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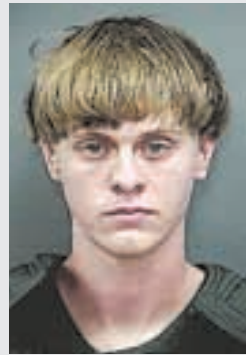
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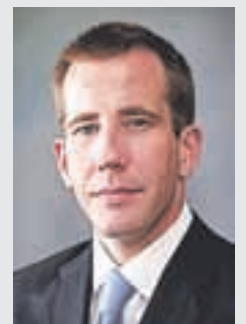
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WEBSTER CRIME

Man accused of pirating movies

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More charges have been added to a Springhill man who was arrested last week on distribution charges.

Richard L. Jackson, 31, of Camelot Drive in Springhill, was arrested Friday, July 17, at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional

Center for illegal use of counterfeit trademark. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Springhill Police went to a residence with a felony warrant for drug distribution Thursday.



JACKSON

Police Chief Will Lynd says this new charge stems from apparent illegal activity in plain view during the search of the home after North Webster Narcotics Task Force agents served the warrant.

"We enter into the residence, and to the right in plain view, is a big computer and hundreds of CDs/DVDs," he said. "It's

obvious that he's burning or pirating movies. We go ahead and arrest him, but once we saw that illegal activity, it gave us the right to search the whole apartment."

Noted among the movies reportedly pirated included The Avengers 2, San Andreas and others.

"It was just hundreds and hundreds of movies

that he was pirating and selling them on the street for \$5 a piece," he said.

They seized the computer and the DVDs and obtained a warrant to search the computer.

Jackson was arrested Thursday on charges of distribution of crack cocaine. Once back at the

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SUMMER PROGRAM

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ELENA BLACK, SMILE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



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SMILE

program enrollment grows

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This year's SMILE program at St. Rest Baptist Church has been better than ever, expanding the number of children it served and the programs offered to students.

The church is about ready to put behind it another year as the Summer Motivational Intensive Learning Experience program comes to a close next week. Elena Black, director, says it's been a wonderful year for the students.

"Our enrollment grew this year," she said. "It grew from about 55 to about 83 this year. It's been good. It really has. I think we did more with more resources in terms of experts coming in, so I think it was more valuable to the kids this year. We did more intense instruction this year."

Through educational enrich-

ment, the goal of the program is to help students keep up academically and have fun through the summer. Several volunteers have come in and spent time with the children exposing them to a wide variety of topics like drama, arts, music, mathematics and language.

"It's to give the kids some positive thing to do during the summer rather than sitting around, and also we try to bridge the gap between regular school and going into the next school year, because they lose so much of that during these months," she said.

They learned healthy hygiene, teeth brushing techniques, the importance of exercise and good foods to eat, and other important healthy habits.

E.S. Richardson Elementary principal Oreada Banks spoke to the children about getting the most out of education and Linda

Hudson, with Webster Parish schools, spoke to the junior high students about preparing for high school and the new regulations.

Lessie Brown, a high school Spanish teacher, worked with kids of all age groups on Spanish lessons. Black says the younger children will sing a song in Spanish while the older ones will perform a dialogue in Spanish.

The kids also traveled to the Webster Parish Library once per week during the summer reading program, played games, went bowling, swimming, skating and went to the movies. They even learned how to line dance, Black said.

Black says along with all the fun the students were offered, volunteers worked one on one with some to help those who were struggling or may have been

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ENTERTAINMENT

Film fest is this weekend at civic center

Film lovers from all around will get a chance to see movies and short stories from fledgling filmmakers and enthusiasts alike Friday and Saturday during the Heart of the Pines Film Festival.

Hosted in Minden for the first time, the festival offers patrons quality film screenings and events. The focus of the film festival is to bring films with heart and to see things from someone else's perspective.

The films were selected specifically for the north Louisiana audience and most of the films are family-friendly. Attendees will get to see great independent films from all over the world, including the critically acclaimed festival circuit hit "Wildlike," which will open in theaters in September.

Courtney Sandifer, producer, director and organizer of the film festival, encourages interested film fans to peruse the schedule to find more information on the films and events, including a free short film session Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The festival begins at 10 a.m. at the Minden Civic Center, located at 520 Broadway with activities throughout the day and evening.

On Sunday, there will be a fun, interactive filmmaking workshop for children from 2 until 6 p.m. followed by an arts community mixer at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with a film fest at The Farm, located at 417 East Union Street.

Admission is \$5 per film or \$15 for a day pass. For more information, visit www.heartofthepines.net.



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AROUND THE STATE

Potentially deadly amoeba found in Louisiana water

BATON ROUGE — A potentially deadly brain-eating amoeba has been discovered in the St. Bernard Parish Water System at the site of a leaking sampling station that serves more than 44,000 people, state health officials said.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospi-

tals notified the water system and parish officials Wednesday evening.

DHH said in a news release it had asked the water system to conduct a 60-day chlorine burn to ensure that any remaining amoeba in the system are eliminated.

Parish President Dave Peralta told the state the

system would conduct the burn out of an abundance of caution.

Based on current monthly chloramine residual compliance reports, health officials said the water system has met the requirements with Louisiana rules for chloramine disinfectant levels. Five other sites on the sys-

tem tested negative for the amoeba and one site did not meet the required level of disinfectant.

Tap water in St. Bernard Parish is safe for residents to drink, but the DHH urges residents to avoid getting water in their noses. Naegleria fowleri is an amoeba that occurs naturally in freshwater.

As Naegleria fowleri infections are extremely rare, testing for this amoeba in public drinking water is still relatively new and evolving, health officials said. Fewer than 10 deaths in the United States have been traced back to the amoeba, with three occurring in Louisiana over the last several years.

The amoeba was identified in St. Bernard Parish Water System in the summer of 2013. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that the system no longer tested positive for the presence of the amoeba in February 2014.

AROUND THE NATION

Accused Charleston shooter charged with hate crimes

WASHINGTON — Five weeks after nine people were slain at a black Charleston church, federal authorities have indicted the suspected shooter on dozens of new charges, including hate crimes, firearms violations and obstructing the practice of religion.

