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POLICE JURY

Changes coming to polling place?

Police jury considering moving some precinct's polling location

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At the request of Clerk of Court Holli Vining, the Webster Parish Police Jury is considering changing the polling place of a few precincts.

During committee meetings Tuesday, Vining

told the police jury a few precincts which are housed at the alternative school need to be changed due to physical conditions at the aging facility.

"Precinct 18 was previously at Stewart (Elementary) School," Vining said. "As you know, the school closed down a few years ago, and at that time we

moved 18 to the alternative school."

According to her figures there are 3,570 voters who cast their ballots at the alternative school, and parking is an issue, she says.

"We have a situation with that," she said. "Our last election wasn't that big, and we had some parking problems. In the next two years, we're looking at a governor's election



Steven Towns, left, and Dave Faulk move voting machines into the Webster Parish Achievement Center during a recent election. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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BUMPER BLUNDER



A two vehicle crash shut down the southbound lane of Highway 371 south of Sibley Tuesday afternoon. According to eyewitnesses, the green Toyota car was stopped to make a turn when for unknown reasons the white Toyota crashed into the rear of the vehicle. Pafford EMS treated the drivers for moderate injuries and no serious injuries were reported. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

2016 PRESIDENTIAL BID

From Louisiana's capitol to the nation's capitol?

Jindal expected to make announcement on 2016 presidential bid

WASHINGTON — Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a possible GOP presidential candidate, will make a "major announcement" on the 2016 race on June 24 in New Orleans.

That's according to Jindal's chief political adviser, Timmy Teepell.

Jindal had announced a campaign exploratory committee on May 18.

If Jindal decides to run, he'd join a crowded Republican primary that already includes nine major candidates, with more expected to join the fray.

Jindal, the country's first elected Indian-American governor, has repeatedly said he would announce his decision



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about a White House bid after the state legislative session ends June 11.

A Catholic convert raised by Hindu parents, Jindal has focused largely on courting evangelical Christians and the conservative wing of the Republican Party.

MINDEN CRIME

Two arrested on simple burglary charge



MOORE **AUSTIN**

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Two Minden men found themselves in trouble with police after they allegedly took some items to sell for money.

LeDarius D. Moore, 22, of the 500 block of Sullivan Street, was arrested Friday, May 29, and charged with simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling and on a warrant for theft. Bond

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Southwood Apartments in Sibley under boil advisory

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The Town of Sibley has issued an immediate boil advisory for Southwood Apartments after the Sibley Water System experienced problems with the water supply.

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LIONS CLUB

Meteorologist Bill Parker to speak at luncheon

Meteorologist Bill Parker of the National Weather Service in Shreveport will speak at the Minden Lions Club Thursday, June 4, about being weather aware.

Bill is a native of New Orleans where he attended John F. Kennedy High School for Math, Science, and Engineering. He furthered his education at Jackson State University located in Jackson, Mississippi, where he received his bachelor of science degree in meteorology in 1994. Bill was introduced to operational weather as

a student meteorologist in 1993 at the National Weather Service in New Orleans. After graduating from Jackson State University, he moved to Shreveport to begin his career as a meteorologist intern. His career has remained in Shreveport for 19 years, as he became a journeyman forecaster in 1998, a lead forecaster in 2008, and promoted to the warning coordination meteorologist in 2012. Nationally, out of 122 warning coordination meteorologist positions, he is currently the only African American

serving in this capacity.

In the local Shreveport/Bossier community, he has volunteered and served in various capacities with many civic organizations, including the Shreveport-Bossier Mayors' Prayer Breakfast Executive Committee, La Cima Bilingual Leadership Academy, Bossier Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Volun-



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teers for Youth Justice, and as a coach with Bossier Parks and Recreation. Outside of the National Weather Service, he serves as an associate minister at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Benton. Bill began his ministry at Elizabeth Baptist Church in May of 1997. Bill truly embraces and cultivates diversity by providing opportunities, education and mentoring to others. He has been very instrumental in recruiting and employing three African American meteorologists with various National Weather Service

offices across the U. S. He has recruited to their local forecast office and mentored several students of various under-represented minorities for summer intern positions. He also served as a mentor to a young Airline High School student for his senior project. Bill is very passionate about serving the community and assisting our future leaders.

