest dismissed it as a procedural snafu, and it was — but not in the way he meant.

The "it" was the stunning June 12 vote last week in the House of Representatives that wrecked that high-balling freight train called the Trans-Pacific Partnership. TPP is the global trade scam that was being railroaded through Congress, carrying an unbelievably odious load of freight that would give more power to Big Pharma, Wall Street, Walmart, Big Oil frackers, Silicon Valley monopolists, agribusiness giants, climate change deniers, job exporters, exploiters of labor and other multinational corporate elites.

None other than President Obama was running this locomotive, and GOP congressional leaders Mitch McConnell and John Boehner were the chief freight handlers. With the full corporate establishment onboard the TPP, its passage was a done deal. Except for one unforeseen obstacle: you. And you. And you. In other words, the American people!

The more you learned about what the TPP is carrying, the more you realized what a raw deal it is for your democratic rights, your jobs, income, health, environment, food, etc. — so the more involved you got in the StopTheTPP.org movement. "You The People" rose up in nearly every congressional district, and even though the national media didn't notice you, Congress did. Thus, the done deal derailed — to the shock of Corporados and their politicians, nearly 70 percent of the House voted with the people against the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Of course Obama & Co. are trying to put their railroad job back on track, but that'll be a heavy lift. The wreck of the TPP was not due to a glitch in legislative procedure, but to the establishment's procedural miscalculation that we Americans will just sit still as it autocratically uses secrecy and lies to snatch away our democratic sovereignty.

The contrived wisdom foisted on us by the acolytes of the Holy Corporate Order is that ordinary folks can't stop the Powers That Be from enthroning both an economic oligarchy and political plutocracy over us.

But as a friend of mine puts it: "Those who say it can't be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

Indeed, the power elites on Wall Street, in Washington and up in the corporate suites got a major comeuppance when the U.S. House rejected their TPP scheme last Friday. The Trans-Pacific Partnership masqueraded as a free trade agreement, but of the 30 chapters of this thousand-page document, only six deal with trade — the other 24 add up to a book of anti-democratic horrors, further rigging the system to enrich the global corporate elite, while ensuring ever-widening inequities for the rest of us.

Yet, the elites got a comeuppance because...well, because the grassroots literally came up. Such smart, savvy and scrappy public interest champions as Lori Wallach of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch and Larry Cohen of the Communications Workers of America dug out the details of TPP's secret power play and went to the countryside to alert regular Americans. They and many, many others strategized, organized and mobilized, creating a mass coalition to oppose the entrenchment of what would be a global corporate kleptocracy. This was building beneath the radar of the clueless establishment media, which continue to assert that opposition to the TPP is coming from labor unions. Labor has certainly been key, but it is hardly alone, for environmental groups, small businesses, mayors, state officials, religious leaders, family farm advocates and a wide array of other grassroots activists have enlisted in the crucial democratic cause.

What we have here is something big, something important for the long run: The beginning of a cohesive, comprehensive movement to restore a forward-looking people's politics based on the egalitarian principle that we're all in this together.



JIM HIGHTOWER

PHI DELTA KAPP



The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Epsilon Rho Chapter brings home trophies from 2015 Regional Conference Xinos/Kudos Step Team wins award. Members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Epsilon Rho Chapter recently attended the 2015 Annual Regional Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. More than 500 Xinos and Kudos high school students from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas attended the Conference. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Epsilon Rho Chapter Xinos Step Team and Kudos Step Team won 1st place in the step competition at the Regional Conference. The President is Amanda Thomas and Xinos/Kudos Sponsor is Gail Coleman. Left picture from left, Mackenzie Palmer, I'Janique Williams, Mi'Liyah Newman and Camryn Banks. Back row, Brianna Giles, Ke'Adria Miller, La'Shavion Bonner, Krystal Williams, Special Crawford and Ah'Mani Owens. Captains, I'Janique Williams and Ke'Adria Miller. Co-Captain, Krystal Williams. Former Xino, Breleisha Gilbert, Step Master. Pictured in right photo from left, Marcellous Moses, Ahmad Bishop and Isaiah Boston. Back row, Damien Harris, Kertravion Oliver, Ke'Shun Sanders, Kendal Allums, Jordan Becnel, Adrian Flournoy, Brandon Rallins, member, Aaron Moses, Te'Konzae Williams, member and Donte' Lindsey. Captains, Ah'mad Bishop and Isaiah Boston. Co-Captain, Ke'Shun Sanders. Former Xino, Kellie Carter, Step Master. Courtesy Photos



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June 18, 2015

The Minden Chapter of the Diabetic Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Minden Medical Center cafeteria. The speaker will be Dr. Bain Planchard from Planchard Eye and Laser Center in Bossier City. For more

information, call 377-0060 or 377-2589.