The prosecution, particularly on hate crimes, has been expected since the June 17 shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston. The suspected shooter, 21-year-old Dylann Roof, is white and appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and burning or desecrating U.S. flags. He purportedly wrote online of fomenting racial violence, and federal authorities on Wednesday confirmed his use of a personal manuscript in which he decried integration and

used racial slurs to refer to blacks.

Court records show Roof is scheduled to be arraigned Monday on the new charges in federal court in Charleston.

Hate crimes cases can be tricky to bring, with the onus on authorities to prove a suspect's motivations and pre-crime intentions. But one expert who has followed this case says some of the extenuating circumstances of Roof's case could potentially make it easier for prosecutors — and more difficult for his defense team.

"All a jury is going to have to do is look at the crime that was committed

and the victims that he selected and then read what he wrote in advance, and then look at the photos, as well as things that he might have said to people about why he was committing the crimes," Cornell Law School professor Jens Ohlin said. "This strikes me as an incredibly easy case for a federal prosecution. It's not clear to me at all what kind of defense strategy his lawyers could come up with."

Although what tack Roof's defense lawyers might take is unclear, Ohlin said their job may be made even more difficult if Roof were to be unapologetic for any of the photos or writings.

"Dylann Roof might object to his lawyers trying to defend him against the hate crimes charges," Ohlin said. "If the lawyers

go in there and say, 'This wasn't a hate crime'— he might not let his lawyers say that. His view might be: 'This was a hate crime, and I'm proud of it.'"

The Justice Department has not decided whether it will seek the death penalty against Roof, nor whether its prosecution will come before a state case that includes murder charges and another potential death penalty prosecution.

Because South Carolina has no state hate-crimes law, federal charges were needed to adequately address a motive that prosecutors believe was unquestionably rooted in racial hate, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said during a Wednesday news conference.

Roof, Lynch said, had for several months prior to the shootings conceived a goal of "increasing racial

tensions throughout the nation and seeking retribution for perceived wrongs he believed African-Americans had committed against white people."

To carry out those goals, he "decided to seek out and murder African-Americans because of their race," Lynch said, adding he had purposefully selected the historic church to "ensure the greatest notoriety and attention to his actions."

He took advantage of his victims' generosity when they welcomed Roof into their Bible-study group, she said.

"The parishioners had Bibles. Dylann Roof had his .45-caliber Glock pistol and eight magazines loaded with hollow-point bullets."

Hate crime cases are often challenging for the

government because it must prove that a defendant was primarily motivated by a victim's race or religion as opposed to other factors frequently invoked by defense attorneys, such as drug addiction or mental illness.

Last year, a federal appeals court in Ohio overturned hate crime convictions against Amish men and women accused in beard- and hair-cutting attacks against fellow Amish who were thought to have defied the community leader.

The court held that the jury had received incorrect instructions about how to weigh the role of religion in the attacks and that prosecutors should have had to prove the assaults wouldn't have happened but for religious motives.

SMILE

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behind their grade level. Jonquez Moore, assistant director, says this is the first year he's participated in this capacity, but has been a volunteer for the last few years.

"It's a learning experience," he said. "(Last year) I taught the junior high group math and language. I've had parents come thank me from when I was teaching and tell me that I helped their child."

The only hiccup they've

had is transportation. This is the first year they've provided transportation to students in need to and from the B.F. Martin Community Life Center for SMILE. Black says with so many more children this year, field trips sometimes became an issue, but it was a good problem to have.

Also, throughout the program, the children were fed breakfast and lunch through Mt. Calm's summer feeding program. The Rev. Ben Martin, pastor of St. Rest, says children ages 18 and under can be fed three square meals a day

five days a week. With Mt. Calm offering breakfast and lunch free of charge, Greater St. Paul Baptist Church offers dinner.

"They've had that program for a long time," he said. "That program helps to keep the cost of our program down, because we don't have to factor in the cost of meals."

SMILE has been offered to the area's children for the last five to seven years, where some students have now become volunteers. The program is for children in grades kindergarten through eight.

MOVIES

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Springhill Police Depart-

ment, a background check revealed a previous warrant for theft by shoplifting. A Probation and Parole hold was placed on him with no bond.

Det. Bryan Montgomery was the arresting officer on Friday's charges. Jackson remains incarcerated at BDCC.

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Q&A: A look at the death of Sandra Bland in Texas jail

DALLAS — The recent release of dashboard camera video and booking records have answered some questions in the case of a Chicago-area woman who died in a Texas jail, but others remain.

Sandra Bland, who was from Naperville, Illinois, was stopped July 10 after coming to Texas to interview for a job at Prairie View A&M University, a historically black college from which she graduated in 2009. The traffic stop for failing to signal a lane change escalated into hostility. She was arrested on a charge of assault of a public servant, accused of kicking the officer, and taken to the Waller County jail in Hempstead, about 60 miles northwest of Houston. She was found dead in her cell July 13.

Authorities have said the 28-year-old black woman hanged herself with a trash bag, a finding her family has disputed.

Here's what is known so far: **WHAT DOES THE DASHCAM VIDEO OF THE ARREST SHOW?**

The video shows a routine traffic stop that became confrontational when the officer asks Bland to put out a cigarette. She asks why, and the trooper then orders her out of the car. She tells him she doesn't have to step out, and he continues to yell at her. At one point, he pulls a stun gun and says, "I will light you up." After she finally steps out of the vehicle, the trooper orders her to the side of the road, where the confrontation continues off-camera but is still audible. The officer says in an arrest affidavit that she swung her elbows at him and kicked his shin after being handcuffed.

WHY DID BLAND SPEND THREE NIGHTS IN JAIL?

Family attorney Cannon Lambert and Bland's sister Shante Needham said they were working to get the money for bail when they learned of Bland's death.

WHAT'S KNOWN ABOUT HER HEALTH AND MENTAL STATE?

Family members and friends say Bland had given no indication that she would kill herself. But a suicide questionnaire filled out for Bland when she was booked into the jail states she told officials there she had tried to kill herself by taking pills after losing a baby. She also told them she was epileptic and was on medication for that condition, though her signature appears on another document that indicates she was not taking any medication. Bland had posted a video to her Facebook page in March saying she was suffering from "a little bit of depression as well as PTSD," or post-traumatic stress disorder.

WHAT HAPPENED THE MORNING SHE WAS FOUND DEAD?

