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LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Salvinia fight topic of Bistineau meeting

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Officials with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries say they continue the fight against giant salvinia on Lake Bistineau; however, it is an ongoing issue that will be for years to come. Jeff Sibley, LDWF biologist supervisor for inland fisheries district 1, says while they have made some headway in fighting

the frustrating invasive aquatic weed, it may never go away, because as soon as they kill it, it comes right back.

They have been using several ways to kill the weed, including herbicide spraying, which is currently underway, the introduction of weevils, and they are currently working with other scientists in finding ways to combat it 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Many of those in atten-

dance were residents who live around Lake Bistineau and some expressed their disappointment in learning nothing new, while others asked questions about the attempts to eradicate the salvinia.



REYNOLDS

State Rep. Gene Reynolds, one of several political figures in atten-

dance, says he tried to get a bill passed in this year's legislative session that would have funded a way to build a weevil breeding station at Lake Bistineau.

Weevils, a tropical insect, are known for their ability to kill salvinia (a tropical aquatic plant), but the problem, Sibley says, is the weevils are dying faster than the salvinia due to Louisiana's temperate climate. The salvinia weathers the cold better than the weevils.

Historically, Lake Bistineau has been plagued with aquatic vegetation and there are many reasons for that, Sibley says. Some of it is due to the fact that Lake Bistineau is swampland, primarily in the upper lake area around the dam, and nature has tried to take its course and turn it back into swampland.

"These vegetation problems have been ongo-

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COURT WATCH

Man pleads guilty to murdering Dubberly resident

STAFF REPORTS

A Bossier City man pled guilty Monday to the 2013 shooting death of James Rosypal, a Dubberly resident who worked at a convenience store on Airline Drive in Bossier City.

Adrian Little, 24, pled guilty to second-degree murder.

According to the Bossier/Webster District Attorney's Office, Bossier police responded to the Exxon Food Fast on Nov. 9, 2013 where they found Rosypal lying behind the counter unresponsive and the cash register open.



LITTLE

Officers worked quickly and obtained video surveillance from the store, which led to Little's arrest. Surveillance showed Little committing the armed robbery of the store and shooting Rosypal twice before exiting the store.

Bossier detectives were able to get a confession from Little, officials say, and were also able to locate the murder weapon. Experts from the North Louisiana Crime Lab examined the gun and were not only able to determine that it was the same gun that killed Rosypal but that Little's DNA was on the gun.

"The Bossier City Police Department did an outstanding job on this case," District Attorney Schuyler Marvin said. "They were called out at 1:30 in the morning and the whole department worked continuously until they were

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SUMMER HEAT BRINGS

Fresh, Cold LEMONADE!



Telina Worley/Press-Herald

Cousins setup lemonade stand

Carson Moseley, left, and Macey Moseley sell a cup of lemonade at their stand out side of Amber's Beauty Parlor Tuesday. The cousins sold cups of cold, fresh lemonade and pink lemonade to cool down patrons in the Stage shopping center for 50 cents.

POLICE JURY

Polling places to stay the same until next year

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After Clerk of Court Hollis Vining approached the Webster Parish Police Jury about changing polling places for precincts at the alternative school, some digging was done and a solution could be at hand – but it won't happen until next year.

Secretary Treasurer Ronda Carnahan says the changes can't happen until next year because it's so close to election day now. The issue came up in May about the alternative school and the poor condition of the school as a place for voters to cast their ballots. Vining suggested using the Forestry Building at the fairgrounds, but after some research, that building is booked for this year, Carnahan says.

"For this year, that is out," she said. "We may at a later date decide to try to find something a little better. We've looked at the Forestry Building, we've looked at the Minden High School cafeteria, we've just looked at several places."

She says Precinct 21, in Charlie Odom's district (District 8), there are buildings within his district so they will have to keep those voters within that area.

Juror Jerri Lee's precinct, Precinct 18, has 1,780 voters, and it will be proposed to move Precinct 18 from the alternative school to the civic center.

"If we're going to move them, it will be a permanent move," Carnahan said.

After some discussion with officials with the City of Minden, the civic center is big

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POLICE JURY

Webster library tax to meet new requirements

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The Webster Parish Library's millage tax will be voted on in the police jury's August meeting, but a few things have changed. Secretary Treasurer Ronda Carnahan says new requirements for notification must be met and the tax is not thought of as a renewal, but a new tax. To be clear, the 12 mill ad valorem tax was voted on by

the people and passed in May 2014. The only thing to change is some of the requirements that must be met. Carnahan says this was the reason for the special called meeting Tuesday – to make sure they met the state requirement of at least a 30-day notification, no more than 60 days prior to the date of the millage adoption. She says the meeting between July and August is only 28 days, hence the reason for call-