June 22, 2015

North Acres Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. nightly until June 26. Ages are for entering PK through sixth grade.

June 21, 2015

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church will have its 18th

Paster Appreciation honoring the Rev. James and Mattie Landfair at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Melvin Smith of St. Mark Baptist Church in Doyline.

June 23, 2015

A public information meeting on Lake Bistineau will take place at 6:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Region 1 Office in the Jonathan Glascock Memorial Classroom, located at 9961

Highway 80 in Minden. Space is limited to 100 people.

June 26, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist Church will host Arts and Crafts on the Pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, like Arts and Crafts on the Pond on Facebook.

June 28, 2015

The Longspring COGIC located at 518 Constable St. in Minden will have their annual "Family &

Friends Day" program on at 3 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams & Tillman COGIC Family of Heflin, LA. Everyone is Welcome!

Miller Chapel G.B.C located at 2164 Dogwood Trail will celebrate its 9th Pastor's Anniversary for the Rev. Sherman Bradford and Sister Janice Bradford at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Billy Joe Hawkins and Mt. Pilgrim B.C. Family.

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NBA

Champs welcomed home to the Bay

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry came off the plane, lifted the Larry O'Brien Trophy as he walked down the mobile staircase and let the gold award shine in the California sun.

For the first time in 40 years, the NBA champions are back in the Bay Area.

With more than 100 team employees in yellow and blue shirts cheering them outside a private terminal, the Golden State Warriors were welcomed home to Oakland on Wednesday. The team spent Tuesday night in Cleveland — though the players didn't really sleep — after beating LeBron James and the Cavaliers 105-97 in the Game 6 clincher.

"We just stuck to who we are, fought through some tough times in the playoffs. At the end of the day, when you're holding the trophy, all the ups and downs are worth it," said Curry, the NBA MVP. "We'll remember this for the rest of our lives."

As two helicopters hovered above the airport, the chartered flight received an escort from a police car and two fire trucks on the runway. Curry was the first player off the plane and was quickly joined by teammates on the staircase.

"Phenomenal. Still on cloud nine. It really hasn't set in yet," Warriors forward Draymond Green said.

MLB

Rangers top Dodgers, 5-3

Like many free-swinging sluggers, it's either feast or famine for Joey Gallo — home run or strikeout. In his first confrontation with Clayton Kershaw, the Texas Rangers' 21-year-old rookie fanned twice against the reigning NL MVP and hit a very long two-run homer in between.

Prince Fielder also went deep to help Texas beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-3 on Monday night as the teams switched venues following back-to-back home wins by the Rangers.

Kershaw gave up a lead-off single in the third inning to opposing pitcher Wandy Rodriguez, then struck out his next two batters before Gallo drove a 1-1 pitch more than halfway up the right-field pavilion for a 3-0 lead.

The homer was the fifth for Gallo, who earlier this month became the first player in franchise history to homer in each of his first two big league games. This was his first one on the road.

"I didn't know what to expect. I was just looking for something I could just put any kind of barrel on," Gallo said. "He threw a slider the pitch before and I got a pretty good look at it. Then he threw it over the plate and I was able to square it up."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Ready for a rematch



OMAHA, Neb. — LSU (54-11) seeks to win a second College World Series elimination game at 7 p.m. CT Thursday when the Tigers face TCU (50-14) at TD Ameritrade Park.

Thursday's game will be televised by ESPN, and it may be viewed at WatchESPN.com and the Watch ESPN app.

The game will be carried on affiliates of the LSU Sports Radio Network, including WDGL 98.1 FM in Baton Rouge. Free live audio may be accessed at www.LSUsports.net/live.

LSU dropped a 10-3 decision to TCU on Sunday afternoon in its CWS opener before winning an elimination game over Cal State Fullerton, 5-3, on Tuesday. Freshman right-hander Alex Lange fired a complete game and junior shortstop Alex Bregman, batting in the lead-off position for just third time in his career, was 4-for-4 at the plate to lead the Tigers to victory.

The winner of Thursday's

LSU-TCU game will play Vanderbilt at 7 p.m. Friday. Thursday's winner must defeat Vanderbilt twice to the advance to the CWS championship series.

