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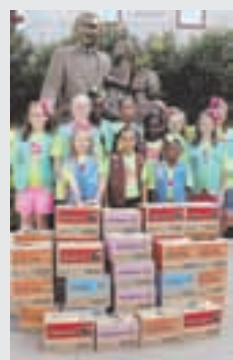


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Playing safely with **FIRE**

Misuse
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Minden Fire Chief Kip Mourad offered some fireworks safety tips for this Fourth of July, saying it's always best to use common sense.

"Don't let kids play with fireworks without an adult present," he said. "Don't light any in your hand or throw them."

He says when shooting fireworks, it is best not to shoot them towards people, especially bottle rockets, because they can backfire causing, in some cases, severe injury.

"(Use) basic common sense in operating them," he said. "Don't light them or throw them around any structures; have them out in an open area."

He also suggests having a water source nearby if it hasn't rained all week, even with the amount of rain the area has received over the last several months.

Chief of Police Steve Cropper says a good rule of thumb to remember about fireworks is that as long as fireworks companies are selling, it's OK to shoot

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**FIREWORKS
SAFETY TIPS**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission offers the following tips for using fireworks safely:

- »Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- »Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- »Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.
- »Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- »Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- »Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- »Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- »Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- »Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- »Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- »After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

Above, Carla Downs helps a customer with their fireworks purchase at Hathorn's Fireworks on Homer Road. Fireworks stands will be open through the Fourth of July. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

MINDEN CRIME

Fight lands man in jail

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A Shreveport man was arrested following a fight that led to a man going to the hospital.

Cedrick Jones, 45, of the 5000 block of Kennedy Street in Shreveport, was arrested Saturday, June 27, and charged with aggravated criminal damage to property and aggravated assault. Bond was set at \$35,000.



JONES

According to reports, Jones was the apparent aggressor in the fight between him and the boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend.

Officer Mitch Hackett and Sgt. Ryan Barnette responded to the call at the 500 block of Myers Street in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, the victim explained Jones and his brother were there and the victim was trying to de-escalate the situation but Jones attempted to hit him. The argument escalated and the victim tried to get into his vehicle and drive away.

Reports indicate Jones grabbed a tire tool and smashed the driver's side window while the victim was inside, causing injury to his arms and eyes.

He was transported to Minden Medical Center for treatment of the injuries.

Photographs of the vehicle and the victim were taken and submitted into evidence.

Jones was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

SAFETY

Cropper: Be safe this Fourth of July

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Law enforcement officials are urging motorists to be safe this Fourth of July as many families will be on the road to visit friends and loved ones.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says the most important thing a driver can do is wear their seatbelt and make sure

every passenger in the vehicle is belted in as well.

"With families traveling out of town, I want to stress you need to wear your seatbelt," he said. "Be smart and have a good time."

He addressed drinking



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and driving as well.

"With it being a holiday weekend, everybody likes to get together and celebrate, and you need to stay away from drinking and driving," he said. "That's a big issue."

Louisiana State Trooper Matt Harris, public information officer, says wearing seat belts and driving sober are of utmost importance when inside a vehicle.

"In 2014, 47 percent of the fatal crashes investigated by Troop G involved impaired drivers and 60 percent involved unrestrained motorists," he said, "so make the right choice this Independence Day. Drive sober and buckle up."

Cropper says handguns being fired on the Fourth of July has always been a big issue. He warns gun owners that it is illegal to

fire a weapon within the city limits of Minden.

"A lot of people think it's OK to fire a gun up in the air on the Fourth of July," Cropper said. "They don't stop to realize that even though that bullet goes up, it's got to come down somewhere. It is against the law to discharge a firearm inside the city limits, whether it's the Fourth

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Study: Webster Parish has lowest tax burden

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A recent study shows Webster Parish as having the lowest tax burden on its taxpayers in terms of income tax, sales tax, fuel and property taxes. Steve Sabato, with

SmartAsset, says the study shows Webster Parish ranking second only behind Avoyelles Parish. “The tax season came and went, and left some of us asking ourselves, ‘How did I pay so much?’” Sabato said. “Everyone feels a tax burden of some kind, but its weight can vary

across different states and counties or parishes. Curious to see how Webster Parish’s tax burden stacks up against others in Louisiana? A recent study by SmartAsset calculated the amount of money a specific person would pay in income, sales, property and fuel taxes in each

parish in Louisiana, and ranked them lowest to highest in terms of tax burden.” According to the study (taxes paid by the average person), citizens of Webster Parish pay roughly \$8,800 in income tax, \$1,100 in sales tax, \$631 in property taxes and \$190 in

fuel taxes. The top 10 parishes listed with the lowest tax burden include (1) Avoyelles Parish, (2) Webster Parish, (3) Claiborne Parish, (4) East Feliciana Parish, (5) Evangeline Parish, (6) Winn Parish, (7) Assumption Parish, (8) Richland Parish, (9) Franklin Parish

and (10) Pointe Coupee Parish. For more information on the study, or to calculations and methodology, visit their website at <https://smartasset.com/taxes/louisiana-tax-calculator#us/tax>



SAFETY

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of July or not.” The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration offers some tips for drivers for the holiday weekend: ■ Regular maintenance – Tune-ups, oil changes, battery checks and tire rotations go a long way

toward preventing breakdowns before they happen. ■ Protect child passengers – Research on the effectiveness of child safety seats has found them to reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants (younger than 1 year old) and 54 percent for toddlers (up to 4 years old) in passenger cars. If you’re traveling with children, remember the best way to protect them in a car is to put them

in the correct child safety seat for their size and age. All children 13 and under should ride in the back seat. ■ Avoid distraction – Distraction accounts for approximately 10 percent of fatal crashes and 18 percent of injuries – all preventable. Distracted driving can be anything that pulls your attention away from driving, including cell phone use, texting while

driving, eating, drinking and using in-vehicle technologies and portable electronic devices. N Observe the “Move Over” law – Move over and change lanes to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers assisting motorists on the side of the road. It’s the law in all 50 states. For more information on drivers safety, go to the NHTSA website.