ing the special meeting. "With a new tax, there is a requirement that notification publication requirements must be met, and we contacted the assessor's office prior to adopting millages at our May meeting," Carnahan said. "At that time, we were thinking of the library tax as a renewal and not a new tax. But since it was the beginning of the new 10-year period, it is considered a new tax. "This isn't something

the voters haven't already voted on," Carnahan continued. Beverly Hammett, library director, says the old tax expired Dec. 31, 2014, and the new one, passed in May 2014, went into effect this year. "The taxing period expired Dec. 31, 2014, but we don't get that money until 2015," she said. "You don't get that money until the following year. They start collecting about November, and you might

get a little bit in December, but you get the majority of it (the following year) because they have until Dec. 31 to pay it. Then we get the majority of it in January, February and March of the following year." The library tax is set at 12 mills and expires in

2024. The tax passed in May 2014 supports the library's operating expenses as well as those of the other branches throughout the parish. The tax supports not only the main branch in Minden, but also the ones in Springhill, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, Sibley, Heflin and Doyline. The library millage will be adopted at the August 4 meeting of the Webster Parish Police Jury.



HAMMETT

LAKE

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ing for 70 years," he said, speaking of other aquatic vegetation before the introduction of salvinia. "What is the biggest thing we have facing Bistineau today? It's a process called eutrophication, basically the aging process of the lake." The good news is the bass fishing has been better than it's been in many years due to the drawdowns, another measure to fight giant salvinia. Sibley says the changing out of water has reinvigorated the fish population, and in January 2015, Bassmasters listed Lake Bistineau as No. 27 in ranking the top places for bass

fishing. Another concern by residents was the closing of Bistineau at the height of flooding. Several claimed they did not know the lake was closed and looked to LDWF for answers. Sibley explained the parish police juries are responsible for making the decision to close the lake. They asked if there was some way to notify those who live around the lake when it would be closed and even asked for a herbicide spraying schedule to be posted online. Sibley says some measures could be looked into to better inform the public, even though several press releases were released before the closing of the lake.



Jeff Sibley, LDWF biology supervisor for inland fisheries for district 1, answers questions following a presentation on Lake Bistineau Tuesday and where it stands today. Sibley talked about the things they are doing to fight giant salvinia as well as other invasive aquatic vegetation. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

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Groceries and cooking not so simple anymore

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

First published on July 21, 2005.

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

Complicated Food

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

Choices, choices, choices.

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

Vegetable Wagons

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

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

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

all.

Instant Food

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

However, the cake mixes she spurned.

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

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

Cookbooks and Menus

I have a bookcase that is

six feet tall, and about three feet wide. It is filled with cookbooks that my son has given me. He knows that I love to try new recipes so he has provided the books that I can use.

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

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

beans made the walk worthwhile.

To a Man's Heart

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

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

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

OBITUARY

Jimmy Ray Bell

Funeral services for Jimmy Bell will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015 at First United Pentecostal Church in Minden with the Rev. Jeff Ramsey officiating. Interment will follow at Union Grove Cemetery in Montgomery at

2:30 p.m. under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. until service time.

Jimmy was born Feb. 23, 1933 in Verda and entered into rest June 22, 2015 in Doyline. He was the former chief of Doyline Fire Department and lifetime

member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Bell of Doyline; daughters, Lisa Maricelli and husband Butch of Lewisburg, Tennessee and Karen Hodges and husband David of Greenwood; sister, Joyce Elaine Lee and husband Hunter of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother, Billy (Bubba) Bell and wife Cora of Colfax; grandchild-

dren, Alisha McArthur and husband Jason of Franklin, Tennessee; and great-grandchildren Maddox Bell McArthur and Lyla Jean McArthur.

Pallbearers will be Butch Maricelli, David Hodges, Jason McArthur, Bill Bell, Michael Bell and Jimmy Rowell.

Honorary pallbearers will be Al McKinney and Doodle Edison.



BELL

POLL

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enough to accommodate the extra precincts and parking as well as handicapped access is available.

Precincts 17 and 21 will be left at the alternative school for this year's election cycle.

Also up for discussion

was Precinct 15, which has 311 registered voters. Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church has agreed to allow the use of their newly constructed multi-purpose building for a polling place. Carnahan, in a memo to jurors, says the facility has adequate parking, is handicapped accessible and very nice.

She says there are some issues with the current

polling place, the Pleasant Valley Community House, and some have complained the drive to the church would be too far.

"Pleasant Valley Community House is in really bad shape," she said. "There's always plumbing issues, water issues. We really are looking for something else."

It was tabled until the July meeting.

GUILTY

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booking the suspect in at 4:30 that afternoon. They delivered a very strong case to our office and ADA

Andrew Jacobs did an excellent job preparing this case for trial."

According to reports following Rosypal's death, Little turned himself in to police.

Little was remanded into custody awaiting a

presentence investigation. He is expected to be sentenced August 18 by Judge Jeff Thompson.