The Tigers are playing in their 17th College World Series, and all 17 appearances have come since 1986. LSU is tied with Texas for the second-highest number of CWS championships with six. Southern California has the most NCAA baseball titles with 12.

The Tigers practiced for two hours Wednesday afternoon at Creighton University in preparation for Thursday's contest.

"Obviously, TCU is a very tough team, they beat us the other day, and they're going to be throwing a very talented pitcher," said LSU coach Paul Mainieri. "We've got the challenge of a lifetime with our backs against the wall, but I know our players are excited about the opportunity to advance in this tournament."

Mainieri said that senior left-hander Zac Person (2-0) will be the Tigers' starting pitcher on Thursday. Person will make his third career start and his second this season. TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle will counter with sophomore right-hander Mitchell Traver (9-2).

"Zac is a talented, veteran pitcher who displays a lot of poise and composure on the mound, and we feel like he can get us off to a good start," said Mainieri. "He was a starting pitcher in junior college at LSU-Eunice, so this is not a completely unfamiliar position for him to be in. He's had a great two years in our program, and we're very confident that he can pitch effectively in this environment."

Senior catcher Kade Scivicque, a second-team All-American, is hitting .352 this season with 21 doubles, six homers, and 47 RBI, and he has thrown out 19 runners attempting to steal. Junior centerfielder Andrew Stevenson, a third-team All-American, is batting .350 with 12 doubles, five triples, one homer, 23 RBI, 53 runs and 26 stolen bases.

Junior first baseman Chris Chinaea, a third-team All-American, is batting .348 with 17 doubles, 11 homers, 58 RBI and 42 runs.

TCU is batting .286 on the year with 27 home runs and 119 steals in 162 attempts. The Horned Frogs' pitching staff has the nation's second-best ERA at 2.37.

TCU is led at the plate by senior outfielder Cody Jones, who is hitting .362 with 14 doubles, one triple,



five homers and 34 RBI. Junior infielder Derek Odell is batting .300 with 10 doubles, three homers and 41 RBI, and freshman catcher Evan Skoug is hitting .286 with team-highs of seven homers and 44 RBI.

LSU leads the all-time series with TCU, 6-2, and Sunday's game marked the first NCAA Tournament

matchup between the squads. All of the other meetings between the schools have occurred in Baton Rouge. LSU swept three games from the Horned Frogs in 1994 by scores of 13-6, 15-10 and 16-8. LSU also split two games with TCU in 1967, and the Tigers won two straight over the Frogs in 1989.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

No more money signs for Manziel

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo has no regrets about comments he has made about the NFL since the cancellation of a fantasy football-themed event where the Dallas Cowboys quarterback was to be a headliner.

But Romo refused Wednesday to elaborate on what he said during radio interviews the previous day.

"I said everything I was going to say. I said what I

thought," said Romo, who wore a blue cap with an NFL logo while surrounded by reporters at his locker after the latest offseason practice.

The National Fantasy Football Convention event scheduled for next month in Las Vegas was canceled last week after the NFL reiterated a policy banning appearances associated with casinos.

During an interview

Tuesday on ESPN Radio, Romo indicated that it could be an issue of money.

"We were just trying to get the fans to hang out with players," Romo said during the interview. "It seems like a no-brainer to me, especially because it really wasn't going to be something that I didn't think was going to break the NFL's heart money-wise."

Romo also said he was disappointed that the NFL

waited until so close to the event before voicing its concerns.

Asked Wednesday if he had heard from anyone from the league office since his interviews, Romo responded, "No. I have not had any contact, before or after," and then smiled.

Romo was aware of a tweet with his picture sent from the NFL's verified account Tuesday that was quickly deleted. It was a

picture of Romo waving at a practice, with the words "Hi Tony!" followed by two emoticons representing a hand waving back.

"Obviously when someone takes it down after nine minutes, it tells you probably all you need to know," Romo said.

There was no immediate response Wednesday to an email to a league spokesman about Romo's comments and the tweet.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Galette to meet with NFL



METAIRIE (AP) — Saints outside linebacker Junior Galette said Wednesday that he'll meet with NFL officials by the end of the month about an offseason arrest that stemmed from a domestic disturbance at his New Orleans-area home.

Galette, who had a team-leading 10 sacks in 2014, said he hoped his meeting at league headquarters in New York would go well because prosecutors dropped the case.

His female accuser filed a related civil lawsuit, but her lawyer later withdrew.

"I definitely consider it case closed," Galette said in his first public comments since his Jan. 5 arrest.