Although he is very active in the community, Bill makes time to be a committed, faithful, and involved husband and father. Bill married

Melanie Quincy Parker, also of New Orleans, in May of 1996. They are both dedicated members of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Benton. Bill and Melanie have three sons: Trey, Daniel, and Nathaniel (Nate) and one daughter, Merani.

The Minden Lions Club meets at noon every Thursday in the American Legion Hall on Pine Street. Lunch is served around 11:45. Non-members may attend and eat at a charge of \$8.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Senate begins to chart its path on tax changes and budget

BATON ROUGE—Louisiana's senators have started piecing together their proposal to balance next year's budget without forcing deep cuts to public colleges and health services, building off a package of House tax bills.

The Senate Finance Committee late Tuesday tweaked and then, without objection, passed eight House-approved tax bills aimed at raising revenue for next year's \$24 billion budget.

As passed by the House, the bills would generate \$615 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1, nearly all of it used to stop cuts to higher education campuses.

Committee Chairman Jack Donahue said senators were trying to drum up \$250 million more to keep health care services and the LSU medical schools from steep reductions. Senators got at least \$100 million more by bumping up a cigarette tax proposal.

Two other tax bills were scheduled for Wednesday hearings in the Senate committee.

As the measures approved Tuesday head to

the full Senate for consideration, the proposals would scale back state subsidies for businesses and raise the state cigarette tax by 64 cents a pack. Most state tax credits would take a 28 percent across-the-board cut.

"I've made some really hard votes here on this committee tonight," said Sen. Ronnie Johns, R-Lake Charles.

Business groups opposed many of the measures as hefty tax hikes, saying they could jeopardize deals in the works and threaten the financial health of existing companies.

"You're decreasing our ability to attract jobs and new investment," Rhonda Reap-Curiel, legislative chair of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, said of one measure.

Representatives of companies and business lobbying groups objected to bill after bill, though they acknowledged they were unlikely to stall the proposals as lawmakers struggle to balance the budget.

As she objected to one proposal, Reap-Curiel said: "I'm sure I'm wasting my

breath."

"There's been a lot of breath wasted here tonight. Go on," replied Donahue, R-Mandeville.

Among the largest adjustments made by the Finance Committee was a rewrite of the cigarette tax bill. The House agreed to a 32-cent a pack tax increase. Senators doubled that increase and added in new tax hikes on cigars, smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes.

As rewritten, the cigarette tax bill would raise \$170 million a year, \$102 million more than the House version. Louisiana would charge a \$1 tax per pack of cigarettes, up from 36 cents.

Other bills advanced by the Senate committee include the temporary suspension of a 1-cent sales tax exemption on business utilities and limits on the tax credit Louisiana residents can take for income taxes paid to another state.

House-approved proposals to scale back the state's solar tax credit and to enact a \$200 million cap on the film tax credits Louisiana certifies each year were scheduled for a Wednesday hearing.

Several measures don't meet Gov. Bobby Jindal's parameters of what tax changes he's willing to consider. The Republican governor, who is building a likely presidential campaign, won't agree to anything considered a net tax increase by national anti-tax activist Grover Norquist. Lawmakers are looking for loopholes to avoid a veto of the financing plans.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

LDWF goes electronic for licensing

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is now offering an electronic license option for both hunting and fishing privileges. Save time and paper by storing an electronic file on your electronic device, or print the E-license in the convenience of your home for immediate use.

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and a presidential election."

She says parking isn't the only issue. The gymnasium is the area at the school used on election day, and it has its own set of problems. With temperature control issues and insufficient electrical outlets for the voting machines, Vining says it's not an ideal situation.

She suggested moving the polling place for these precincts to the Forestry Building at the fairgrounds or to the Minden Civic Center.

"I have the largest precinct involved," Jerri Lee, jury member, said. "I've been over there several times and I was really appalled. It was hot. The lighting was not good at all. The difference too, is many of the people in my district who are really voters are elderly. To come up that incline is a problem. I think once we look at it carefully, and whatever is in their best interest is what we want to go for — where they will be comfortable, where they will feel relatively safe."