Second-degree murder carries a mandatory life sentence.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Times-Picayune on the tax credit

There is a simple way the Legislature can help a half million Louisiana families get on stronger financial footing: Expand an existing income tax credit for low-income workers. Louisiana's earned income tax credit is 3.5 percent of the federal tax credit, which makes it one of the lowest among the two dozen states that offer one. New Orleans Rep. Walt Leger is proposing to raise the Louisiana credit to 7 percent.

He has Entergy, the United Way of Southeast Louisiana, the Louisiana Association of United Ways and the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, among others, on his side. Entergy, with the help of United Way and other community organizations, helps its low-income customers file for the tax credit every year. The company sees directly how a little extra money can help individual families meet their basic needs.

Despite that, Rep. Leger is having trouble convincing his colleagues of the wisdom of helping these families. He couldn't get his original bill passed. But he was able to get the provision attached to Sen. Robert Adley's Senate Bill 93, which is being hashed out in conference committee.

It will be a fight to get the committee members to keep it in, though.

This should be an easy call for this Legislature. They give out tax credits all the time, albeit usually to big corporations and other wealthy types. Many lawmakers go on and on about the importance of initiative and hard work.

This tax credit benefits people who are working very hard to give their children a more secure life.

Even a couple of hundred dollars extra — which is what a qualifying family with two children could get under the expansion — can make a big difference.

And doubling the credit wouldn't cost the state a huge amount of money — an additional \$235 million over five years. Lawmakers give way more than that away to corporations all the time.

The earned income tax credit is a conservative approach to helping families.

The federal credit was enacted during President Gerald Ford's administration and expanded in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 championed by President Ronald Reagan.

That's good company for the all-Republican conference committee: Reps. Lance Harris, Joel Robideaux and Kirk Talbot and Sens. Adley, Conrad Appel and Jack Donahue.

The credit helps not only families, but the businesses where they spend their earnings. These families pay taxes, including Louisiana's sales tax — which is third-highest in the nation.

Giving them a little extra financial cushion is the right thing to do. It is the compassionate thing to do. And it is the smart thing to do.

Every legislator on the conference committee should realize that and expand the credit.

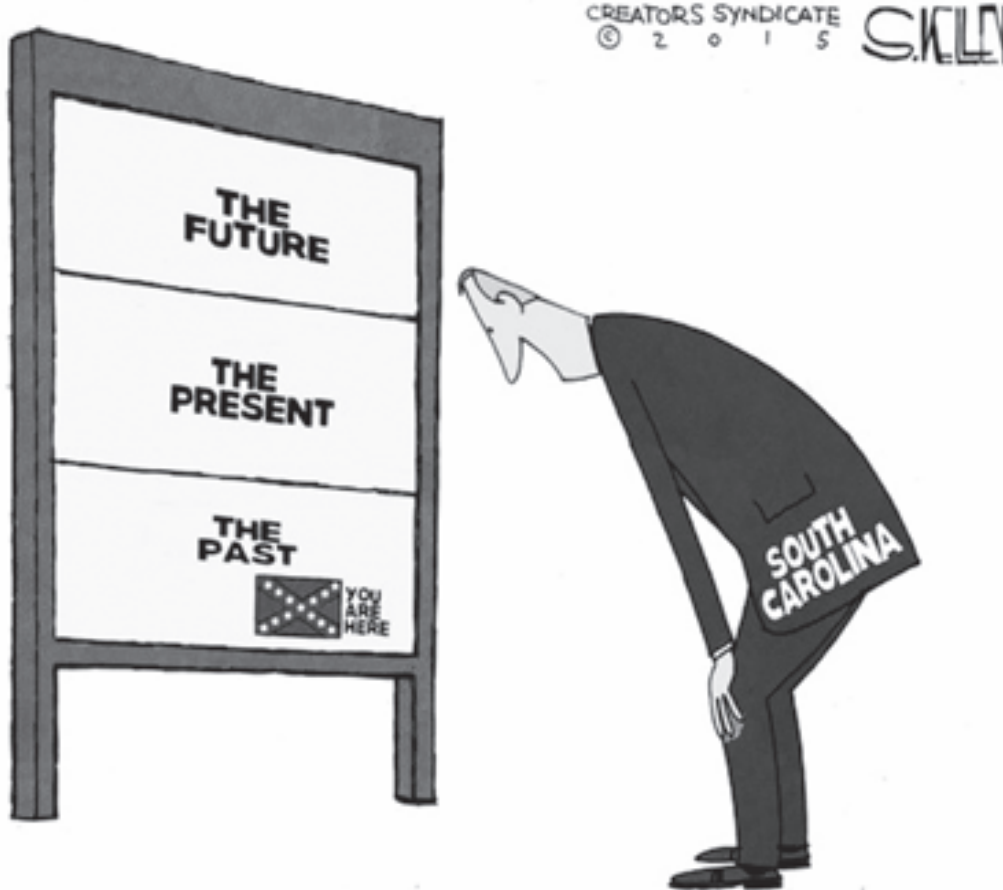
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PERSPECTIVE

You're what you say you are

Rachel A. Dolezal, the recently resigned president of the Spokane, Washington, office of the NAACP, has come under a bit of controversy. Both of her parents are white, but for eight years, Dolezal claimed that she was black. In addition to her role as president of an NAACP chapter, Dolezal was an instructor of African studies at Eastern Washington University.