"As far as the news I've received, it's nothing but good news, because obviously it didn't really look good on her part that the case got thrown before it even got

to court," Galette said, noting that he's been told NFL investigators spoke with prosecutors in the suburb of Kenner about why they chose not to pursue the case.

"As far as my agent and my lawyer's concerned, everything's good right now."

Still, Galette said he got the message that fans were displeased and that he hopes he can be a better role model for children.

"There were some die-hard fans that weren't too happy with the way I conducted myself off the field this offseason. I'd like to apologize to the fans. Lord knows I want to be here more than any other place in the world. I love it here. New Orleans gave me an opportunity — changed my life," Galette said.

"But I'll bounce back. I've been through adversity like this before. If anybody can handle it, it would be me."

The Saints signed Galette as an undrafted rookie out of Stillman College. A native Haitian who spent much of his childhood in New Jersey, Galette transferred to the Division II school in Alabama after being dis-

missed by Temple because a relative who was staying with him was found with a stolen computer.

The potential the Saints saw in Galette became apparent when he had a career-high 12 sacks in 2013. Shortly before last season, he received a four-year contract extension worth up to \$41.5 million.

His arrest came after police responded to a disturbance call on a Monday morning and found a woman in front of Galette's house with scratches on her face and bleeding from where an earring had apparently been ripped out.

The woman alleged Galette and his cousin, Terrance Banks, injured her while forcibly removing her from the home.

Galette's attorney described the woman as a house guest who was refusing to leave, and said she lost an earring because Galette's dog jumped on her in reaction "to her yelling."

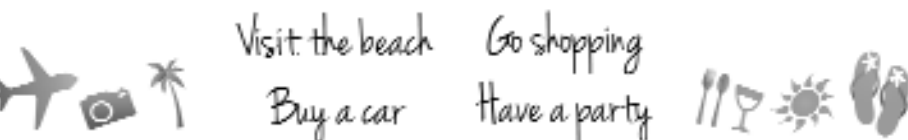
Galette's attorney also claimed the woman attempted a \$2 million "shakedown" — which he rejected — before filing her civil lawsuit.

Kinsey's catch



Golden Kinsey took his wife Anitra fishing at Lock & Damn No. 5 where she caught this six-foot long, 65 pound alligator gar. Courtesy Photo/Golden Kinsey

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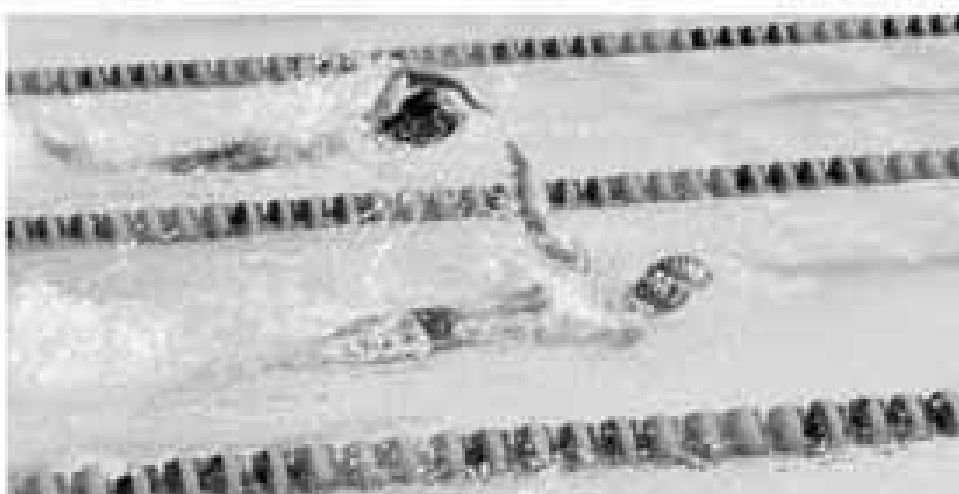
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

The Kingdom of God

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness” Matthew 6:33. Does that sound familiar? Is it a place you desire to inhabit? I hope so. What do you picture in your mind when you hear the term “Kingdom of God”? A Genesis to Revelation study of God’s Word reveals the Kingdom of God to be essentially Eden restored – a place where all operates on the

kingdom law of perfect love and where there is no such thing as sin, decay, pain, or death just as was the Eden home fresh from the Creator’s hand. Can you imagine a place where no selfishness or pride exists?! An amazing thought! The wolf also shall



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dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain” Isaiah 11:6, 9.