"What we'd like to propose is that we move two of these precincts to the

Forestry Building," Vining said. "And if we take precincts 17 and 17a and move them to the civic center, that would allow plenty of parking and space for all those voters."

Precinct 18 has 1,780 voters and Precinct 21 has 913.

However, some jury members say they don't have a problem with the alternative school.

Jury member Charlie Odom says he's voted there since the 1980s, and he doesn't have a problem with the parking.

"My suggestion is to wait and look at this situation," he said.

All jury members agreed with Odom and decided to study the situation a little more before making a final decision.

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

Charlotte Martin: Community, family leader

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My friend, Kristi Ritchie, who works with me at the paper on my Cameos, is so proud of her grandmother.

Kristi is right, her grandmother is involved in so many things that it would be impossible to pinpoint one area of service. I first knew her grandmother, Charlotte Martin, the year that I worked at the School Board Office.

Charlotte writes that she attended the first four grades in Minden at the old 1910 building that was razed to make way for the present Minden High School. Later she attended Eastside (Richardson) in the fifth and sixth grades, then back to the old building for the seventh and eighth grades. Her last three years were in the present Minden High School Building.

Her earliest memories are of her grandparents, Ardis and Glatis Russell who moved to Minden in the 20s with the L & A Railroad. As a little girl she remembers living with her parents and her sister in a big old home on the Penal Farm road. Her great grandmother, Emma Clementine Dickson, also lived there and part of the time her uncle, his wife and their three children also lived there. Her memories of those years are so special. There was never a disagreement among those who lived there, and Charlotte thinks that is why she loves to have a crowd of relatives around her today. Each Sunday Charlotte prepares lunch for her sons, their wives, children and often grandchildren.

Charlotte married Arthur D. Martin of the Evergreen Community during the Thanksgiving holidays in 1956, and finished high school the following May 1957. as a married woman.

The first years of her married life she worked in a small grocery store in the Evergreen community. These were the years when

the babies came. Her oldest is a son, Art. He and his wife, Kim, both work at Duke Energy. Her next was another son, David, who is a Math teacher at Minden High School, and his wife, Sonya, is a nurse. The youngest son, Carlos, and his wife Kristi are both CPAs with Jamieson, Wise and Martin. Art and Kim are the parents of Kristi Ritchie who is her grandmother's No. 1 fan.

After the youngest son started to school, Charlotte attended the Minden Trade School. Her first job was with Webster Community Action and Head Start, where she worked for several years. In 1970 Mr. Carlos Morgan hired her to work in the Material Center at the Webster Parish School Board office. She worked there for thirty years with Melba Cutrer, who is a special friend. It was Charlotte's job to order the text books and to process the library books for the parish schools. Mr. W. W. Williams was the Superintendent when she went to work at the School Board office and during the next thirty years she worked under three superintendents and under three different Library Supervisors. She retired in 2000 and she is still so busy she cannot see how she worked at the School Board office and did all the other things she is doing.

Charlotte is a member of the Church of Christ and is involved in all the church activities; she is Treasurer of the Evergreen Homemakers Club. In connection with this job she works at the Arbor once a month. She also teaches cake decorating at Webster Jr. High Home Economics Classes at Christmas and Easter. She is 2004 Reporter for the Webster Parish Homemaker Council and will be the President in 2005 She is the Past President of the Dorcheat Historical Association and Museum.

She is Area Director of FCE (Family, Community, Educators) which is the State Homemakers Organization. She is also on the Board of Directors for Cultural Crossroads. She



The Martin family pictured in this late-1960s photograph. From left, David, Carlos, A.D., Art and Charlotte. Courtesy Photo

serves as Historian for the UDC and will be president in 2005.

She enjoys making quilts. Last year she made a quilt for the St. Jude Auction. She also made quilts for her grandsons. She bakes cakes for all kinds of occasions. (She is famous for her "bikini" cake.)

Charlotte is busy helping with the grandchildren, as well as helping her own mother since her health is not too good. She still enjoys going to classes and learning new things.

There are so many parish organizations that Charlotte is an active member in, serving in various capacities. She said her husband fusses at her because she never sits down and is still. She said she said she would rather wear out than rust out. There is no danger of Charlotte rusing out, she is too busy filling the role of grandmother, mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend.