Fourth of July closures

All local banks and their branches will be open Friday and Monday, but drive-thrus will be closed Saturday in observance of Fourth of July holiday. The main branch of the

U.S. Post Office on Monroe Street will close window service at noon on Friday, but mail delivery will remain as normal. Saturday mail delivery will be suspended and resume

Monday, July 6. In addition, all governmental offices will be closed on Friday, including Minden City Hall, The Webster Parish Courthouse and the Webster Parish

School Board central office. The Minden Press-Herald office will be Friday; however, newspaper delivery will take place as scheduled.

EDUCATION

DEQ issues citation to Webster Parish School Board

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At the request of the Webster Parish School Board, their attorney is sending a letter to the architecture company they feel is responsible for them receiving a citation from the Department of Environmental Quality.

School board president Charles Strong says their attorney is sending a letter to the company regarding information they have not received since 2014 about Minden High and Webster Junior Highschools not having asbestos in the buildings.

Buster Flowers, maintenance and school security supervisor, says when the two schools were built, Sutton, Mitchell, Beebee and Babin Architects LLC of Shreveport (formerly Morgan, Hill, Sutton and Mitchell) was supposed to compose a letter reporting no asbestos in the schools. The board still has not received that letter and the person in charge of the letter composition is no longer employed with the com-



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pany. After speaking with company representatives, he says they will not provide a letter, leaving Webster Parish Schools under a citation from the DEQ – and will remain so until that letter can be provided. “There’s no asbestos, but they will not write a letter,” Flowers said in Monday’s school board meeting. “We have an asbestos company trying to contact them and they can’t get anything from them.”

Strong says he hopes the company will come through with a letter, as they should. “I would think it ought to be incumbent upon the contractor or architect to provide that information,” he said.

The board’s attorney will be requesting the asbestos information regarding the schools to lift the citation by the DEQ, he said.

The discussion came up following the board’s lengthy discussion in Monday’s meeting about the addition of wings to J.A. Phillips Middle School and Webster Junior High School. The board was discussing how to go about choosing an architect or whether they should choose the one that provided a quote for construction.

FIREWORKS

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fireworks. “They can shoot fireworks during the same period they can sell fireworks,” he said. “When they start selling them, you can shoot them. When they stop selling them, you have to quit

shooting them.” Cropper says it’s important to have respect for your neighbors when shooting fireworks. “If you have a neighbor living right next door and it’s late, you need to stop and think about them trying to rest,” he said. “Just have respect for your neighbors and other people.”



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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

July 4 a time to honor, celebrate

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

Editor's Note: This article was originally published on July 2, 2003.

Birthdays are special, and some are more special than others. Since I observed a special birthday — my 80th — last Saturday I know that I feel "special" since there were stacks of birthday cards from all over the United States, and even from Hawaii, and there were gifts of fruit, fresh vegetables, jelly, jam, preserves, pickles, candy, flowers from the florist, two birthday cakes that my daughter baked, balloons, books, dish towels, pot holders, money and so many sweet letters, visits and phone calls. Just a simple "thank you" seems inadequate, but it comes from my heart.



AGAN

In 1781, our forefathers drew up the Articles of Confederation, and in 1787 they drew up the Constitution. It was ratified by nine states of the 13. We had a new name — The United States of America.

I asked my son which of our founding fathers was responsible for designing our form of government. He felt that Madison and Hamilton had the most influence on drawing up the Constitution. I know that there are things that may need changing in our form of government, things that may need improving, but in spite of these things our form of government is the best on earth. Don't you agree?

A Feeling of Freedom

Perhaps we do not always like those in places of leadership. Nothing is always perfect. Jesus selected 12 to be in his inner circle, to help him carry out His earthly ministry, and one of them was Judas Iscariot.

But we have the privilege of voting for whomever we want to, and the ballot box is just another of the freedoms that we enjoy.

When I see the flag pass by, or when I pass the flag in downtown Minden, I feel a sense of pride and patriotism.

"One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" may be just a line from the pledge to the flag, but it is what the flag represents.

You cannot separate the flag from all those in our country's

past who helped our nation be the world leader that it is today.

Those Who Served

So many of our friends, relatives and even those that we do not know have served under that flag in many branches of service in so many wars.

Minden has had its share of heroes, men who have earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Medal of Honor, and then there are the hundreds of others who never received an individual honor but served with honor and valor in many battles across the world.

In my circle of acquaintances I remember those who "flew the Hump in the Himalayas," one who served with Merrill's Marauders and returned as one of 12 who lived with that group, this man was a classmate of mine, Ray Maddry.

I remember those who served at the Battle of the Bulge, and one who served above and beyond the call of duty and received the Bronze Star for his bravery — George Turner.

Others who received the Bronze Star would be George's brother, Killen Turner, as well as Richard Garrison, Bill Ichter and many others.

And there have been several Silver Star winners — George Calvit for his outstanding bravery even though he was severely wounded in the battle for Iwo Jima.