In Jesus’ model prayer, He taught us to pray for the coming of the kingdom (Luke 11:2). If it never is in our thoughts, it will not likely be part of our future. For those who will inhabit the kingdom, it will be the life priority here and now – more important than family ties (Luke 9:59-62), more important than meeting our daily needs (Luke 12:31-33), more important than economic considera-

tions (Luke 18:18-24). We will seek it first. We find that there is something in the character of children that must be present in us in order to enjoy the kingdom. “Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein” Luke 18:17. Could it be their whole-some trust? They tend to believe what they are told.

When it’s our Savior talking, we need to trust and not doubt. We are told that “of His kingdom there shall be no end” Luke 1:33. That’s eternity with Him – an eternity of ever learning, ever relating to our Savior and one another in perfect love and fellowship. Make it your priority. You will have no regrets.

ALONG THE WAY

These boots are made for walking

In studying the Acts of the Apostles I have zeroed in on Paul. He describes himself “as an apostle born out of season”.... He did not actually walk the land with Jesus, nor enter into the actual accounts like the ‘first twelve.’ But he was whole-heartedly convinced “he had seen the Master and he knew Jesus personally”. Wouldn’t we feel the same way if we had experienced the same thing he did on the Damascus Road?

I get so tired just trying to follow Paul as he traveled from Tarsus to Damascus, to Jerusalem, then all through Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), S Europe, Philippi, Corinth, and down to Athens. Then they made a return trip all the way to Jerusalem. Google that and estimate his total mileage. He should have worn a pedometer and clocked his miles! Poor feet! And then, at last, there was the long trip (via boat) to Rome. He put a lot of miles on those feet. And that is what amazes me. He may have had ointment, salves, and lotions to soothe away the pain.(Duet.33:25). But come morning, he was ready to continue the journey. In reading of ancient footwear, we know it was very simple. The Bible mentions ‘foot ware’ several times- mostly referring

to sandals. Now if that was his only choice in his day, consider what a difficult time it was to walk the sandy, dusty, rocky, and mountainous trails....all seasons. He was always in and around seaports, marshy areas, wading in mud, dealing with storms and shipwrecks. Poor Paul; poor feet! He must have had tough ones. He was no tenderfoot for sure!

I was putting on my 16 year old Muck Boots (excursion pro-mid style) last week when the thought raced through my mind: what if Paul owned a pair of these? I think he could have almost doubled his travels! About 16 years ago, members of the Sunday School Class gave me a pair of pro-mid Muck boots. I was gathering clothing for a 10-day mission trip to the Czech Republic in February. Piercing cold, deep snow and all the maladies that come with such! All I have were some old ‘brogans’ which would have made the trip, I suppose. But, these new boots were so nice!

They were so comfortable. I decided not to take other shoes, just them. I eased them off on the long flight (easy on and off) when I needed to be walking the aisle. Children and teachers (in schools), bystanders at train stations

and in restaurants, wherever we went, folks would eye them. When we visited nursing homes and hospitals, folks would stop me to inspect the boots. I felt embarrassed somewhat by all the attention given my Mucks. (On the ‘black market’ I may have sold them for enough money to buy everyone a ‘schnitzel’. Ha). But it gave me opportunity to tell them why we were visiting there, what we had been doing, and share our faith.

Since then I have worn them to Brazil, Nicaragua, Germany, Canada, as well as Colorado and Wyoming on mission trips. If a computer chip was embedded in the soles, no doubt it would reveal many wonderful blessings the Lord has showered on me while wearing them. Having “retired” from the long mission trips, other opportunities have opened and I still rely on those boots to ‘perform’.... Working in the yard and garden (they are just right for these tasks) or pushing through the berry briars and bushes (provides me secure footing and protection.... Somehow I wish I could send several boxes of these boots to Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Luke and Timothy to encourage them to continue their missionary journeys.

But we live in the now and must deal with issues at hand. We have our own mission work to do...here at home and around the world. Protecting our feet

and hands are so important as we ‘take the message of salvation around the world’ (Great Commission). Now I must admit, Paul probably managed better with his foot-ware than he would with some shoes we see today. Can you imagine

how far some of those shoes would ‘travel’ in Paul’s days over rocky roads he traveled? Taking care of our feet is so important to our being able to preach and teach the Good News. (Isaiah 52:7) And what an opportunity

we will have this summer as we meet folks all around crossing our paths....fishing, skiing, on the beaches, in the mountains, in the malls, or at the baseball games. So, put on those boots or running shoes and continue the race of life.