Some critics claim that Rachel Dolezal's actions were motivated by greed and narcissism. By becoming a black person, she could more easily become an NAACP leader, chair a police watchdog committee and get a teaching appointment.

Dolezal is not the only white woman who has benefited from racial fakery. Sen. Elizabeth Warren claimed that she was of Cherokee Indian ancestry. That helped her land a job at diversity-hungry Harvard University as a professor of law. Not only was her great-grandfather not a Cherokee as she claimed but also he was a white man who boasted of shooting a Cherokee Indian.

Personally, I don't hold either Dolezal or Warren at fault for racial fakery. If you read my autobiography, "Up From the Projects," you will see that I had the occasion to fake my race. It was 1960,

during my troubled time in the U.S. Army, when I had just landed from a troop carrier in Incheon, South Korea. Upon disembarkation, soldiers were required to fill out a vital information form denoting one's next of kin, religion, blood type and race, among other things. Where it asked for race, I checked off "Caucasian." The chief warrant officer, in charge of inspecting the forms, told me that I had made an error by checking off "Caucasian." I told him that I hadn't and was in fact Caucasian. After a couple of minutes or so of going back and forth, he asked me why I would put down "Caucasian." I told him that if I put down "Negro" — what we called ourselves at that time — I'd be given the worst job. I never changed the form, but the officer probably did.

By the way, faking one's race is not uncommon.

There was a 1947 study by E.W. Eckard — "How Many Negroes 'Pass'?" — which estimated that 2,600 Negroes had become white, or passed, each year during the 1930s (<http://tinyurl.com/pqhfz8h>)

The bottom line is that modernity permits liberties previously unknown or unrecognized. Today we're not held to reality. For example, one does not have to accept the limitations of biology. Say that one is born with XX sex chromosomes and is therefore female or that one is born with XY sex chromosomes and is therefore male. One doesn't have to accept nature's determination. An XXer can say that he's a male.

Or an XYer can say he's a she. One's sex is seen as optional. Moreover, if a male claims to be a female, others are expected to acknowledge that. For example, Bruce Jenner, Olympic decathlon champion and reality show personality, has recently become Caitlyn Jenner. People now are required to address him as her.

There is a condition known as species dysphoria, similar to gender dysphoria. It is a condition in which people think they are animals trapped in human bodies. I've been giving this option some serious thought. I've been thinking of calling myself a springbok trapped in a human body. Some people might argue that I would be in need of psychological treatment. I'd dismiss such a claim as being animalphobic. You might ask, "Williams, why in the world would you want to call yourself a springbok?" I would be doing it for personal gain, just as Rachel Dolezal and Elizabeth Warren benefited by pretending they were of another race. I'd be doing it for tax reasons. I've read a considerable amount of the Internal Revenue Code. It says nothing about wild animals having a federal tax obligation. Were government officials to demand that I, as a springbok, pay taxes, I'd report them to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on border patrol

Texas is paying for a fraudulent border surge

The federal government already provides a Border Patrol. But Texas will spend \$800 million on its own to police the border. Asked why, Gov. Greg Abbott invited his questioner to "Google 'cartel crime in Mexico.'"

Not "cartel crime in Texas," mind you, or "immigrant apprehensions in Texas" or "immigrant smugglers in Texas" — search topics that would have been relevant. Surely the governor knew, by the time he graduated from law school, that the Department of Public Safety doesn't police Mexico.

Something else puzzles us about Abbott's Google suggestion: He is the same governor who was sufficiently skeptical of his own country's military that he decided to have the Texas Guard monitor the Jade Helm 15 military training exercise. If a Google search is all the accountability Texans need for an \$800 million DPS expansion, why not just Google "Jade Helm"?

Oh, about that accountability thing: The border security bill to expand the DPS originally called for monthly reports and statistical updates. But the Legislature decided that just one report in 2017 would be plenty.

Besides, facts just would get in the way of the story Republican politicians keep telling about our dangerously lackadaisical border security under President Barack Obama. Previous Gov. Rick Perry made a big show last summer of dispatching the National Guard and DPS to the Rio Grande Valley during what became known as the border crisis — a surge of immigrant children and mothers fleeing violence in Central America. The kids and moms were spun to be a cartel thing. Maybe that's why Abbott suggested the Google search of drug trafficking in another country.