My husband received no indi-

vidual honors but his unit was awarded several honors because of some of the battles across North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He served four years and four months, receiving his discharge on July 4, 1945.

It is so touching to see the flags on the graves that are placed there on a couple of occasions each year. We do not realize how much we owe to so many until we notice just how many flags mark the graves of men who fought in all the wars for us.

Buried Heroes

There is a section in the old Minden cemetery that is the area where Confederate soldiers are buried. There are no individual markers, but there is an obelisk that tells that this is the area of Confederate soldiers.

I have stood in many national cemeteries across the United States. When I visited the battlefield at Chalmette where the victims of the Battle of New Orleans are buried, I think "what a waste of men and boys."

The battle was fought after the war was over, but lack of communication did not inform either side of that fact.

The Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia is awe inspiring. It was such a somber time as I stood at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier and watched the changing of the guard. I always think that each of the men who died was somebody's son, somebody's husband or brother, or even some child's

father.

Remember the Price

This July 4 we honor our nation's birthday, but this nation has been bought with a price and we must never forget those who paid that price.

In my bedroom closet, high on a shelf is a triangular folded flag. It was presented to me on the occasion of my husband's funeral. He served under that flag; he revered what it stood for and so do I.

When I remember how long our form of government has stood, I thank God for the men who had the vision and the ability to design an almost perfect form of government.

To me that flag represents America — the men who helped plan our future, and our democratic form of government, the men who have fought and some have given their lives for what we believe.

If you have a loved one or a friend that received an individual honor or medal during any war, I would like for you to tell me the name and I will add it to my own memories. Just call me and in the future I will remember those who have meant so much to our freedom

God bless America!

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

Christine Reeves Parnell

"Her children arise up and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:28

Christine Reeves Parnell, age 94, was called home by her Heavenly Father on June 29, 2015. She was met with a joyous celebration by her husband, H. Marvin Parnell, her parents, the Rev. Paul Reeves and Myrtle McWilliams Reeves, and Elsie Reeves, sisters Nadine Smith, Frances Ham, and Bobbie Sanford, and Marvin's parents, H.A. "Buddy" Parnell and Gussie Tooke Parnell, as well as numerous beloved aunts and uncles and grandparents who have gone before her.



PARNELL

Christine was born Sept. 7, 1920, in Stamps, Arkansas. Her family moved to Minden and she spent her childhood there. She married Marvin Parnell August 26, 1939, and made her home in Gibsland until her death.

Christine was a woman of deep and quiet faith. She read through the Bible cover to cover many times, and could recite many full chapters, verse by verse. She was a devoted and beloved mother, dedicating herself to making a home for her family. She loved to cook and garden and to read and to write poetry. She was always informed and interested in current events.

She enjoyed traveling and visited Israel and England, as well as many beautiful sites in the United States, such as the Rocky Mountains, the Northeast during Autumn, Michigan, Washington, DC, the Smokey Mountains, and the coast of

northern California.

Christine was an astute business woman and kept up with the stock market and her own personal finances almost to the end. She taught her family much about honesty and responsibility by her actions. She leaves a lasting legacy of love and faithfulness.

Treasuring Christine's memory are her children, Richard "Dicky" Parnell, Gibsland, Mary Jane and her husband Ken Renwick, Dallas, and John Mark and his wife Melinda Parnell, Dubberly. Her beloved grandchildren are Kenneth Renwick (Molly), Richmond, Virginia, Steven Renwick (Reid), Dallas, Thomas Parnell, Dubberly, and Sarah Parnell, Dubberly. Great-grandchildren are Nathan Renwick, Marshall Renwick, Luke Renwick, and Elizabeth Renwick. She is survived by brothers, Wayne Reeves, Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Claude Reeves (Betty), Minden, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, July 3, 2015 at the church founded by her father and mother, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Minden with the Rev. Jim Crain assisted by the Rev. Ed Dilworth. Interment will follow at Gibsland Cemetery in Gibsland under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden and officiated by the Rev. Wayne Howington and Rev. Johnie Adkins. The family will receive friends Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Parnell, James Stewart, J. R. Johnson, Wayne Carter, Richard Pullig, Johnny Fields, Randall McGraw and Jim Kidd.

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Times-Picayune on same-sex ruling being correct

At five minutes after 10 Monday (June 29) morning, Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court Jon Gegenheimer began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. A few hours later, Earl Benjamin and Michael Robinson took the license they got from his office and were married in New Orleans by Judge Paula Brown.

"You are the best thing that ever happened to me," Mr. Benjamin told Mr. Robinson, as staff members of the gay rights' group Forum for Equality watched them take their vows.

Good for Mr. Gegenheimer. Thanks to him, Louisiana is no longer ignoring the U.S. Supreme Court ruling Friday that legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states. The East Baton Rouge clerk began issuing licenses Monday afternoon and others say they are going to start as well. New Orleans depends on the state health department to issue licenses, so for now couples have to get that document in another parish.

Louisiana was the last state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples following the Supreme Court ruling because Gov. Bobby Jindal and Attorney General Buddy Caldwell resisted abiding by the court's ruling.

Gov. Jindal claimed the state needed to wait for the 5th U.S. Circuit of Appeals to rule in a separate gay marriage case before implementing the high court ruling. Mr. Caldwell and the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association advised clerks Friday to wait for 25 days, which is the deadline for appeals to the Supreme Court ruling.

But those are false impediments, and Mr. Gegenheimer and other clerks are right to go ahead.