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THE UPWARD LOOK

Standing firm in spiritual battles

“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” 1 Peter 5:9 NIV

The devil attacks like a roaring lion to devour believers. To withstand, resist, and overcome these attacks, believers must trust in God’s Mighty Hand. Our weapons of

defense are the Word of God and prayer. Jesus gave us His example to follow when He used Scripture during His temptation and used prayer in the garden as He prepared for the cross. Paul also describes the weapons of spiritual warfare including prayer and the Word in Ephesians 6. As we face these spiritual battles, we can find comfort and

strength in knowing that other believers face these same kinds of sufferings. Lord Jesus, help me and all who believe in You to resist the evil opposition. No matter what trials, persecutions, and sufferings I may face today, help me to remain firm in faith as I trust in Your great power to sustain and protect me.

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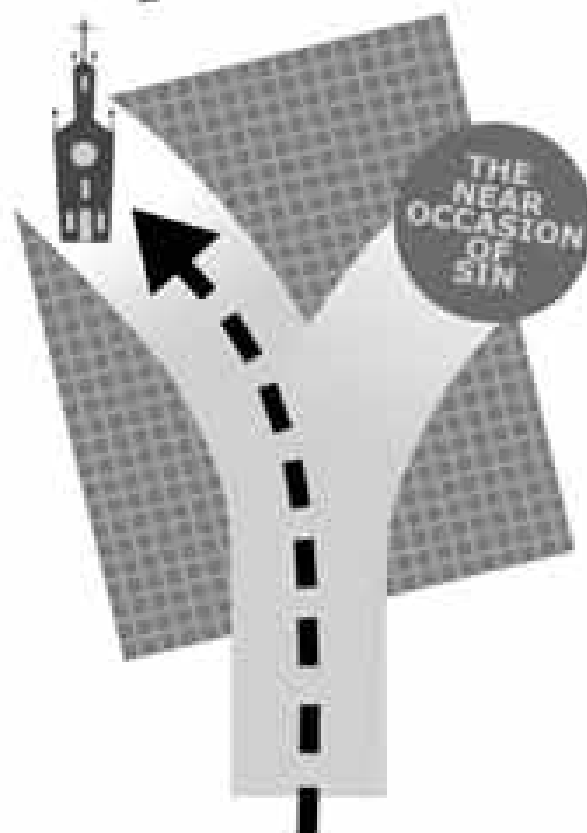
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Avoiding the Near Occasion of Sin

The Catholic prayer, the Act of Contrition, ends with a firm resolution to "sin no more, and to avoid the near occasion of sin." This is good counsel for those of us with less than perfect willpower to resist doing wrong, and it harmonizes with the Lord's Prayer, which asks God to "Lead us not into temptation." Strictly speaking, God does not tempt us, but our daily circumstances certainly do, and we would do well to avoid those circumstances that tempt us to sin. If we know that a certain person will try our patience and tempt us to say or do something unkind, then perhaps we should avoid that person, or at least try to interact with him or her when our resolve is strong. We all know that certain things can be an occasion of sin, a situation that makes sinning much more likely, and part of leading a holy life is to avoid those circumstances, at least until our will has become more resolutely good. We should be aware also that our resolve can be weakened by a long hard day, so be especially cautious when you are tired.

—Christopher Simon



When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.
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In Pixar's 'Inside Out,' the cacophony of childhood

"Inside Out," the latest Pixar punch to the heart, navigates the labyrinth of a young girl's mind in an antic, candy-colored romp through childhood memory to arrive, finally, gloriously, at epiphany.

By now it's a familiar Pixar trajectory from wackadoodle to waterworks: We know it's coming and we know there's nothing we can do about it. The wave of tender nostalgia is going to crash down and wash us — happy, misty-eyed saps — out to sea, maybe with Nemo and Dora swimming alongside.

Those moments, sentimental and sublime, come in unlikely places: the sudden understanding of a forgotten toy, the astonished realization of a bitter food critic, the flashback of a grouchy old man. The epiphanies are almost invariably about giving into the natural course of life and time: An acceptance, a letting go.

Part of the magic is that even when out in space or in a rat-run restaurant, Pixar films stay earth-bound. What's most striking about "Inside Out" isn't its inside-the-brain gee-whiz design, but that it's probably Pixar's most directly human story yet: An 11-year-old girl, growing up.