Perry's saber-rattling border op provided photo ops for himself and Abbott. But that accountability thing can be as stubborn as a burro sometimes. When the DPS tried to make a big show of passing along federal statistics on Valley-region arrests and drug seizures, state Rep. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, wanted to know which agencies did how much of the arresting and seizing. He thought it might be relevant. So do we. If it turned out that the feds already were doing most of the work, why expand the DPS when our federal tax dollars already are hard at work?

The DPS stonewalled Blanco, saying the arrests and seizures were (rah-rah?) a team effort. Giving credit where it was due might have spoiled team spirit.

Besides, DPS officials could see plainly that Blanco was outnumbered by lawmakers more interested in supporting their unsupported partisan political narrative that the federal government wasn't doing its job.

The border surge has been exceedingly good for folks in the DPS business. They're getting 250 new troopers, a \$7.5 million high-altitude plane, a border crime data center and a 5,000-acre training facility out of the deal. And in return Texans won't know what they're getting until 2017, when the DPS reports back to a mostly incurious Legislature.

Oh, about that team effort — turns out it wasn't one. The El Paso Times and Austin American-Statesman reported last week that, contrary to what the DPS claimed, the Border Patrol never considered itself a participant in the effort known as Operation Strong Safety. The Border Patrol just went about its job like Zorba the Greek mining the mountain. The DPS tagged along like Zorba's clean-fingernailed patrician sidekick.

Taxpayers should feel defrauded and should hold their betrayers accountable the next time they vote. The DPS needs to come clean. But it is only the instrument of the politicians who ordered, supported and expanded the border surge — and later decided to limit transparency.

Around Town

June 24, 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 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 25, 2015

The Minden/Webster Parish Branch of the NAACP will have its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District building. For more information call President, Minister Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

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. Pilgram B.C. Family.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 146th church anniversary at 3 p.m.



UCAP receives \$10k from sponsors

Richland State Bank representative Micah Hanson, left, hands a check to UCAP director Charlotte Jones while Jay Kumar and Kristi McLain look on. Funds were raised during a recent golf tournament sponsored by Richland State Bank, Gamble Guest Care, Fleming Subways, Coca Cola Bottling Company of Minden and Elm Street Dental. Sarah Brown/Press-Herald

State Rep. Gene Reynolds will be the guest speaker for the Minden Noon Lions Club Thursday, June 25. Reynolds will give an overview of this year's legislative session. The Lions Club meets at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 119 Pine Street. All Lions club members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.



Bostick graduates

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

On June 8, 2015, at the commencement ceremony of Lewisville High School, Kianna Desiree Bostick was presented her Lewisville High School Diploma by Trisha Sheffield, board of trustee incoming president. Commencement ceremonies

were held at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton, Texas.

Kianna is the daughter of Barry and Frieda Bostick and the granddaughter of Noella Bostick and the late William Henry Bostick Jr. and Tahereh Eshraghi and the late Amir Eshraghi.

Kianna plans to study finance. Relatives in attendance

in addition to her parents were brother, Cyrus; grandmother, Noella Bostick; uncles, Don Bostick and Gary Bostick; and twin cousins, Anthony and Andrew.

Cards were sent by many other relatives and friends extending congratulations.

Graduates numbered around 600.



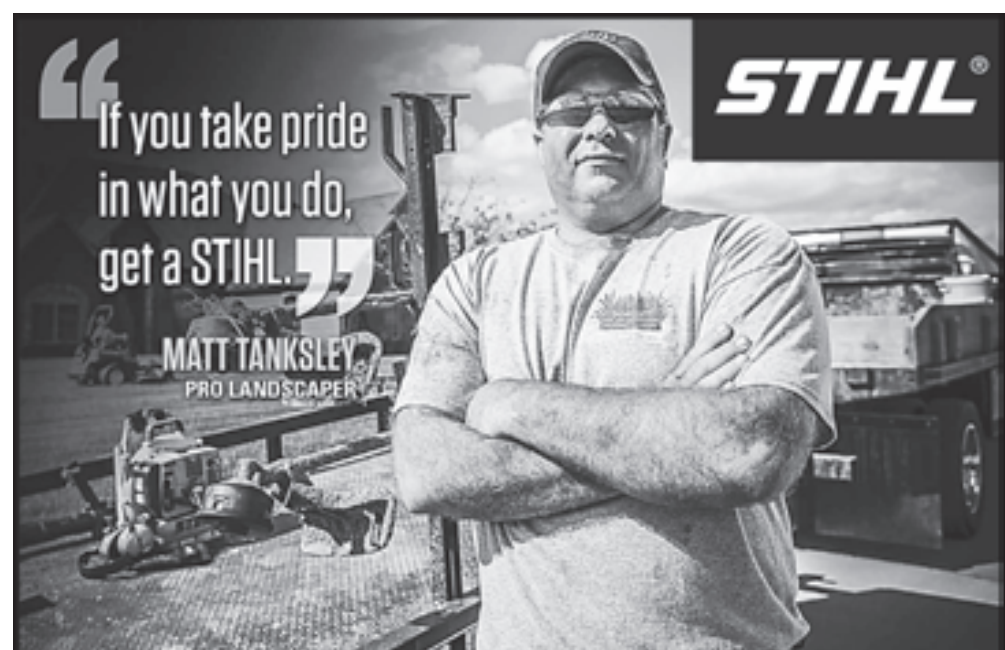
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NASCAR