The attorney for the Jefferson Park clerk's office reviewed the Supreme Court ruling over the weekend and found no reason to wait.

But Gov. Jindal wanted to be able to grandstand for a few days before admitting on "Meet the Press" Sunday that Louisiana couldn't ignore the ruling. "We don't have a choice but to comply, even though I think this decision was the wrong one," he said.

It's unclear what motivated Mr. Caldwell, but he should have known that the appeal period didn't affect the force of the ruling. He is the state's top lawyer, after all, and should understand how the Supreme Court works.

Gov. Jindal emphasized that clerks and state employees who don't want to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples because of their faith won't have to do so. Freedom of religion is a cherished right, and the Supreme Court specifically said that its ruling was not meant to abridge anyone's beliefs.

But if there are clerks or other public officials who express religious objections, the state should ensure that couples seeking a license have another option in that office or nearby. The government should not continue to be complicit in making it difficult for people to get the license they are legally owed.

Gay couples who wanted to marry in Louisiana or wanted their marriages from other states to be recognized here have been waiting — and waiting. Then when the Supreme Court made same-sex marriage legal across the nation Friday, they had to wait again because of political meddling.

That isn't right. Getting married isn't only an expression of devotion to each other. There are tax, Social Security and other legal benefits — everything from inheritance rights to hospital visitation privileges — that flow from marriage.

Same-sex couples in Louisiana also had not been allowed to adopt a child together. And it has been difficult for same-sex couples from other states who adopted children born in Louisiana to get a birth certificate listing them as parents.

All of that was patently unfair. The Supreme Court now has given couples here all of those rights. And Bobby Jindal and the state of Louisiana should stop standing in their way.

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PERSPECTIVE

Religious freedom is next

The Holy Bible means nothing in America.

That's what we are to infer from the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling last week in Obergefell v. Hodges, better known as the case that provided the Supreme Court with another opportunity to trample all over the 10th Amendment and legalize same-sex marriage along the way.

Not only did the court legalize same-sex marriage, it deemed homosexual couples have the Constitutional right to do it.

In penning the opinion for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Con-

stitution grants them that right."

Let me be clear. I couldn't care less whether a man or woman is gay or whether a same-sex couple gets married. How they live their lives as well as what they do in the privacy of their own homes is none of my business, just as my relationship with my wife and my relationship with Jesus Christ is none of their business. Still, the Scriptures are very clear, ladies and gentlemen.

At least they are in the book of Genesis. In Chapter 2, Verse 24, God instituted marriage between a man and a woman. He said, "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh."

Or perhaps we should look to Matthew 19:4-5. "He (Jesus) said, 'Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one?'"

Anyone who has remotely paid attention over the past couple of decades to how society's attitude toward homosexuality, open marriages, children born out of wedlock and what passes for acceptable entertainment on television and in music should have expected the Supreme Court to legalize marriage among same-sex couples. Its time had come, as it were.

That doesn't make it right, but what's right in the eyes of five Supreme Court justices shall be the way it is for some 320-plus million Americans, not counting the millions of

men, women and children living in the United States illegally.

That the Supreme Court carved out a special exception to the Constitution in order to grant same-sex couples the right to marry was alarming. But what should scare the hell out of any level-headed individual is the prospect of what could follow, specifically an all-out assault on religious freedom.

Mark my word, it's only a matter of time until a same-sex couple approaches a pastor or priest about consummating their nuptials in a church that heretofore, had refused to acknowledge same-sex marriage. Litigation is a certainty, and eventually the Supreme Court will be back in the mix. This time, justices will decide whether religious freedom is protected under the First Amendment when the "constitutional right" of a same-sex couple supposedly has been infringed.

You can rest assured, too, that the militants in the homosexual movement would like nothing more than to challenge religious institutions. And they're going to do it.

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PERSPECTIVE

What moved marriage equality from taboo to justice?

From 1956 until 2010, CBS television's daytime lineup included America's longest-running soap opera: "As the World Turns." But times change, and now a real-life human drama of profound importance has debuted in America: "As the Generations Turn."

It's the inspiring story of our society's continuing struggle to evolve toward dignity and mutual respect ... as well as love. The moment came on June 26, 2015, when Justice Anthony Kennedy proclaimed from the ornate chamber of the Supreme Court: "The right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 14th Amendment couples of the same sex may not be deprived of that right and that liberty."

Kennedy and Justices Breyer, Ginsburg, Kagan and Sotomayor voted to make this higher level of inclusiveness the law of the land, but they are not the producers of it. Indeed, while the court's ruling debuts a new day, it is the culmination of generations of painful struggle by brave gay and lesbian activists and advocates. And it is particularly the product of a defiant and determined LGBTQ movement for equality that arose from the brutal police riot at the Stonewall Inn in New York on June 28, 1969.

This democratic evolution from rank inequality literally came out of America's closet, rising through only a few neighborhoods at first, but then entering the consciousness of today's youth. Rejecting the shibboleths, ignorance, fears and bigotry that previously permitted such intolerable discrimination, young people have, in a remarkably short amount of time, created a generational shift in the nation's consciousness.

The true Supremes are the people themselves, and it's their awakening enlightenment that has transformed marriage equality from taboo to simple justice.

It is unfortunately true, however, that not everyone has evolved on the issue of equality in our Land of the Free.

The Supreme Court's ruling that states can no longer ban same-sex marriage has set off a cacophony of howling hyperbole by the GOP's far-out presidential wannabes.