Charlotte is "Memaw" to her grandchildren, specially Kristi Ritchie. Kristi believes that her grandmother is the most selfless person that she knows. When Charlotte and Art-

thur won the St. Jude Lincoln Navigator, Charlotte looked inside the first thing and said "I can fit all the grandkids in here." Kristi said that is Charlotte's No. 1. priority, taking care of all her children and grandchildren.

Kristi remembers being a kid in Richardson School. She said she was a loved classmate because Charlotte would bring cupcakes to the class, and would take the posters for the class and laminate them at the School Board Office. Often Charlotte would pick

up Kristi when school was over and take her back to the School Board office to stay until Charlotte was off. She warned Kristi not to get into mischief because Mr. Lott would be coming and he could be a mean man. When Kristi finally did meet Mr. Lott she found him to be very nice, and then she figured out that Charlotte had used that description to get Kristi to behave.

Charlotte made colored pancakes for the grandchildren. While Charlotte iced cakes Kristi would eat

the icing. At first she thought the different colors would taste different, but she finally learned that it was all the same icing just tinted different colors.

She remembers eating "gallons" of icing, and just the memory of all that icing just makes Kristi go into "sugar shock" today. She thinks that Charlotte was the most wonderful grandmother, who catered to the wants of the grandchildren. And then Kristi said "isn't that what grandmas are for?"

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was set at \$55,000

Bobby Ray Austin, 20, of the 200 block of S. Fairview, was arrested Friday, May 29, and charged with simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling and theft. Bond was set at \$70,000.

According to reports, on

that date, Detective Jennifer Ervin and Lt. Scott Tucker went to Moore's residence to serve the warrant for theft. He was not home at the time, but he went to the criminal investigation division.

Reports say Moore confessed to walking from Austin's home, with Austin, to Gifford Hill Road and found a mobile home in which they entered and

took several items inside including jewelry, cell phones, games and gaming systems.

Moore allegedly told detectives the items were pawned for money.

Austin also reportedly confessed to the crimes.

Both were placed under arrest and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking on the above charges.

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PERSPECTIVE

Teacher pensions sweeter than they would like you to think

The high cost of teacher pensions looms over the American public school system, but some defenders of the system would prefer that citizens not know that.

Pensions for teachers and other government employees are much more generous, on average, than the retirement benefits received by comparable private-sector workers. This is beyond serious dispute among finance economists. In fact, the average teacher pension costs taxpayers several times as much as a typical 401(k) costs private employers.

Fundamental reform is necessary. Unfortunately, defenders of the teacher pension system have advanced a series of misleading or illogical arguments aimed at preserving the system. These arguments, which I call "public pension fallacies," are not part of the legitimate debate over which pension reforms might work best. Instead, the fallacies are attempts to persuade the public that teacher pensions are somehow much less generous or costly than they really are.

The fallacies are many and varied, but let's start with the most common one — the average pension payment. The website of the Illinois Teacher Retirement System (TRS) features a section dealing with "issues and answers" regarding teacher pensions. According to the TRS, pension benefits "cannot qualify as 'too generous'" because the average pension payment is only about \$46,000 per year.

Now, \$46,000 is not itself an insubstantial sum, but the average citizen could be forgiven for thinking that a teacher who retires soon after a full career will receive a pension of \$46,000. That is wrong.

As with all "average pension payment" statistics, the \$46,000 figure is misleadingly low. Included in the average are people who did not work full careers as Illinois public school teachers.

Someone who works only five or 10 years as a teacher obviously would not earn a full pension from the state, just as someone who works five years at IBM would not expect IBM to finance his entire retirement.

Furthermore, the average pension payment includes teachers who retired years and even decades ago. The pension benefits earned by a teacher who retired in, say, 1993 have no bearing on what teachers who retire this year will collect.

For a fair comparison to private-sector retirement benefits, we want to know the pension payments made to full-career teachers who recently retired. The 2012 TRS report shows that the average teacher who retired in the previous fiscal year after 35 to 39 years of service collects a pension benefit of nearly \$75,000 per year.

The average pension payment clearly tells us very little about pension generosity, despite what pension defenders would have us believe.