NASCAR won't ban Confederate flags

Confederate flags are as easy to find at NASCAR races as cutoff jeans, cowboy hats and beer.

They fly over motorhomes. They adorn clothing. They are regular fixtures, just like Ford and Chevrolet, and that is unlikely to change any time soon.

NASCAR probably would like to see them go away.

The sanctioning body for the motorsports series backed South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley's call to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds in the wake of the Charleston church massacre. NASCAR issued its statement Tuesday, the same day South Carolina lawmakers agreed to discuss removing the flag and one day after Haley said "the time has come" to take it down. And that is as far as NASCAR appears willing to go for now.

"As our industry works collectively to ensure that all fans are welcome at our races, NASCAR will continue our long-standing policy to disallow the use of the Confederate flag symbol in any official NASCAR capacity," NASCAR said. "While NASCAR recognizes that freedom of expression is an inherent right of all citizens, we will continue to strive for an inclusive environment at our events."

NBA

Kentucky ready for historic draft night

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — John Calipari and his Kentucky pipeline to the NBA will have yet another major impact on the league's annual draft.

It's nothing new, but Thursday night could be record-setting — even for the Wildcats.

Calipari's first Kentucky team in 2010 featured five first-round NBA draft picks, including No. 1 overall selection John Wall. Six Wildcats turned pro after their 2012 NCAA championship, with Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist going 1-2 in a parade of four first-rounders.

All told, Calipari has groomed 15 first-round choices among 19 players.

A school-record seven Kentucky players from last year's 38-1 Final Four team could hear their names called at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, with Karl-Anthony Towns possibly becoming Calipari's third No. 1 overall selection in six years. Seven-footer Willie Cauley-Stein, 6-10 Trey Lyles and 6-6 shooting guard Devin Booker have also been invited to the green room and could be lottery selections.

Seven-footer Dakari Johnson and 6-6 twin guards Andrew and Aaron Harrison are also expected to be drafted, positioning the Wildcats to have 26 picks in Calipari's six seasons, enough to stock nearly two NBA rosters alone.

That is nearly double any other school during that six-year span.

TENNIS

Blabalots take title

Special to the Press-Herald

For a group of 12 tennis playing ladies, the hard work and dedication finally paid off as they achieved the goal they've been working towards for two years.

This team, comprised mostly of Minden women, captured the multi-state title of Southern Sectional Champions in the 5.5 Combo Division in Mobile, Alabama. The tournament featured teams from across the southern states with competitors from South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The Minden team, called Blabalots, began playing tennis together in October of 2010 under the instruction of Coach Hau Nguyen.

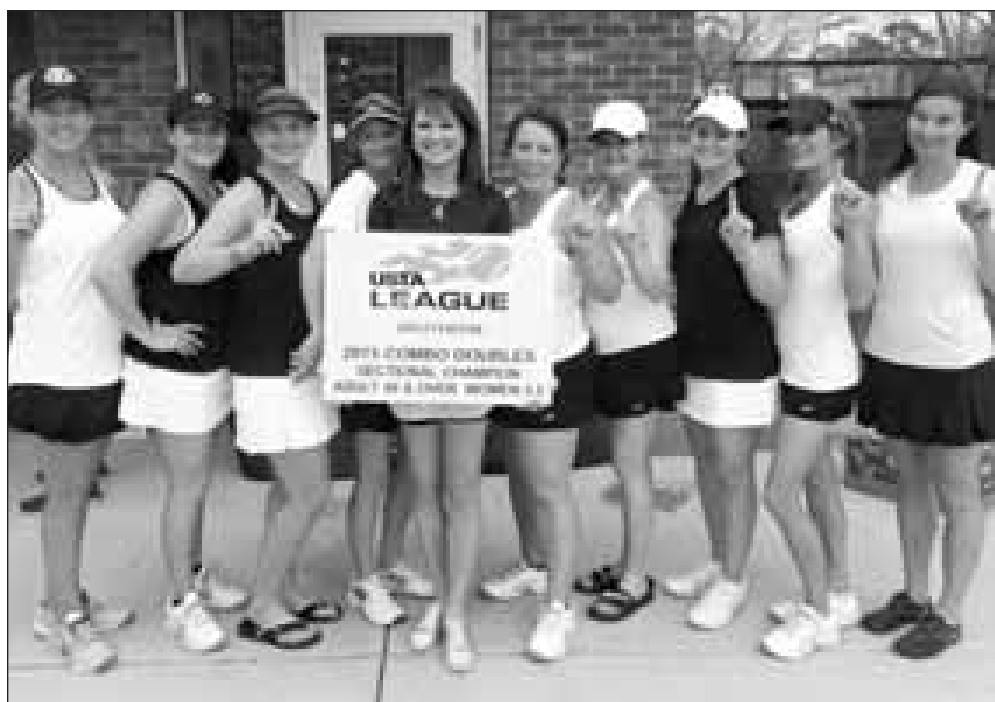
Their captain, Amanda Gulley, said that during those beginning years Coach Hau told us, "Stick together, sup-