"I will not acquiesce to an imperial court," blustered Fox News political huckster Mike Huckabee. "Resist and reject judicial tyranny," he belted. Huck even couched his cry for continued discrimination against gay people by likening it to Abe Lincoln's principled refusal to honor the court's 1857 ruling that African-Americans could not be citizens. Sure, Mike, you're a modern-day Lincoln — except that he was opposing discrimination, while you're demanding that government enforce it!

Then came the wild hair of the GOP's presidential menagerie, Donald Trump, trumpeting his keen insight that the court's gay marriage decision is Jeb Bush's fault. Really. The Donald explained that Jeb's brother George appointed Chief Justice John Roberts to the court, so ... there you have it. Shhhh — let's not spoil Trump's hallucination by telling him that Roberts actually voted against letting gays marry.

Now on to Scott Walker, widely touted by the GOP's billionaires as the "serious" contender. Yet, he is seriously pushing a constitutional amendment to allow states to keep prohibiting same-sex marriages. "No one wants to live in a country where the government coerces people to act in opposition to their conscience," said Walker, apparently oblivious to the fact that state governments have long been coercing LGBTQ people to do exactly that. And now Walker is promising, if elected, to coerce them right back into a life of unconscionable injustice.

Every one of the 13 Republican presidential candidates is marching backward into the bigoted past, piously thumbing their noses not only at millions of gays and lesbians and their families, but also at the ever-growing majority of Americans — especially young people — who support marriage equality.



JIM HIGHTOWER

GIVING BACK

Girl Scout Troop 508 donates cookies to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



On June 7, Girl Scout Troop 508 from Central Elementary delivered 34 cases of cookies to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The troop says thanks to those that bought cookies to donate or told them to "keep the change" so that they were able to purchase cookies to send. The following businesses purchased cookies from to send H&R Block in Minden, H&R Block in Haughton, McClung's, Webster Machine, Landmark Land Surveying, Dr. Spurlock, Her's Bridal, Michelle's Little Angels, AJ Price, and US Silica. They also delivered 15 gallons of coke tabs to the Ronald McDonald House at St. Jude.

Girl Scout Troop 508 members are LaJayda Chipps, Asia Huey, Kayleigh Haughton, Kyleigh Haughton, Kimber James, Kaitlin James, Serenity Lee, Destani McCoy, Sara Osborne, Paige Simpson and Brandie Washington. Not Pictured: Trinity Phillips, Hannah Smith and Kazanee Willis.

Fundrasier for Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue

The fundraiser Rescues on the Bayou to benefit the Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue will be from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30, Saturday, July 11 at Pavilion at Cinnamon Creek RV Park in Dixie Inn. The event will include food, door prizes and music from the Exit 49 Band. Adult tickets will include a pulled pork sandwich plate and one raffle ticket. The cost before July 6 is \$15. After it will be \$18. Children's tickets for ages 4 until 12 will include a hotdog and will cost \$5 before July 6 and \$7 after. The guest of honor will be Braveheart. Braveheart is the voice of change for abandoned, abused and neglected animals all over the world. For tickets or more information, contact Trish Stanley at 318-371-5111.




Annual Homecoming program to be at Union Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, July 5 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker and church will be Bishop Charles Blanks and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Springhill.

Revival Services to be held Monday through Friday, July 6 - 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. nightly. Revival messenger will be Pastor Willie Jiles of Mary Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Shreveport.


Annual Fireworks on Turner's Pond

Sponsored by Lakeview United Methodist Church, George Fithen, Ron Hathorn and Coca Cola Bottling Company of Minden will take place on July 4. Activities begin following Veterans Program. Free hotdogs, popsicles, watermelon, soft drinks and a live band. Fireworks at dusk!



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COLLEGE BASEBALL

All-American Tigers

BATON ROUGE (AP) – Three LSU players were named Tuesday to the 2015 Perfect Game All-America teams. Freshman right-handed pitcher Alex Lange was named to the first team, junior shortstop Alex Bregman was named to the second team, and senior catcher Kade Scivicque was voted to the third team.

Perfect Game was the final outlet to announce its 2015 All-America teams over the past five weeks. Six different LSU players earned some type of All-America recognition, and Lange, Bregman and Scivicque each earned first-team All-America accolades, marking the second time in three years the Tigers have featured a school-record three first-team All-Americans. LSU also had three first-team All-Americans in 2013.

Lange posted a 12-0 record with a 1.97 ERA in 114 innings for the Tigers this season. In 17 starts, the right-hander struck out 131 and limited opponents to a .212 cumulative batting average.

The Lee’s Summit, Mo., native was voted National Freshman Pitcher of the Year

and SEC Freshman of the Year, and he received first team all-SEC recognition.

Bregman, a 2015 Golden Spikes Award finalist and a two-time first-team all-American, enjoyed a brilliant three-year career at LSU, batting .337 (265-for-786) with 56 doubles, 10 triples, 21 homers, 148 RBI, 153 runs and 66 stolen bases.

Bregman, the 2013 Brooks Wallace Award winner as the nation’s best shortstop, batted .323 in 2015 with 22 doubles, three triples, nine homers, 49 RBI, 59 runs and 38 stolen bases, the second-highest single-season steals total in LSU history.

Scivicque, a native of Maurepas, La., was one of three finalists for the Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation’s most outstanding catcher. A first-team All-SEC selection, he hit a team-high .355 this season with 21 doubles, six homers, and 48 RBI, and he threw out 21 runners attempting to steal.

Scivicque, who was voted to the 2015 College World Series All-Tournament Team, was selected in the fourth round of the MLB Draft by the Detroit Tigers.