The pension is generous, but Illinois teachers don't participate in Social Security — doesn't that put them at a disadvantage compared with private-sector workers? This is another fallacy, one that was repeated frequently during last year's teachers strike in Chicago.

Put simply, it's good to be exempt from Social Security if you are an average middle- or upper-income worker. Think of it this way: Social Security is a good deal for you if the eventual benefits you receive (in present-value terms) are more than the taxes you pay into the system.

For most middle-income workers such as teachers, this is not the case. Instead of paying payroll taxes, teachers exempt from Social Security can use that money to invest in safe assets (such as U.S. Treasury) that will produce a benefit greater than Social Security payments.

Therefore, if anything, nonparticipation in Social Security means that teacher pensions should be less generous, not more.

There are many other fallacies, including claims that pension funds can "assume away" investment risk and the idea that pension benefits paid from investment returns are somehow free to the taxpayer. All of these fallacies need to be corrected to improve public discourse on the pension issue and to remove impediments to education reform.

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Intellectual dishonesty

President Barack Obama's stance, expressed in his 2014 State of the Union address, is that the debate is settled and climate change is a fact.

Obama is by no means unique in that view. Former Vice President Al Gore declared that "the science is settled." This "settled science" vision about climate is held by many, including those in academia. To call any science settled is sheer idiocy. Had mankind acted as though any science could possibly be settled, we'd be living in caves, as opposed to having the standard of living we enjoy today. That higher standard of living stems from challenges to what might have been seen as "scientific fact."

According to mathematician Samuel Arbesman's book, "The Half-Life of Facts: Why Everything We Know Has an Expiration Date," many ideas taken as facts today will be shown to be wrong as early as five years from now. Arbesman argues that a study published in a physics journal will lose half its value in 10 years.

Many academics know that to call any science settled is nonsense. But their leftist political sentiments and lack of academic integrity prevent them from criticizing public officials and the media for misleading a gullible public about global warming.

The concept of white privilege, along with diversity and

multiculturalism, is part of today's campus craze. Millions of dollars are spent on conferences and other forums teaching students about the horrors of white privilege. A Vanderbilt University sociology professor said white privilege is to blame for the Baltimore riots and looting.

I wonder how one goes about determining whether a person is privileged. White privilege can't be based on median income. Why? It turns out that Asian-American households had the highest median income (\$68,636) in 2012. Median income for white households was \$57,000. Maybe our academic elite should condemn Asian privilege instead of white privilege. But there's another problem. My income puts me in America's top 5 percent.

If those who condemn white privilege could not see my dark brown skin color, they would also condemn me for white privilege. The bottom line to this campus nonsense is that "privilege" has become the new word for "personal achievement."

President Obama has often said the wealthiest Americans must make sacrifices to better the lives of poor people. At Georgetown University's May 12 poverty summit, Obama said, "If we can't ask from society's lottery winners to just make that modest investment, then really this conversation is for show." Let's look at this "lottery winner" nonsense.

A lottery is defined by Oxford Dictionaries as "a process or thing whose success or outcome is governed by chance." The question before us is whether the wealth is something that is obtained by

chance. Did Bill Gates acquire his wealth by luck or chance? Or did he produce something that benefited his fellow man, causing people to voluntarily reach in their pockets to pay?

Gayle Cook and her late husband, William Cook, founded a medical device company using a spare bedroom in their apartment as a factory. Their company specializes in stents and antibiotic catheters. Now Gayle Cook has a net worth in the billions of dollars. Was she a winner in the lottery of life, or did she have to do something like serve her fellow man?

Are those who work hard, take risks, make life better for others and become wealthy in the process the people who should be held up to ridicule and scorn? And should we make mascots out of social parasites?

Obama talked about asking "from society's lottery winners to just make that modest investment." Congress doesn't ask people for money. Through intimidation, threats and coercion, it takes people's earnings. If people don't comply, the agents of Congress will imprison them.

Most instructive for us is that Obama's remarks were made at a university. Not a single professor has said anything about his suggestion that people accumulate great wealth by winning life's lottery. That is just more evidence about the level of corruption among today's academics.