port each other and work cooperatively as a team and together you will win championships."

However, this is not the first title for the Blabalots. Their first title came in 2012 as a 5.0 combo team. After their win in 2012, they set their sights on a 5.5 combo win.

With higher ratings, now the team needed to add more players. Presently, this diverse team is made up of therapists, educators, medical professionals, bookkeepers, technology specialists and even multiple sets of sisters with a common love for tennis, a desire to be competitive and an appreciation for the friendships that have been formed through the sport.

The group would like to thank Hau Nguyen for introducing them to tennis, for teaching them so patiently, for infecting them with the love of the sport and for continuing to believe in them.



From left, April Walker, Jill Chanler, JoAnna Marks, Gina Bihm, Amanda Gulley, Vikki Stell, Dee Milam, Jennifer Smith, Sharon Madden and Lisa Davis make up the Blabalots. The Blabalots brought home the 5.5 division Southern Sectional Championship to Louisiana. Not pictured: Vicki LaBorde and Dawn Killian.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Jairus Byrd hoping for a bounce back season



NEW ORLEANS (AP) - There are many reasons Jairus Byrd doesn't want to talk about last season.

It was disappointing. His team finished 7-9. He was injured and only appeared in a handful of games. And in those handful of games, which constituted his first season with the Saints, the safety did not perform up to the standard he set for himself during five seasons in Buffalo.

So, as Byrd fielded questions for the first time since last season after a minicamp practice last week, his answers were what you'd expect. Last year is over. Both he and the team need to perform better. He feels good and is eager to start a new season.

The routine was broken up when he was asked if he still believes he's a Pro Bowl player and if achieving that status is one of his

goals for the upcoming season.

Byrd wouldn't bite. "No," he said, pausing a beat. "No."

It wasn't long ago Byrd was being hailed as one of the best free-agent signings in franchise history after inking a six-year, \$54 million deal with the Saints. Now, a year later, he was indirectly being asked to defend his credentials.

While the three-time Pro Bowl safety wasn't willing to talk about last season, in an interview with ESPN earlier this year, Byrd admitted that he never felt right during his inaugural season with the Saints and that last season wasn't up to par.

There was the knee surgery that sidelined him for most of the offseason and robbed him of the ability to build chemistry with his teammates. Then, once he got back on the field, he tore the meniscus in his knee during practice and missed the final 12 weeks of the season.

And even when he was on the field, it was evident he was still trying to figure things out as he strug-

gled through the first month of the season.

"I don't think it was up to the standard with anything that we were trying to do," Byrd said. "But like I said, this is a new year, and (we're) moving forward."

The Saints are confident that Byrd will bounce back. Several members believe they built a level of chemistry they did not achieve during last year's offseason program and that things feel more natural this year.

Communication has improved and the timing feels better. Players are learning one another's tendencies and gaining a better understanding of how to play off one another. All of those things should help this much-maligned group improve on last year's results.

"The more reps you take, the more communication picks up," Byrd said. "You're being more vocal, guys are giving more feedback back to you, what they like, where they're getting the calls."

On an individual level, defensive coach Dennis Allen, who has been



working closely with the safeties, believes there are a handful of things Byrd can do to improve as a player.

Upon taking the job earlier this year, Allen went into the film room and studied his new group of players. He identified a handful of things that could help Byrd, who is known to be on of the NFL's better ball hawks, become even more fearsome.

He believes Byrd could do a better job of reading quarterbacks and gain a better understanding of route combinations. And after missing seven tackles in four games last season, Byrd received some advice from Allen on how to improve in that regard.

"This guy has been a heck of a football player in the National Football League," Allen said. "I don't expect anything less than that."

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Virginia wins to force decisive game three



OMAHA, Neb. (AP) -- Big performances from a couple of unlikely sources and another shutdown relief performance from an old reliable allowed Virginia to force a winner-take-all game in the College World Series.