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UCAP receives \$12K from golf tournament 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

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Former Tiger, Dean named UNO head coach

If you were to ask Blake Dean where he was headed in the next five years after his playing days at LSU ended in 2010, he would have said he’d be well on his way to a career in Major League Baseball.

It didn’t quite work out that way.

Instead, the 27-year-old was standing at a news conference Tuesday, where he was as the next head baseball coach at UNO, the youngest in the history of the program.

“It’s such an honor for me to take this job,” Dean said. “I’m truly humbled and excited for this opportunity. ... Many of my former coaches have told me that people will try to knock me for my age, but I plan to use it to my advantage.”

“I believe I can bring an energy to the program that will get people excited again.”

Dean, who served as an assistant coach for the Privateers the past two seasons, takes over the UNO program as one of the youngest head coaches in the NCAA.

While it will be a challenge to lead a team at such a

young age, UNO Athletic Director Derek Morel said Dean has many of the qualities that will immediately allow him to galvanize players.

“He has such a maturity about him for a guy his age,” Morel said of Dean. “His experience as a player, his ability to relate to people and his excitement about the program were all qualities we thought made him a great choice for the job. I think him already having that experience with the guys on the team over the past two years will allow him to immediately come in and lay down some of his principles without having that period where he has to get to know the players.”

Dean was named interim coach in May following the retirement of former head coach Ron Maestri, who concluded his second stint as the Privateers’ coach.

Maestri helped raise the profile of the program during his time as coach from 1972-85, and once the program fell on hard times, Maestri decided to take on the job once again in 2013.

Although Maestri’s

record over the past two seasons was 25-78, Dean said Maestri helped rebuild the UNO program — and he hopes to pick up where Maestri left off.

“Coach Maestri believed in me. He gave me an opportunity to succeed,” Dean said. “I hope he knows that I’ll continue to push this thing forward, and I will do everything that I can to make sure everyone remembers his legacy, and we can build it back to what it was.”

Dean added that one of the keys to ensure the growth of UNO’s baseball team is to continue making local recruits view the school as a desired destination.

Dean played four seasons at LSU from 2007-10, winning a College World Series championship in 2009. He was MVP of the 2008 SEC baseball tournament and an All-American following the 2008 and 2010 seasons.

Dean was drafted in the eighth round of the 2010 MLB draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers and retired as a player following two years in the minor league system.



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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Nebuchadnezzar's message for all

Fascinating is the fact that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, wrote a chapter of the Bible! The king's intent was that it be read by "all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth" Daniel 4:1. So, what did he have a burden for all to know? He tells us, "I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me" verse 2. That sounds like he's about to tell us of some very positive experience, doesn't it? And that is absolutely true in the big picture of salvation, but the fact that he

presents it as positive is proof that he was truly a changed man. God had used Nebuchadnezzar and his army as a disciplining or punishing force not only towards the nation of Israel but with other nations. Nebuchadnezzar, not acknowledging God's supreme power and interventions, had come to believe that it was he that was so powerful and wonderful. God saw potential in this king,



KATHY IRIZARRY

but the king's pride kept him from right decisions over and over again. In Daniel 4 Nebuchadnezzar shares his personal conversion testimony. God gave him a prophetic dream of what would happen to him as he continued his prideful course of life, but though greatly troubled by the dream, he did not understand its meaning. It was Daniel who, by the Spirit, was able to provide

the interpretation. The king would lose his kingdom and live like a wild animal for seven years. After that the kingdom would be restored. And so it happened, in a moment of prideful exaltation "there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth

in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar:" verses 31-33. Nebuchadnezzar spent seven years living a beastly life, but note what he states brought an end of that period. "I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me. . . Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to

abase" verses 34, 37. It was in humbly lifting his eyes to heaven and embracing the one true God that his sanity as well as his kingdom was restored. Nebuchadnezzar realized the blessing of his focus being changed from self to the King of heaven even if it meant being humbled. What about you? Kathryn Irizarry is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ALONG THE WAY

God and country

Our forefathers brought forth a faith built not of words, but of deeds. Their faith was anchored in the Holy Word of the Bible. It meant everything in the world to them that God be honored in every sense as a 'new nation was being formed.' Some these men who penned the Constitution were not 'staunch Christians,' they still signed on the line to uphold and honor the Judo-Christian faith-system. It was to be a nation like unto none other, one that would withstand the storms of times. Upon this firm foundation a new nation was birthed, one that would draw many to her shores seeking religious and political freedom.

the God of Israel who appeared to Solomon and made this promise: "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 will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14). God's word is eternal; this promise is still before us.



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God wants to heal our land, He wants us to allow Him to direct our ways (Prov. 3: 5-6).

Through the years, decisions have been made that seemingly changed the course of our nation. Some decisions seem to lead us away from God's teachings and into the "left field" of life. We have been reminded recently, that no matter what kind of political decisions are made, one thing man cannot do is to "put Christ back in the tomb." He is still the resurrected Lord, His teachings and promises are true. There is a day of judgment coming when each of us will stand before the Master Judge. No one can plead innocent; no one can plead ignorant of the facts. All will be judged on 'what we have done with this Jesus'.

(Matt.27:23) Yes, the Church is still the 'bride of Christ' in the world. God is still sovereign and in control. He is well aware of all that is happening around us. His ways are beyond our comprehension and understanding. No laws can be legislated that 'outranks' His Word. God will not be mocked!