No cameras were in the jail cell where Bland was found, but a camera monitoring the hall outside her cell shows no one entering or leaving it between the last time she spoke with deputies — via an intercom system — and when her body was discovered about an hour later. Following Bland's death, the jail was cited by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for not observing inmates in person at least once every hour and not providing documents proving



that jailers in the past year underwent training on interacting with potentially suicidal inmates.

WHAT DOES HER AUTOPSY SAY?

The Harris County medical examiner's office has ruled Bland's death suicide by hanging, but the full report hasn't yet been released. Her family is having an independent autopsy conducted.

WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE TROOPER WHO ARRESTED HER?

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the trooper violated traffic-stop procedures and the department's courtesy policy. Pending the outcome of the investigation, he's been assigned to administrative duties.

WHO'S INVESTIGATING?

The Texas Rangers, an investigative arm of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the FBI are investigating. FBI spokeswoman Shauna Dunlap said the bureau is monitoring the investigation and once it's complete will review the evidence to determine if any federal laws were violated. The Waller County district attorney says the case is being examined as thoroughly as a murder investigation and will be turned over to a grand jury.

WHAT'S THE HISTORY OF THE SHERIFF?

The case has put a spotlight on Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith. A former justice of the peace for Waller County, DeWayne Charleston, has joined a friend of Bland's in telling county commissioners that Smith should step down, saying a racist culture persists in the county.

Questions have been raised about Smith's past, including

about a 2007 incident for which he was disciplined. According to Hempstead Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Chernosky, Smith, who is white, was punished for using profanity and pushing a black man during an arrest that year.

After the incident Smith was suspended for two weeks without pay, put on probation for six months and ordered to take anger management classes, Chernosky said. She said that Smith was fired from the post in 2008 because the city council lacked confidence in his abilities but that she didn't think the rationale included racism concerns.

Smith said there were "a lot of accusations back in the '07, '08 era," which he called "a political thing."

"Am I a racist? No, I am not," he said.

USDA declares 35 Louisiana parishes natural disaster areas

NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared a natural disaster involving 35 Louisiana parishes and eight counties in three neighboring states because of rain, floods, high winds and hail from April 27 through June 26.

It means farmers and ranchers can apply for low-interest loans to help them recover from severe damage.

USDA said Wednesday that 12 parishes are primary disaster areas, and the rest are adjacent.

The primary disaster area covers Avoyelles, Bossier, Caddo, East Feliciana, Franklin, Grant, Iberville, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River and West Baton Rouge parishes.

Adjacent parishes are Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Bienville, Caldwell,

Catahoula, Concordia, De Soto, East Baton Rouge, Evangeline, Iberia, La Salle, Madison, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, Tensas, Vernon, Webster, West Feliciana and Winn.

Adjacent counties are Lafayette and Miller in Arkansas; Amite and Wilkinson in Mississippi; and Cass, Harrison, Marion and Panola in Texas.

OBITUARY

Sylvia Nelson Cotton

Sylvia Nelson Cotton passed away Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Grace House in Shreveport.

She was the wife of Raymond Cotton and sister-in-law of Gerald Cotton (Betty) and Jean.

Family hour will be at 5 p.m., Friday, July 24 at Benevolent Funeral Home in Shreveport.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 25 with a Delta Omega Service at 10 a.m. prior to the service at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Shreveport.




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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Times-Picayune on public comments about Common Core

If you want to understand the academic standards your child needs to meet, have suggestions for improving them or just want to see what all the fuss over Common Core is about, now is your chance. After months of debate over whether Louisiana should keep the new standards, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education moved up the first review period by a year.

That includes an online review that was launched this month and is open to anyone. People with school age children are most directly affected by the standards. But the strength of public schools affects all of us, so it is important for a broad range of people to participate.

After months of anti-Common Core rhetoric from Gov. Bobby Jindal, this review provides a way to bring attention back to the substance of the standards. As the Council for a Better Louisiana put it in a recent commentary: A lot of the attention on Common Core "has been focused on the wrong thing - the heated rhetoric of a noisy few. As a result, what we really need to be thinking about - higher expectations for our students - has largely been obscured by an ongoing political sideshow."

Having all sorts of people — parents, grandparents, educators, business people — look at the standards is a valuable exercise. For one thing, the process will be "driven by substance, not grandstanding," as CABL said.

If you agree with a standard as it is written, you can explain why but don't have to do so. If you think a standard would be more appropriate for another grade level, you will be asked to choose which grade. If you think a standard should be rewritten or broken into multiple standards, you will be asked to offer suggested rewrites. And if you think a standard should be deleted, you will be required to say why.

That is as it should be. Without those explanations, the reviews wouldn't be meaningful. "If this is intended to be a substantive and constructive process - as it should be - then the criticisms of the standards should also be substantive and constructive," CABL said.

The more people who weigh in, the more helpful it will be for the committee charged with assessing the strength of the standards.

The state Department of Education provides tips for reading the standards, background material and a link to the review portal at www.louisianabelieves.com.

There is basic information to fill in: Whether you are a parent, student, school employee, member of a group that is focused on education or fit another category. Where you live. Your name and email address, although those are optional.

The Southern Regional Education Board, a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational research organization based in Atlanta, is administering the online process. That should give people comfort that it is fair.

The standards committee will meet for the first time Aug. 19, and members will get the first batch of comments at that time. To make the cutoff for that meeting, you'll need to make your online comments by Aug. 5.

There is plenty of time after that to chime in as well, though. The online review portal will be open through next spring.

In an effort to make the review process less intimidating, CABL put a guide explaining how to get started on its website (www.cabl.org). The nonpartisan group also suggests some specific standards that might be of interest to business and civic organizations.

One good tip is to start by looking at standards for the grade level of a family member who is a student. That should make it easier to get a feel for whether the standard matches your expectations. And it might make you realize that there is nothing scary about these standards — despite all of Gov. Jindal's attempts to make you think there is

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Governor's race to begin in earnest

With more than \$9 million currently at his disposal in his bid to succeed Bobby Jindal, Sen. David Vitter remains the man to beat in the governor's race.

Polling on the race points to a Vitter win, too.

Don't tell that to Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne.

Dardenne spent some time at The Ouachita Citizen last week to discuss his campaign as well as to make the case about why he's the most qualified candidate in the field, which also includes Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, a Republican, of Breaux Bridge and the lone Democrat in the race, state Rep. John Bel Edwards of Amite.