It's an event observed and subtly manipulated by a gaggle of voices in the head of young Riley: Joy (Amy Poehler), an effervescent, pixie-haired burst of positivity; Sadness (Phyllis Smith), a blue-tinged, bespectacled mope; Anger (Lewis Black), a red block of fury; Fear (Bill Hader), a perpetually nervous squiggle; and Disgust (Mindy Kaling), a snobbish socialite.

From inside the "head-quarters" of her head, the

quintet have all watched Riley (Kaitlyn Dias) compile personality-forming memories, each of which rolls into headquarters like a glowing pinball, to be filed away accordingly in places like long-term memories or the more central "core memories."

Things begin going haywire when Riley and her parents (Diane Lane, Kyle MacLachlan) move from Minnesota — the scene of her idyllic, hockey-playing youth — to a rundown San Francisco town house. Sadness begins creeping into her core memories, jeopardizing Joy's previously unchallenged sunny supremacy.

In trying to prevent this scourge of unhappiness, Joy and Sadness get sucked into the recesses of Riley's mind where they must find a way back through a maze of realms like Imagination Land and Dream Productions, a nightly movie studio of dreams.

The interior architecture is bright and clever — there's literally a train of thought — but the psychology puns drag. Much of the mindscape adventures will surely sail over the heads of many younger viewers, while others will eventually tire of its "Inception"-like trip into the brain. (An exception is Bing Bong, an abandoned imaginary friend played by Richard Kind, who cries candy and seems created to prove how Pixar can make literally anything break your heart.)

Better is the tenderly depicted daily life of Riley as she struggles to adjust to a new school and city. "Inside Out," directed by Pete Docter and co-directed by Ronnie Del Carmen, steadily builds in emotional power, aided massively by Michael Giacchino's



beautifully soft and sweet score (he also scored "Up" and "Ratatouille").

"Inside Out" may be about a young girl but it's really from a parent's perspective — even the inside voices are guardians of Riley, adjusting as she matures out of childhood. As he did with "Up," Docter has married a rain-

bow-colored palate with a gentle fable, mixing real and fantasy sometimes awkwardly but always with warm-heartedness.

What's most refreshing about "Inside Out" is its inversion of the standard prescriptions of big-budget animation: It's ultimately about the importance of embracing sad-

ness. This, you may have noticed, isn't exactly the conventional moral one generally finds at the multiplex.

But it's a fitting lesson to be imparted by Pixar, a master juggler of emotion that has so often moved us with radiant bursts of feeling. Who better to remind us of the value of a good

cry?

"Inside Out," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "mild thematic elements and some action." Running time: 95 minutes. Three and a half stars out four.

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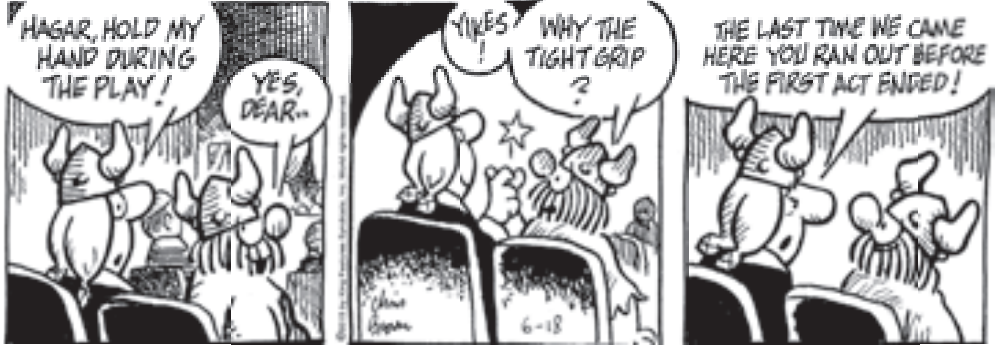
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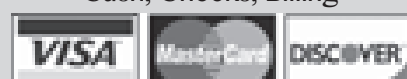
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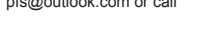
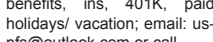
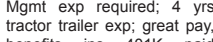
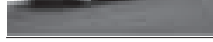
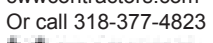
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Minden Planning

Commission

Meeting

July 9, 2015

- 10:00 a.m.

P e l l i c a n

Conference Room

- Minden City Hall

On the agenda

is a request

from Madden

C o n t r a c t i n g

Company, Inc. for

a zoning variance

on property owned

by them located

at the municipal

address of 1020

Germantown Rd.

This property is

zoned R-1 (Single

Family Residential).