What shall we do? We trust in our Heavenly Father, we seek to serve Jesus and obey His teachings, we continue to love the Lord with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves. We shun sin and teach and preach against sin...but we love the sinner. And who is without sin? None! The dividing line between believers and unbelievers is this: the cross stained with Jesus' blood. And it is in the cleansing blood our sins are washed away and we walk in the likeness of our Lord. This is when God will truly bless our country and heal our land...This land that we love! He will stand beside us and guide us through 'these nights' with His light from above.

Peter Marshall's Prayer to the US Senate, July 3, 1947: God of our Fathers, whose Almighty hand hath made and preserved our Nation, grant that our people may understand what it is they celebrate tomorrow. May they

remember how bitterly our freedom was won, the down payment that was made for it, the installments that have been made since this Republic was born, and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty. May freedom by seen, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to please to do what is right! May it ever

be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else. May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives. Let us, as a nation, not be afraid of standing alone for the rights of men, since we were born that way, as the only nations on earth that came into being 'for the

glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.' We know that we shall be true to the Pilgrim dream when we are true to the God they worshiped. To the extent that America honors Thee, wilt Thou bless America, and keep her true as Thou hast kept her free, and make her good as Thou hast made her rich. Amen.

THE UPWARD LOOK

Endure by God's grace

"The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." 1 Peter 5:10b NASB



MAX HUTTO

Peter used four terms to describe what God in His grace would do for the believers. First, He would "perfect" or make the believers complete by restoring and mending that which was broken.

Second, He would "confirm" or give them steadfastness and resolve to press on. Third, God would "strengthen" or make strong the believers who endured the suffering and persecution. Fourth, He would "establish" or firmly ground the believers by laying a foundation on solid bedrock, giving the believers endurance even in the midst of the storms. These

four words encouraged the suffering believers so they will be able to endure to the end because of God's great grace.

Lord Jesus, because of Your great grace, I will remain vigilant and fortified to stand firm for Your truth even in the midst of those who viciously oppose Your Word. In You I find my strength and assurance of eternal salvation in glory.

Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.



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Envy Is a Bitter Root

Perhaps nothing tears at the social fabric like envy. Comparing ourselves to others will invariably make us feel either arrogant and superior or bitter and inferior. When we compare favorably to others we're likely to feel superior and therefore risk being arrogant, while comparing unfavorably to others is likely to make us bitter and feel dejected. Life is not a contest, and while it is only normal to want to know how we did on the test relative to other students, or how much we earn relative to our colleagues, invariably we are not going to be at the top of every list, or perhaps even at the top of any list. Most of us are going to be bunched up around the middle, and that's okay. Envy is not only a root of bitterness at work and in school, but often also within families.

Sibling rivalry is natural, and competition can be a good thing, but many families have lasting scars from sibling rivalry that was taken too far, and envious feelings often outlast childhood. So put a check on your envy by avoiding unhealthy comparisons. You're fine just the way you are.

—Christopher Simon



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. — Psalm 139:13-14

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In Winehouse doc 'Amy,' celebrity is the villain

Asif Kapadia's Amy Winehouse documentary "Amy" is a slow, tragic zoom out. It begins with the intimacy of home movies and ends in far-away paparazzi footage. Our VIP access has been revoked.

First seen as a bright-eyed 14-year-old girl singing a knockout "Happy Birthday," Winehouse gradually recedes from our view as her renown grows, obscured by a blizzard of flashes and a deadening haze of celebrity. Fame arrives like fate: a destiny foreshadowed by Winehouse's self-evident talent and her own ominous misgivings. "I would go mad," she says of fame before its tidal-wave arrival.

"Amy" is an exceptional, emotional portrait of a pop star who perished too young. But it is, more broadly, a clinical case study of celebrity's crushing onslaught and an indictment of its tabloid apparatus. It's a horror movie.

The ingredients of Winehouse's swift demise (she drank herself to death at age 27 in 2011), as seen in the film, are many: a broken family, her own self-destructiveness, a lack of timely intervention. But most haunting is the film's close-up of a toxic celebrity culture where out-of-control addicts are merely punchlines for late-night hosts.

Kapadia, a British filmmaker who started in fiction film, eschews talking heads. His tremendous documentary "Senna," about the Formula One racer Ayrton Senna, who died at 34, relied entirely on archival footage, and he's done the same with "Amy." It's an elegant,

uncluttered approach that maintains closeness with the subject and gives "Amy" an unbroken drama.

Both films replace hagiography with evidence (archival video, audio testimony, even old voice-mails), but the purity of Kapadia's aesthetics shouldn't be mistaken for perfect objectivity. He and editor Chris King have pointedly, expertly assembled snapshots of Winehouse's life to lend a particular view of it.

Winehouse's family — especially her father, Mitch — have publicly denounced "Amy" as "misleading." That, though, should be taken as a good sign of Kapadia's independence in making "Amy."

The film is disarmingly intimate. There is Winehouse, an aspiring singer, playful and flirty in the backseat of a car, goofing around with friends and a video camera.

The rise of this insanely charismatic Jewish retro-soul singer from North London seems a certainly to all who encounter her. The voice, smoky and soulful, is unmissable. "A charmer," describes Yasiin Bey (Mos Def), immediately infatuated by "a sweetheart" who could drink anyone under the table and roll a smoke.

Her upbringing casts a pall. The divorce of her parents when she was nine (also the age when Kurt Cobain's parents split, as noted in the recent documentary "Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck") after an admitted seven-year affair by her cab driver father, is cited as a turning point for the worse. Mitch Winehouse also figured into his daughter's autobi-



ographical hit "Rehab": "I ain't got the time and my daddy thinks I'm fine."