Though a Republican like Vitter, Dardenne didn't blaze a trail through conservative circles to get where he is today. He's a moderate from south Baton Rouge where hard-core conservatives are somewhat tolerated but not appreciated. And certainly not electable.

It's not lost on Dardenne that it would be impossible, nor genuine, for his campaign to trek to the right of Vitter. Accordingly, Dardenne is pursuing the middle ground, appealing to moderate Republicans and reasonable Democrats, who should recognize Edwards faces an uphill challenge to say the least. Simply put, the makeup of the electorate in Louisiana tells us you're more likely to get struck by lightning than see Edwards elected governor this fall.

Dardenne believes there are enough Democrats in Louisiana who can be convinced that they would waste their votes by casting ballots for Edwards. The safe bet for Democrats, according to Dardenne, would be to support a Republican who would lend a favorable ear and who has a track record of working with people from both sides of the aisle.

On the surface, Dardenne's strategy seems plausible. Whether it will work is debatable. Highly debatable.

The good news for Dardenne is he hasn't been forced to burn any cash up until this point in the campaign. Most voters already know him or know of him.

Angelle, on other hand, has already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to introduce himself to an electorate that, by and large, had never heard of him. An expensive endeavor, but it was necessary for Angelle to establish the validity of his campaign.

It's worked for Angelle, too.



SAM HANNA JR.

PERSPECTIVE

Join the Spreading Rebellion Against Big Money's Political Game

If you are one of those cynics who think that none of today's presidential candidates for the White House care about people like you and me, check out Republican wannabe Scott Walker.

The Wisconsin governor, who is presently a full-time campaigner for the GOP presidential nod, not only cares, he wants to sit down with you, get your ideas and stay in close touch. No matter who you are, Scottie wants you to join his team, so his presidency can be your presidency! Not a Republican? No problemo, amigo. Walker doesn't check your papers. Well... except for that million-dollar check you have to write to his super PAC.

That's the ticket price for entering Walker's inner circle, where you can discuss all of your policy concerns and seek personal favors — straight from your lips to the candidate's ear! Even if you're a common working stiff, just give a million dollars, and you're in, baby! Is this a great country, or what?



JIM HIGHTOWER

Maybe you're wondering what, specifically, your million dollars buy. Well, Scott's super PAC even prints out a handy purchasing slip showing that you'll get to be an "Executive Board Member" of the Walkerites' campaign. Thus, you'll have two private dinners with The Man, a Walker staffer dedicated to your needs, special briefings, weekly emails, bimonthly conference calls, bi-annual retreats, and — best of all — an "Exclusive Executive Board Pin."

Golly, I haven't been this excited or felt so included since the 1950s, when I became a member of "The Mickey Mouse Club" and got my own set of mouse ears.

When the Supreme Court descended into the "Alice in Wonderland"-like fantasy that corporations are people and money is speech, it was inevitable that American politics would devolve into a frivolous game that shuts out the workaday majority and enthrones a Koch-brothers plutocracy sustained by secret-money super PACs and whorish candidates such as Walker.

I think we can all agree that news stories like this that highlight the ever-rising flood of big money in politics do not tend to have a lot of laughs in them.

But a recent item from The New York Times unintentionally got a good guffaw from me. It was a seriously serious piece about how Karl Rove's super PAC of corporate political cash has been surpassed both in cash and clout by the billion-dollar electioneering network of the Koch brothers. The reporter stated that the Kochs have "leapfrogged" Rove. There is nothing factually funny in that, but the image of the multibillionaire brothers, Charles and David, laughing and leaping over a bent-over, frog-like Karl Rove is the delightfully ridiculous stuff of slapstick.

In fact, today's whole political game, run by an absurdist's nightmare of moneyed elites, is ridiculous — a game in which corporations are people and money is magically empowered to speak; candidates trek to the corporate suites and secret retreats of the rich, shamelessly selling their political souls; super-wealthy interests clandestinely pump unlimited sums of money into disgustingly negative campaign ads that turn off most voters; candidates "win" with only a small minority of the electorate choosing them; winners then claim to have a democratic mandate to enact the plutocratic agenda.

This could be hilarious in a slapstick routine, but it is tragic in a country with democratic aspirations. But don't despair, for a backlash is building all across the country among voters who are fed up with the money-rigged game that excludes them.

One group called the New Hampshire Rebellion is bird-dogging presidential candidates in that state to demand action to get Big Money out of politics. To help start your own rebellion to end this corrupt mockery of our electoral democracy, you can get a free online toolkit from these modern-day Paul Reveres by going to www.nhrebillion.org.

But regardless of strategy, Dardenne must hurdle the same obstacle that's blocking Angelle. That is, both candidates must get past an opponent who has almost unlimited money to spend in about 90 days.

They — Angelle and Dardenne — are hoping voters have Vitter fatigue. They also question Vitter's electability in light of his presence as a statewide elected official for more than a decade. In other words, Vitter's been around for a while now, so why isn't he leading the governor's race by a double-digit margin?

Who knows?

What we do know is over the next 90 days the governor's race will get under way in earnest. The electorate will be subjected to an avalanche of campaign commercials, name calling and muckraking. And by late October, we will have had a belly full of all of it, only to be exposed to another month of the same.

Enjoy.

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Around Town

July 23, 2015

The Minden/Webster Parish NAACP Branch monthly meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. Membership complaint forms will be made available on site. All members and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the branch president Minister Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

July 24, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist Church will have Arts and Crafts on the pond. Arts and crafts vendors with home made items and food for sale will be at the pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. All are invited.

Concerned Citizens' 21st annual fun day will be at the Monroe Zoo. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The group will be leaving Mt. Zion CME at 9 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. Free lunch will be served. For more information or to pre-register, contact Joe Cornelius at 377-1818 or Teresa Rogers at 464-9049.

July 26, 2015

Mount Comfort Baptist Church will have its annual Women's Day at 11 a.m. with Sister Barbara Doss as the speaker.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have its Women's Day Program at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Minister Vanessa Braggs Reed.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church will have an appreciation day honoring Jamel Hartwell at 3 p.m.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will have its annual men's day at 2:30 p.m. with special guest speaker the Rev. John Nash.

Miller Chapel Gospel Baptist Church will have its appreciation day for sister Clara Shine at 3 p.m. All are invited.