Surprise starter Adam Haseley and Josh Sborz combined on the shutout, senior utility man Thomas Woodruff

drove in two runs, and the Cavaliers defeated Vanderbilt 3-0 on Tuesday night.

For the second year in a row, these two teams will go the distance in the best-of-three finals. Vanderbilt (51-20) will be playing for a second straight national title on Wednesday. Virginia (43-24) will be looking for its first.

"Adam Haseley rose to the occasion on the mound and just gave us a high-quality start," Cavaliers coach Brian O'Connor said. "Josh

Sborz did what he's been doing this entire tournament, grinding out the back half of the game. And this guy here

(Woodruff), I don't know when the last time he started a game, but certainly he put some great swings on the baseball and played some great right field. Just a total team effort."

Woodruff started for the first time since May 19 because Joe McCarthy had to move to center to take the usual spot of Haseley, who was on the

mound for the first time since May 23.

O'Connor called on the freshman because he's short of starting pitching depth, and he had to hold back Brandon Waddell for a possible Game 3, which now will happen.

Haseley worked into the sixth inning for his longest outing and turned over a scoreless game to Sborz (7-2). Haseley gave up four singles, walked three and struck out one during his 71-pitch outing.

"I think it was a different kind of nerves than a regular game when I'm playing in the field," Haseley said.

"Playing some games here before in the field, being out there and having playing time, did help."

Sborz, who picked up his third career win in the CWS, hasn't allowed an earned run in 27 consecutive innings. He was tested Tuesday, with Vanderbilt getting its leadoff batter on base in the fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth innings.

The ninth was especially tense for Sborz after Bryan Reynolds singled and Will Toffey walked. But Sborz struck out Jeren Kendall, got Karl Ellison to fly out and struck out Nolan Rogers to end the game.



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Meeting called to Order by Mayor Phillips. Invocation was offered by Jason Fitzgerald and the Pledge of Allegiance by the Mayor.

Motion was made by Naomi Houston, seconded by Toby Sinclair to accept the Agenda as presented, motion carried. Motion was made by C.C. Cat Cox, seconded by Evelyn Parish, to accept May 2015 Minutes as presented, motion carried. Motion was made by Toby Sinclair, seconded by C. C. Cat Cox, to pay the bills, motion carried.

Toby Sinclair made a motion to maintain the current Millage Rate, seconded by Naomi Houston, motion carried.

Motion was made by Naomi Houston, seconded by Evelyn Parish, to pass Ordinance #296, Naming of the parks, Motion carried. The Park at 155 Hawthorne, will now be known as the Cat Cox Park, with the Park at Lindsey Street will now be known as the Comerdis Phillips Park. Motion was made by Naomi Houston, seconded by Evelyn Parish, to accept these names, motion carried.

Naomi Houston reported that she was under the impression that the basketball goals would have been moved to Cat Cox Park by now and is disappointed that it has not been done. The Clerk assured her it would be done immediately.

Motion was made by Toby Sinclair, seconded by Naomi Houston, to begin construction

on the repair list for the Cat Cox park, with consideration being given to funds availability. Motion carried.

Toby Sinclair informed the Council that the Children of the Cotton Valley Karate will be holding a Block Party Yard sale July 18 @ 10:00 a.m. in an effort to raise funding for an away tournament. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to drop by, donations welcome, Fish Fry, Raffle and Music, fun for all. Contact Toby Sinclair for details.

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

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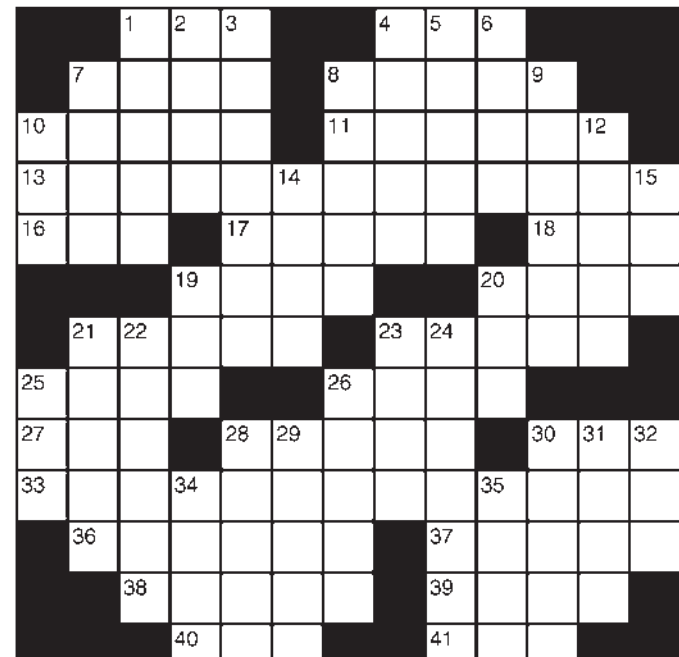
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