Winehouse's early, friendly entourage give way to more professional and an arguably less protective group of promoters. The missed opportunities to help her slide by. She and her eventual husband, the troubled Blake Fielder-Civil who introduced her to crack, descend into

drugs. In a mocking video Fiedler-Civil shoots while both are in rehab together, she's less inclined to make a joke out of it: "I don't really mind it here," she says.

Kapadia has gotten everyone close to Winehouse to speak, and the interviews are more personal having been taped off-camera. A sense of helpless mounts as

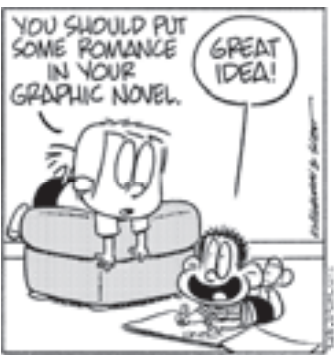
Kapadia searches for a guardian for Winehouse. Instead, he finds her father arriving at her post-rehab getaway in Saint Lucia with a TV crew for his reality show, "My Daughter, Amy."

There may be something a tad callous in seeking blame among those she loved and who loved her, four years after Winehouse's death. Black-and-white villains rarely

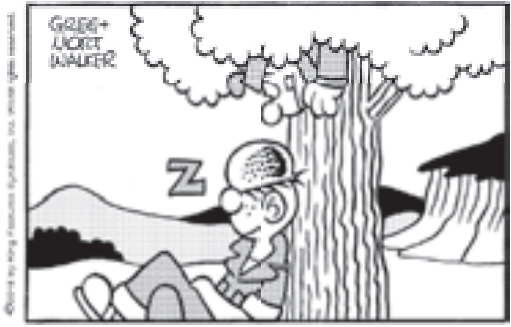
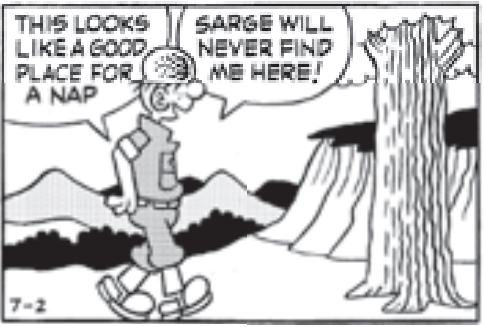
suit such tragic stories. But "Amy" is a clear-eyed, deeply empathetic view of Winehouse, whose huge talent and sudden fame made too many forget she was still just a vulnerable young woman in serious need of help.

"Amy," an A24 release, is rated R for "language and drug material." Running time: 128 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

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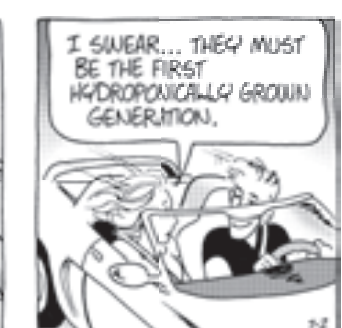
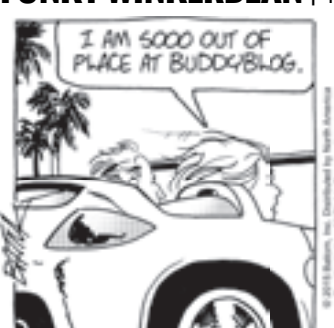
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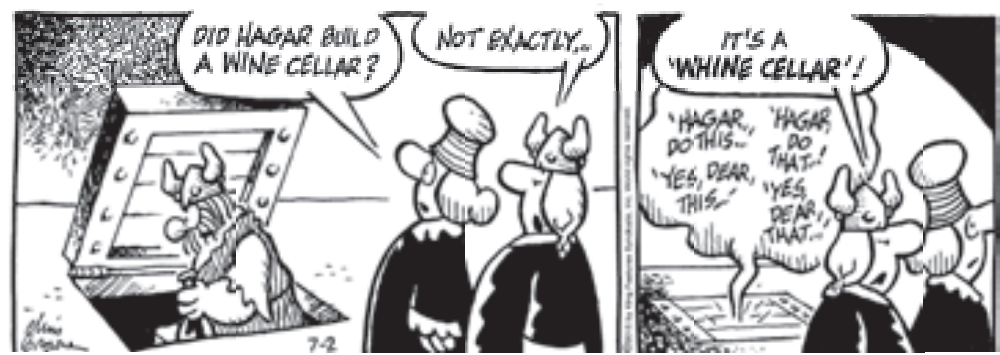
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On the agenda is a request from GPS Properties LLC for a zoning change on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 133Juniper Lane. The zoning change being requested is from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to B-4 (Hwy. Commercial).

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 Aurlia 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

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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 feet to a found iron rod located 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 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 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 45 degrees 40 minutes 58 seconds East for a distance of 52.57 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 40 degrees 17 minutes 56 seconds East for a distance of 47.52 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 33 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 48.95 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 30 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 334.23 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 33 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 68.22 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 38 degrees 51 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 49.78 feet to a found iron rod; thence run North 44 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds East for a distance of 52.57 feet to a found iron rod at the intersection of the South right of way of Guy Miller Road and

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

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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 Madden Contracting 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: EASTERN PORTION OF 40 ACRES FRONTING ON G E R M A N T O W N RD - NW/4 OF SW/4 SEC 11-19-9

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