Antioch Baptist Church will celebrate its

59th anniversary at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. George Washington.

July 27 - 31, 2015

Rocky Springs Baptist Church will have vacation bible school daily from 3 until 6 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church will have vacation bible school daily from 6 until 9 p.m for ages 2+ up to sixth grade.

Valley Springs Baptist Church will have its annual revival at 7:15 nightly. Evangelist for the week is the Rev. Robbie Williams. All are invited.

July 29 - 31, 2015

New Light Missionary Baptist Church will host its 2015 Homecoming Revival 7 p.m. nightly. Focus scripture is John 15:13 "No Greater Love."

August 2 - 4, 2015

Old Shongaloo Rock Church will be holding its annual Revival at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Johnny Adkins as guest speaker. At 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2, the church will have pot luck at the church prior to service. At 6 p.m. Monday, August 3, salads, sandwiches, chips and dips will be served before service. Following service Tuesday, August 4, there will be an ice cream social. For more information call Elba Haynes at 846-2306 or Barbara Haynes at 846-2888.

August 9, 2015

Saint James Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 149th church anniversary at 3 p.m.

Tips for adult students returning to school

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

Adults return to school for a variety of reasons. Some might be spurred by a desire to pursue a new career, while others might go back to school to learn more about their existing field and improve their career prospects. While their reasons for returning to school may differ, many adults find themselves battling some nerves as they begin the process of going back to the classroom.

Feelings of doubt are common among adults returning to school. But there are steps all adult students can take to reduce their anxiety and make the most of the often exciting experience of going back to school.

- Start slow. Unlike more traditional college students, adults returning to school tend to have significant responsibilities, including families and careers. Juggling work and family is difficult on its own, but doing so along with college coursework is even harder. Adult students returning to school after a long layoff would be wise to take things slowly at first so they and their families can gradually adjust to their new schedules. Many schools now offer online courses, which can be especially beneficial for working professionals.

- Have a plan. Many adults only return to school when they know exactly what they want to study or which courses they need to take to complete a degree or earn a certificate. If you have not already mapped out such a plan, do so before enrolling in any classes. The cost of a college education has no doubt increased

considerably since you last stepped foot on campus, so you don't want to be signing up for costly classes that will not help you accomplish what you hope to accomplish by returning to school.

- Research your options. Just because you are an adult returning to school does not mean you are ineligible for scholarships or other forms of financial aid. The United States Department of Labor maintains a scholarship search engine at www.careerinfonet.org where students of all ages and academic levels can search for scholarships, grants and other financial aid opportunities to determine if they are eligible for some help paying for tuition. In addition, adults returning to school may want to discuss their plans with their employers, especially if they are looking to continue working in their current fields. Employers may have programs in place to subsidize employees looking to continue their education.

- Don't be discouraged. Many adults mulling a return to school are hesitant to do so because they feel as if they will be the only older students in classrooms filled with millennials. However, the National Center for Education Statistics predicts a 14 percent increase in enrollment of students 25 and older between 2011 and 2021, suggesting that adults going back to school are unlikely to be the only graybeards in their classrooms.

Returning to college as an adult can be both exciting and overwhelming. But adults need not be nervous about returning to the classroom, even if it has been quite some time since they last stepped on a college campus.

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SPORTS
briefs

NBA

Silver considering playoff change
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A division title might soon mean a banner but no assurance of a playoff spot in the NBA.

Commissioner Adam Silver said Wednesday the league is leaning toward not guaranteeing a postseason berth to a team that wins its division, forcing clubs to finish in the top eight of their conference if they want a shot at the title.

Silver had already said he expected a change from the current format that guarantees division winners no worse than the No. 4 seed. But after discussions with both the competition committee and board of governors, he believes the change will go further than that.

"First of all, it's never happened before that a division winner did not finish within the top eight, and our basketball analytics folks calculate that there's less than a 5 percent chance that it would happen," he said before taking part in a panel discussion at the "Beyond Sport United" program.

"Where we are leaning right now is that we would not guarantee a spot for a division winner in part because it's so unlikely to happen, and No. 2 if it does happen it would be potentially confusing to fans. No. 3, you would be displacing a team that did have a top-eight record."

DIXIE ALL-STARS
Darlings still alive

It has been an unprecedented summer for our Minden Dixie All-Star teams.

With two state championships already under the city's belt, the Minden Dixie Darlings were back on the diamond Wednesday night with a chance to bring home the third against the Jena All-Stars.

Here's how the first two games of the best of three series played out.

Darlings Jena 12 Minden 8

Minden dropped game one to Jena despite a valiant comeback effort in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Leading the way for Minden in game one at the plate were Vivian Still, Addison Monk, Riley Robinson, Colby Hollis and Rebecca Mosley with two hits each.

Jacey Adams, Kylie Ryan, Audrie Teutsch, Lindsey Ryan, Lainey Mercer and Mackenzie McCoy rounded out the offense for the Darlings with base hits.



Facing elimination in the championship series, Minden would have to win game two in order to keep the championship dream alive. And in game two,

they did just that. **Minden 20 Jena 15**

In game two, Minden once again fell behind to Jena and it looked like it was all but over.

Then the girls showed their Minden spirit by erasing a six-run deficit to tie the game in the bottom of the last inning. With the game tied at

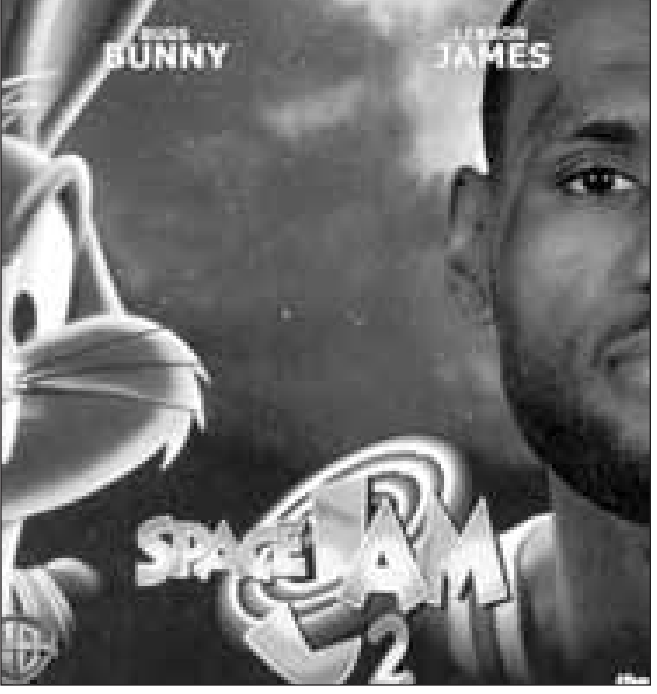
14-14, Minden exploded for six more runs in the extra inning to take a commanding 20-14 lead over Jena. The Jena All-Stars began what they hoped would be a massive comeback of their own, but Minden shut the door with some good defense to end the game and take the win.