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

PERSPECTIVE

As for me and my house

Recent figures from a nationwide study show an alarming increase in a group of people now being referred to as the "nones".

They describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or simply of no particular faith. This group has, between the years of 2007 and 2015, grown from 16 percent of the population to a near 23 percent.

During this same time frame, the Christian numbers have dropped from 78 percent to just under 71 percent of the population.

The Protestant faith which once made this country predominantly Protestant now figures in at only 46.5 percent. The "nones", however, have grown at an alarming rate totaling 56 million. That makes them the second largest group trailing behind evangelicals who total in at 62 million.

What does all that mean to us, as Christians?

We, as the church, already know that religion is losing its influence in public life. A recent Pew study confirmed that 72 percent of Americans believe that to be true as well.

We see the demise reflected in the politics of our country. According to a Gallop poll, there is a striking difference between how the religious and non-religious vote and the platforms they side with. The first group tends to be more conservative and vote Republican, while the second group tends to be more liberal and vote Democratic.

Concerning? What can we, as Christians, do to insure that the faith of our Fathers continue to stand in AMERICA in spite of what the minorities try to dictate?

First, stand firm in what the word of God says! If anything is on trial here, it is God's Word!

If anyone is on trail, it is God Himself!

Second, stand firm in what God says to be right and do it. In other words, walk the walk, not merely talk the talk. True Christians must never lose their savor. After-all, if we become like the world or align ourselves with it, where-in, is the hope of Christ.

God willing we can still turn this thing around. [2 Chronicles 7:14]

If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sins and heal their land.

As believers, let our cry remain, "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!" [JOSHUA 24:15]

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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

WEEF Recipients

Representatives from the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce made stops at Webster schools to hand out grants from the Webster Education Endowment Fund (WEEF). The fund is an effort to assist those local teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty and need funds to assist them in the classroom.



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

Pictured with the deck is Central Elementary Principal Guy Sanders, teacher Sara Chreene, WEEF Chairman Scott Price, and Board Chair, Greg Lee. Courtesy Photo



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

Pictured with the check are Central Elementary Principal Guy Sanders, teacher Lacey Daniel, WEEF Chairman Scott Price and Board Chairman Greg Lee. Courtesy Photo



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June 3, 2015

Tillman Church of God in Christ will be holding their Vacation Bible School June 2-5 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. nightly for ages 2 - Adults at 972 Tillman Church Road. For more information contact Juanita at 377-3205.

Just Faith COGIC presents it's Annual Spring Revival with guest speaker Reverend Gregory DeLoach June 3-5, 2015 at 210 South Fairview in Minden.

Prayer time will start at 7 p.m.. followed by the service at 7:30 nightly.

June 6, 2015

There will be a workshop on "Christianity vs. Clicktunity" at Egypt Hill Baptist Church at 2617 Old Plain Dealing Road in Plain Dealing. First Lady Ora Rice (from Growing Valley MBC in Minden) will be speaking on the inappropriate use of social media as it relates to bullying/suicide, drug use, and academic

failure.

Pringle Place Cemetery Association will meet Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 8 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church at 1978 Highway 531 in Minden.

June 8, 2015

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church located at 1686 Fuller Road in Minden will kick off its Vacation Bible School at 6 p.m. The theme is "Jesus to the Rescue" and will last until June 10.

The public is invited to a Gospel Crusade sponsored by the Crusaders District and hosted by the Forest Chapel COGIC, June 8 until 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the B.F. Martin Community Center located at 611 East Union Street. Speakers include Pastors Ketryn Anderson, Kenneth Bailey and Robert Moody. For more information, call Pastor

Robert Moody at 318-780-9053 or Paster Kenneth Bailey at 318-377-6258.

June 13, 2015

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church located at 1686 Fuller Road in Minden will have its Women's Ministry from 10 a.m. until noon.

June 14, 2015

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



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MOVIE REVIEW

'Entourage' embraces, celebrates Hollywood excess

Like the HBO show, "Entourage" delights in Hollywood excess.

This is a world where you might land your helicopter on someone's lawn to crash a business meeting, or take a little yacht to meet up with your buddy on his bigger yacht. It's a land of celebrities, wealth and topless women.