The purpose of this

zoning variance

is for a family

member to place a

mobile home on the

property to be used

as their personal

residence for a

period of no more

than 10 years.

Legal Description:

E A S T E R N

P O R T I O N

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40 ACRES

FRONTING ON

GERMANTOWN

R D - NW/4 OF

SW/4 SEC 11-19-9

All interested

parties will be

given a chance

to be heard

June 18 & 25, 2015

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Sibley, Louisiana

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hearing at 10:30

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Notice of Introduction of an Ordinance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance introduced at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on May 11, 2015, is on file in my office and will be offered for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Village, is open to public inspection and will remain so at least 7 days prior to the final adoption, which is scheduled for June 30, 2015.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE An ordinance to adopt the annual budget of Revenues, Expenditures and Appropriation for the Village of Dixie Inn, Dixie Inn, Louisiana in Budget year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

That said ordinance, is to be finally passed, is on file with the Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn for public inspection and that said ordinance is to be taken on final passage, after public hearing, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana which is scheduled on June 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

This declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana on this the 11th day of May, 2015.

/s/ _____ Jane Rogers Municipal Clerk

June 18, 2015
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting July 9, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. P e l i c a n Conference Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from GPS Properties LLC for a zoning change on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 133 Juniper Lane. The zoning change being requested is from R-3 (Single Family

submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

Information regarding the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Village to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and the Village's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana will be presented.

All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Village of Dixie Inn are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three day notice is received by the Village. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until June 30, 2015 in writing to the Mayor at the following address: Village of Dixie Inn, 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA 71055.

Residential) to B-4 (Hwy. Commercial). The purpose of this zoning change is to clear the property to make a gravel lot to be used for parking and equipment storage.

Legal Description: LOT #63, DEERFIELD SUBDIV., UNIT #3 IN NE/4 OF SW/4, IN SE/4 OF SW/4 & IN NW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 26-19-9

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

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On the agenda is a request from Aurilia Jane McLemore Carver for approval of a preliminary subdivision plan for a lot split on property owned by her located on Park Highway.

Legal Description: A 0.32 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SAID SECTION 15, AND RUN WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 555.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 516.00 FEET TO A 6 (70 1&+0.521 1 ROD LOCATED ON THE APPARENT EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF PARK HIGHWAY, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 199.47 FEET TO \$B(70 1&+0.521 1 ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 69.00 FEET 72 0\$06(70 1&+0

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On the agenda is a request from G & Y Still Partnership for approval of a preliminary subdivision plan for the subdivision of property owned by them located on Guy Miller Road.

Legal Description: A 35.17 acre, more or less, tract of land, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, (SE/4 of SW/4), and also in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found pine knot in a rock pile with a set iron rod in the center and run North 0 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds East 2084.66 feet, (call North 0 degrees 16 minutes 03 seconds East), to a set 5/8 iron rod located on the North Right of Way line of Guy Miller Road, for the Point of Beginning; thence run, along said Right of Way line, for the next 9 calls, South 44 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds West 96.56 feet; thence South 38 degrees 51 minutes

16 seconds West 55.35 feet, thence South 33 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds West 72.72 feet to a set 5/8 iron rod; thence South 30 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds West 334.48 feet to a set 5/8 iron rod; thence South 33 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds West 43.67 feet; thence South 40 degrees 17 minutes 56 seconds West 40.90 feet; thence South 45 degrees 40 minutes 58 seconds West 47.92 feet to a set 5/8 iron rod; thence South 49 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds West 313.41 feet to a set 5/8 iron rod; thence South 48 degrees 24 minutes 19 seconds West 237.09 feet along said Right of Way line to a set 5/8 iron rod; thence run North 41 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds West 205.35 feet to a found iron rod; thence run South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West 377.03 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 0 degrees 43 minutes 23 seconds East 1316.19 feet to a found iron pipe; thence run South 89 degrees 56 minutes 16 seconds East 1309.03 feet to a found rebar; thence run South 0 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds West 544.72 feet to the Point of Beginning; AND a 4.13 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4), all in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, lying South and East of Guy Miller Road, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found Pine Knot in a rock pile with a set iron rod in the center, located at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 11, and run North 00 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 1282.20

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at intersection of the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 11 and the edge of a pipeline clearing, for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 89 degrees 14 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 570.52 feet along said pipeline clearing to a pipeline clearing, at the intersection of said clearing and the apparent East right of way of Guy Miller Road, and run along said right of way for the next eight (8) calls; thence run North 49 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 288.22

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