Riley Robinson tripled, doubled and singled to pace the Darling offense, followed by Rebecca Mosley with two doubles and two singles. Kylie Ryan, Vivian Still, Audrie Teutsch, Lindsey Ryan and Lainey Mercer all finished with three base hits for Minden.

Colby Hollis crushed a double and single, while Paiton Levesque, Mackenzie McCoy and Jacey Adams finished with a pair of base hits each.

Now the pressure is on, as Minden and Jena will face off one more time tonight at 6 p.m. with a state championship and a World Series berth on the line.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
LeBron, Warner Bros. reach agreement



MLB

Rangers win late versus Rockies

DENVER -- Elvis Andrus overcame his struggles with runners in scoring position to deliver a big hit for the Texas Rangers.

Andrus hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the ninth inning, and the Rangers bounced back from blowing an early five-run lead to beat the Colorado Rockies 10-8 on Wednesday.

Rougned Odor homered and finished with three hits for the third time in the last six games for the Rangers.

Andrus was hitting .225 with runners in scoring position before he stepped to the plate in the ninth. With the bases loaded and one out he hit a 1-2 pitch past a drawn-in infielder to give the Rangers the lead.

"A big hit by Elvis," manager Jeff Banister said. "He came through in a situation where he was looking to be successful."

Carlos Gonzalez and Nick Hundley homered in Colorado's four-run eighth. Gonzalez's three-run shot off Tanner Scheppers (4-1) tied it at 8.

"Those two homers, I feel like the balls are finding holes," Scheppers said. "At the same time I've just got to make better pitches. Something to learn here. Yeah, you can probably assume I'm not going to sign here as a free agent."

Warner Bros. announced on Wednesday that it has signed a content creation partnership with LeBron James' SpringHill Entertainment with plans for projects in TV, film and original digital programming.

"LeBron James has one of the most powerful, well-known brands in the world, and we are excited to be in business with him and his partner, Maverick Carter, and Spring Hill Entertainment," Warner Bros. President and CEO Kevin Tsujihara said in a statement. "The combination of LeBron's global media presence and Warner Bros.' unmatched production and distribution expertise is a big win

for fans everywhere." SpringHill, which James and Carter founded in 2008, already has produced the television series "Becoming," which tells the stories of athletes before they made it big; "Uninterrupted," an online reality show of sorts that allows athletes to take fans along for the ride; "Survivor's Remorse," a scripted drama on Starz; and a prime-time game show for NBC in which acquaintances will compete for life-changing amounts of money.

"Connecting with my fans and telling meaningful stories have always been my passion," James said in a statement. "In everything I've done, from Nike commercials to 'Uninterrupted' and 'Survivor's Remorse,' it's always about connecting with people of all ages and providing unique content they can all enjoy. And I've always loved movies, which makes Warner Bros. the ultimate partner to help us continue to push the envelope. I can't wait to see what we come up with."

Many fans might hope the partnership means James would reprise Michael Jordan's "Space Jam," which was made by Warner Bros. in 1996. Warner Bros. spokesman Paul McGuire declined to comment. Warner Bros. filed for three new Space Jam trademarks last month.

GOLD CUP SOCCER
U.S. falls 2-1 to Jamaicans

ATLANTA (AP) — After the feel-good summer of 2014, the United States was eager to pick up another Gold Cup title and lock up its spot in the next Confederations Cup.

Instead, the Americans are dealing with one of their most shocking losses.

Giving up two first-half goals on set plays, one delivered by goalkeeper Brad Guzan's blunder on a routine throw, the U.S. fell to Jamaica 2-1 in the Gold Cup semifinals Wednesday night.

Forget another CONCACAF title.

That will go to either Mexico or Jamaica, who meet in Sunday's final at Philadelphia.

As for the Americans, it's time to figure out what went wrong after the first home loss to a Caribbean nation since a 1969 defeat to Haiti. They also face a playoff with this year's

Gold Cup winner for the North and Central American and Caribbean berth in the 2017 Confederations Cup.

"We have no choice but to move ourselves forward," captain Michael Bradley said. "It's disappointing right now. That's normal."

A year ago, the American men reached the knockout round of the World Cup before losing to Belgium in extra time, giving the world's most popular game a bit more of a foothold in a country still dominated by football, baseball and basketball. Throw in this month's victory in the Women's World Cup, and U.S. soccer was really on a roll.

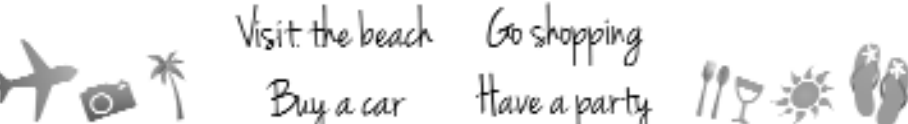
Well, before more than 70,000 in the sold-out Georgia Dome, the Americans were tripped up by an island nation of some 2.9 million — roughly half the population of metro Atlanta.

World Series bound



The Minden Coach Pitch All-Stars leave today for the Coach Pitch World Series in Hattisburg, Mississippi. They are (In no order): Landon Brewer, Jamall Carey, Hudson Glasscock, Garrett Adams, Preston Blakely, Malachi West, Jacob Jefferson, Ryan Reagan, Gage Williams, Cash Frizzell, and Peyton Houston. Not pictured is Cameryn Davis.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Why Naaman?

“Verily, I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. . . . And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elishus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian” Luke 4:24, 27. What was unique about Naaman that he was cleansed of his leprosy?