This is the Hollywood where movie star Vince (Adrian Grenier) and his friends live; where what matters most is business and your bros.

Fans of the series will feel right at home in the film, which plays like an extended episode on the big screen. All the familiar characters are there, along with ostentatious mansions, convertible Ferraris, Los Angeles landmarks and those topless women. It's a celebration of idealized consumption, presented without criticism.

The film opens on a yacht off the coast of Ibiza, where Vince has retreated to mourn the end of his dayslong marriage. His lifelong friends — manager E (Kevin Connolly), driver Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) and brother Johnny "Drama" (Kevin Dillon) — come to cheer him up. Just then, Vince's former agent, Ari (Jeremy Piven), now a studio head, calls to offer him the leading role in the company's next film.

Surrounded by babes and with his buddies beside him, Vince says without irony: "This whole rushing-into-marriage thing is because I'm searching for something. I've decided that whatever I do next, I also want to direct."



Ari goes for it, and thus begins their adventure. Ari's fight for financing with a pair of tough Texans (Billy Bob Thornton and Hayley Joel Osment) comprises much of the action on the business end.

But that's not where the real action is, of course. It's with the guys (and the women they sleep with). Did I mention there are lots of naked, pretty girls in this movie?

E gets himself in trouble when he beds two leggy beauties within 24 hours. Meanwhile, he's expecting a baby with his ex-girlfriend (longtime show reg-

ular Emmanuelle Chriqui). Turtle is romancing MMA fighter Ronda Rousey. Vince cavorts with models. Ari talks about his movie while making love with his wife. Johnny creates some drama for himself when a phone-sex session goes wrong.

Though the series ended in 2011, each of the actors inhabit their characters like they never left. And, as on the show, Johnny and Ari are the most fun to watch.

Though Ari's long-suffering wife (Perrey Reeves) has him going to therapy and listening to meditation

CDs, he's as quick-tempered as ever, at one point punching a framed photo of a kitten. To him, the movie business is the most important thing in life. Only his wife seems to think that's weird.

Johnny brings heart to the film. Even though he's the biggest goof, in many ways, he's the most relatable. Sensitive and insecure, he's destroyed by the slightest criticism, elated by any positive attention and deeply devoted to his friends.

As Ari says: "Their blind loyalty to each other is charming."

And that's what "Entourage" is really about: Four dudes guiltlessly living in luxury with the main aim of getting girls.

Unlike on the show, the film's female characters are left totally undeveloped, save for Rousey, who plays herself. Debi Mazar, a series regular, is wasted here. With a few throwaway lines, her appearance is practically reduced to a cameo.

Speaking of cameos, there are scores of them, and they're a hoot. Especially amusing are T.I. and his wife Tiny, comedi-

an Andrew Dice Clay and Olympian Greg Louganis.

Writer-director Doug Ellin, who also created the show, says the goal of "Entourage" is "wish fulfillment, the ultimate fantasy." That comes through here — at least for the guys.

"Entourage," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "pervasive language, strong sexual content, nudity and some drug use." Running time: 104 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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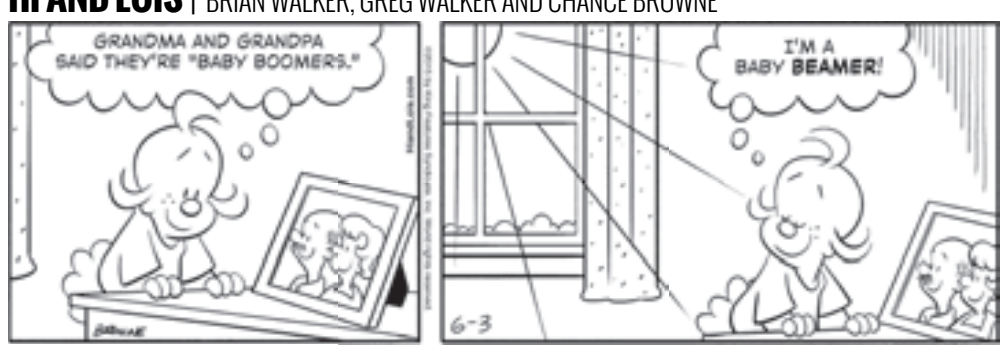
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