KATHY IRIZARRY

of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper” 2 Kings 5:1. The “but” puts a pall over all the previously mentioned positives about the man. Leprosy was a death knell. It surely must have

such desperation that he was ready to listen to the words of the captured Israeli slave girl who served his wife. One can well imagine that her integrity and faithfulness in service made her words credible. Even the king was on board with the plan for Naaman to visit Israel’s prophet. “And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel” verse 5. So, both the king and Naaman believed in the power of the God of Israel on the testimony of a child! Amazing! Naaman followed through with the plan arriv-

ing before the king of Israel with the letter and gifts for the expected healing. The king was beside himself. He knew he couldn’t heal anyone. Elisha asked to have Naaman sent to him. At every step Naaman complied, eager and expectant of healing, but now a problem surfaced. Naaman was confronted with his own pride which almost prevented his healing. When told via Elisha’s servant “Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean,” Naaman was wroth, and went away, and

said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not . . . rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?” verses 10-13.

The good news is that he swallowed his pride and did what was asked. “Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean” verse 14. Naaman believed and followed through with what was asked though humiliating to him. This was key to his return home as a healed man both physically and spiritually. It is key for us too.

ALONG THE WAY

Living the Beatitudes Daily

In studying through Matthew’s Gospel, I ‘camped’ in Chapters 5-7 – The Beatitudes – for a while. By reading them over and over, I thought the teachings would ‘stick to me’ and that would be enough. But the more I studied them, the more I realized Jesus wants us to incorporate them into our daily living as we follow Him. That sounds like work to me!



BILL CRIDER

wilderness, Jesus began his public ministry. The ‘hour’ had struck, the call to action had come, and He must go forth on His crusade. (Barclay). He knew His mission and He was ready for the challenge. Matthew records how Jesus began calling His disciples together (3:18-22). His promise was to make them “fishers of men and not just fishermen.” Others began to follow to hear his teachings and witness the miracles that He did. Our first recorded teaching sessions are referred to as The

Beatitudes. This was His message He wanted to pass on to the disciples, and they would pass on to others. This might be considered the ‘ordination sermon’ for the disciples. In this Sermon on the Mount we find the Jesus’ core and foundational teachings He wants to share with the disciples. Matthew and Luke give us their ‘take’ of the Mount Sermon, with some variation. Both accounts are rich in tips for godly living and service. It is said by scholars, “Matthew collected Jesus’ teachings into one whole pattern; Luke took the pattern, broke it up and scattered the pieces all over his gospel.” We know this was not just one sermon He preached, but a summary of the consistent teaching to

His disciples. Today we might use the ‘retreat’ concept for a Master teacher to use to teach concepts and truths for His team to use in future assignments. Jesus chose the hillside. When Jesus went up the hill to teach, His disciples followed Him. He sat down and began to teach. (Master teachers sat and their followers sat around them, eager to hear every word). As He looked around, He made eye contact with them and began to share Himself. Imagine Jesus saying: “This is very important and I don’t want you to miss any of it.” When Jesus opened His mouth, it was more than idle talk. This expression was used to speak of a solemn, grave and dignified utterance. He was really

opening His heart and fully pouring out His mind. These were the men He chose to be His right-hand team in His task of taking the good news to the world. It has been referred to as ‘nothing less than the concentrated memory of many hours of heart-to-heart communion between the disciples and their Master. And then Jesus began teaching... “Blessed are the poor in spirit; Blessed are those who mourn; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness; Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are the pure in heart; Blessed are the peacemakers; Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; Blessed are those who are

insulted and falsely accused. Rejoice and be glad when you are persecuted because of Me, for your reward will be great; You are blessed”, Jesus said. This passage is worthy of our dwelling at length to fully comprehend what the Master Teacher is conveying to His disciples. Our assignment is to incorporate these challenges into our daily lives, putting to test each one as we allow the Lord to direct our paths. . . . And then our lives will be truly ‘salt and light’ to share with a hopeless and sin-sick world. (Robert Schuler spoke of them as being “Be-happy-attitudes”).

THE UPWARD LOOK

Greetings from fellow believers



MAX HUTTO

“She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.” 1 Peter 5:13 NIV In typical pattern for that time period, Peter concludes his letter with greetings to his readers from the believers with him. The inclusion of “Babylon” as his location has long caused confusion among scholars. The obvious place would be the ancient city in Mesopotamia which lay in ruins, yet there is no evidence Peter was ever there. Many scholars believe that Babylon was a disguised figurative term for Rome, symbolizing those

opposed to God for there was great persecution of believers in Rome. Mark, Peter’s son in the faith, is considered by many scholars to be John Mark who had traveled with Paul and who wrote the gospel of Mark. Lord Jesus, I am encouraged by the warm greetings of fellow believers. Help me to treat others with the same courtesy, kindness, and compassion. Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.

REFLECTIONS OF FAITH

Being a conduit

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matthew 26:39



JACQUES MITCHELL

for us to be, someone that he can work through. Things tend to get rough when we get in God’s pathway. We all can learn a valuable lesson through Abraham’s story with Isaac. Though God promised to bring forth a son, Abraham still tried things within himself, rather than fully trusting the path of God. We will not always be able to process or comprehend the promises of God, but we must believe in faith. God

gave Abraham a promise that he would have a child with Sarah even though Sarah’s womb was dried up. Abraham tried to make it happen on his own terms and within his own strength. On the contrary Jesus allowed the power of the Almighty God to pioneer His life. It’s not always a good feeling to be a conduit as we see with Jesus in the garden. But the results of allowing God to work through us is far greater than the sacrifice we make to be a conduit. Today surrender all to God allowing yourself to be a conduit for Him.

“Men ought always to pray.”
Luke 18:1

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Hold Your Tongue

A wise friend of my father had a rule about speaking, which was to always ask before saying something if it was true, if it was kind, and if it was necessary. He was a man of few words, but very highly thought of by family and friends. Most of our daily conversation would fail his test, especially on the grounds of kindness and necessity. The test of necessity is perhaps the hardest to pass: will the words I am about to utter be helpful or edifying. Think about how much of our conversation is about our own ego, trying to make ourselves seem clever while knocking down those around us. Once spoken, words can't be taken back, and even if we do retract them they are like the bell that can't be UN-rung. Our words often come back to haunt us. People will remember things we may have said in an offhand manner years before, and like a sharp-edged boomerang, our words have come back to take our head off. So, we should think twice before speaking, and consider whether what we are about to say is true, kind and necessary.

– Christopher Simon



Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
—Ephesians 4:29

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REVIEW

Disappointing 'Pixels' falls apart before it begins

The most believable element in "Pixels" is that alien video-game creatures could attack our planet.

The core concept is clever — space aliens misunderstand a recording of old video-games as a declaration of war, and send digital monsters based on those games to Earth as their army. But its execution in the hands of director-producer Chris Columbus and star-producer Adam Sandler is a mess.

This disappointing comedy falls apart before it begins because no one would behave the way its characters do, and their ridiculous choices drive the action.

Part of the problem is that it's unclear who the filmmakers think their audience is. This is a big-budget spectacle about 1980s nostalgia aimed at kids who have no emotional connection to the decade. "Pixels" is also insanely sexist, culminating with the winning male characters each rewarded with a woman. Seriously, they get human women as prizes. They literally call one a trophy.

Only the film's opening moments ring true. It's 1982, and Sam Brenner and Will Cooper are a couple of pre-teen boys excited about the new arcade in their neighborhood. They're so good at video games that they compete in the world championships, and Brenner almost wins. A cocky, mullet-wearing kid who nicknamed himself "The Fire Blaster" takes first.

Flash forward to present day, and Sam and Will are still best friends. Only now, Sam (Sandler) installs home-theater systems, and Will (Kevin James) is president of the United States. He launches a kids' reading program to boost his sagging approval ratings, but he can't pronounce the multi-syllabic words in a children's book.

The first introduction to these guys as grown-ups is the two of them discussing which Hollywood actresses are hottest.

Will snaps into action when a U.S. territory is mysteriously attacked from the sky. Forget the elite military and special services — Will calls up Sam, the one-time video game championship runner up, hoping he might spot some arcade-inspired pattern in the airborne attack. Whaddaya



know; it looks just like Galaga!

Sam is a loser who feels his best days are 30 years behind him, at the arcade. He's the kind of guy who shows up to the White House wearing shorts and hits on the pretty homeowner whose theater system he's installing. When she rejects him but ends up driving behind him on the street, he declares to no one: "She went from zero to psycho in 3.4 seconds." Because women are crazy, get it!

That homeowner turns out to be Lt. Colonel Violet Van Patten (Michelle Monaghan), a defense leader forced to work with Sam and his team of childhood

friends against the alien threat.

Sam's friends are the only source of levity, even if they're as unbelievable as Paul Blart as president. Josh Gad plays Ludlow Lamonsoff, a former video-game prodigy turned reclusive conspiracy theorist. He stows away in Sam's van for some unexplained reason and ends up part of the military operation. Peter Dinklage is "The Fire Blaster." He's still wearing a mullet, but now he's in jail for criminal hacking. The president frees him, because as the 1982 video-game world champ, the Fire Blaster needs to help protect the world from the

alien invasion.

Dinklage is a bit uneven — he goes in and out of his tough-guy accent — but he gets the most laughs. Gad is always endearing, and his performance of a Tears for Fears song saves this film from a dismal half-star rating. Jane Krakowski is terribly underused as the First Lady. An Emmy-nominated comedy actress, she's given few lines here — none funny — and is left with nothing to do but gaze adoringly at the goofy president.

The few bright spots in "Pixels" come from the music, celebrity cameos and special effects. The soundtrack of Cheap

Trick, Queen and Spandau Ballet match well with the '80s game imagery. Viewers who were alive during the '80s will also appreciate cameos by the likes of Tammy Faye Baker and Max Headroom. And the special effects dazzle. The alien video-game creatures pixelate everything they touch. Too bad they couldn't get their digital hands on this script.

"Pixels," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "some language and suggestive comments." Running time: 106 minutes. One star out of four.

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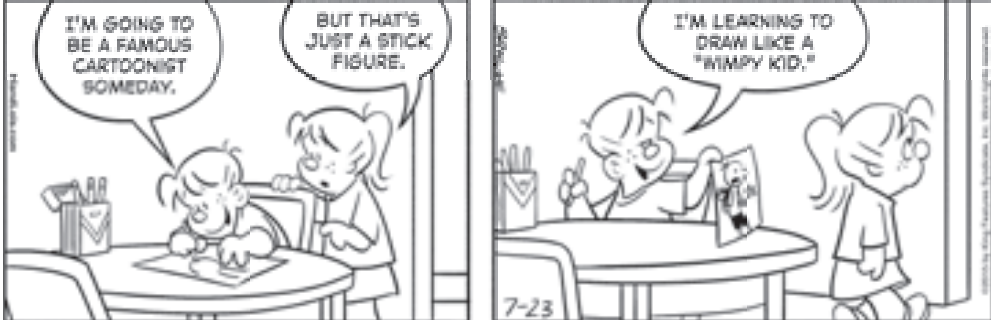
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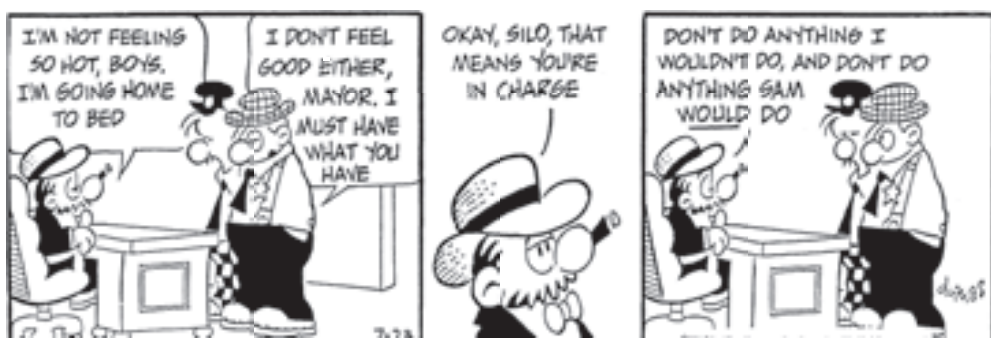
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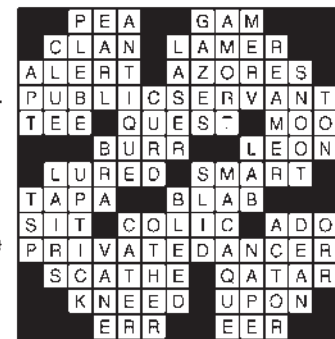
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