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CITY GOVERNMENT

City to continue to outsource concessions

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A test to lease out concessions during the summer recreation season has proven successful, and the benefits of doing so outweigh the burdens of providing those services themselves, City of Minden officials say.

Mayor Tommy Davis says even if they break even, it's been successful in that it's alleviated the headache of providing the services themselves.

"As far as actual cash coming in and out, it's been a break even deal," he said. "When you consider the expenses that we have, (concessions have) actually been a losing proposi-

tion. With anything we do, for instance, the concessions test that we've had, it's been a profit-making deal for us instead of a loss. It's worked very well for the city, and I think the



DAVIS

patrons and the visitors at the rec center have liked it too, because there's been a bigger variety of food offered."

City Clerk Michael Fluhr says the test phase began April 1. Party Express leased the space at the ball parks at the rec center to provide concessions during spring and summer sports. The city still pro-

vides concessions inside the building at the swimming pool area and during the basketball season, Davis said.

Overall, Fluhr says, it's cheaper to do it this way.

"You have the concession workers, you have to have a certain amount, whatever comes along

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BACK TO SCHOOL



Walmart manager Mark Hankins hands Glenda Allums with ConocoPhillips boxes of school supplies the store donated for the Pack the Bus event. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Pack the Bus

A large school bus parked on the sidewalk in front of Walmart was ready and waiting to be loaded with school supplies Friday and Saturday.

Volunteers collected colorful boxes of crayons, packages of lined paper, piles of pencils, stacks of kindergarten mats to help area kids get back to school.

Ursula Hullaby, Back to School Bash committee member says this year's donations topped the previous and is a reflection of the com-

munity.

"The community really opened their hearts and shared their finances and donated so graciously to our students. Everything is costly now and for our community to have given so unselfishly, just shows what kind of community we live in... an awesome one," Hullaby said.

The supply drive would not have been as successful without the help of Walmart, Hullaby said.

"I would like to give a big thank

you to the sponsors, especially Walmart as a premiere sponsor. Mark Hankins, Walmart manager, and his staff went above and beyond to make sure our students' needs are met this year," she said.

The school supplies will be distributed to area students at the annual Back to School Bash August 3 at the Minden Civic Center.

Any company that wishes to become a sponsor can call Hullaby at 377-7052 or Glenda Allums with ConocoPhillips at 382-4500.

Lafayette shooting hits home for Minden residents

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An eerie, surreal feeling — that's what one Minden woman says she felt following the movie theater shooting in Lafayette Thursday that left two people dead and nine injured.

Sandra Brown Samuel and her husband, Dawson, were in Lafayette on business the day of the shooting, and that night decided to go see a movie.

She says they looked up movies showing at the Grand 16 Theatre and didn't see anything they wanted to watch, so they decided not to go.

"We had just gone to eat dinner, and we were coming back around the exact same time, and we're at the intersection right by the theater and Dawson made the comment, 'You want to go to the



SAMUEL

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GRADUATION

Youth Challenge graduates over 200 cadets Saturday

The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduated more than 200 cadets Saturday at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium.

The graduating class of 219 from Minden includes 73 cadets who participated in the Bossier Parish Community College and Associated Building Contractors program. Through partnerships with BPPC and ABC, YCP is now offer-

ing students additional opportunities to further their educational goals.

Some 40 students had the potential to earn up to 21 transferrable college credits, and 33 students had the potential to earn up to 15 transferrable college credits before graduating from the five and a half month residential phase. In total, more than

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The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduated more than 200 cadets Saturday at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium. Nicolas Gray, third from left was awarded as a 5 Star Cadet. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



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Over 200 cadets received their diplomas and awards at Saturday's graduation ceremonies. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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1,137 transferrable college credits were earned.

Additionally, in partnership with ABC, 42 cadets completed a 90-hour NCCER course, which allows them to become certified in basic construction technology.

State Sen. Gerald Burns, district 31, addressed the class, and state Rep. Henry Burns, district 9, was in attendance.

This graduating class includes 10 cadets who were awarded the rank of 5-star, which is the highest rank a cadet can achieve. These cadets have excelled in all aspects of the program and have been selected as leaders among their peers. Of the top cadets, D'Shawna Burgess, of Denham Springs, was selected as the Cadet of the Cycle, and delivered the commencement speech during the ceremony.

"YCP graduations are always bittersweet," Capt. Jason Montgomery, director of YCP at Camp Minden said. "Watching the cadets grow, from

WEBSTER GRADUATES

Raeleigh Chamblee, Minden
Nicholas Gray, Minden - 5 Star Cadet
Shantazia Kemp, Cotton Valley
Colby Zaldivar, Minden

FAST FACTS

- 219 graduating cadets increased an average of 2.5 grade levels
- 29 cadets increased 3 grade levels
- 24 cadets increased 4 grade levels
- 12 cadets increased more than 5 grade levels
- 12 cadets increased 7 or more grade levels
- 219 graduates provided over 9,987 hours of service to the community

week one to week 22 is a blessed experience. The journey has been long, and they have earned the privilege to graduate. The Youth Challenge Program changes lives, of both cadets and staff. I'm grateful just to have the opportunity to impact the lives of these young adults."

The mission of YCP is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16- to 18-year-old adolescents, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education and self-discipline necessary in order to succeed as pro-

ductive citizens. YCP offers young people an opportunity to improve their lives through participation in an innovative, alternative school.

The Youth Challenge Program is administered to participants at no cost, and all needs such as meals, bedding, classroom instruction and uniforms are provided free of charge. This award-winning program has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and cost-efficient programs for targeting at-risk youth.

Arrests for the week of July 15

Minden Police Department

Michael Smith, 57, 200 block of Dogwood Trail in Elm Grove. Bienville Parish warrant.

Richano Fisher, 40, 700 block of Shreveport Road in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace by intoxication and terrorizing (felony).

Wendell Turner, 50, 100 block of Thompson Place in Dubberly. Warrant from WPSO.

Kenneth Moore, 47, 200 block of Oscar Moore in Dubberly. Charged with bench warrant for blue sheet fine.

Tammy White, 18, 5000 block of Harris Road in Homer. Charged with theft of goods.

Jacary Harris, 26, 700 block of Cherry Street in Minden. Charged with stalking.

Tyler Monday, 17, 600 block of Germantown Road in Minden. Charged with theft.

Kristopher J. Sanders, 23, 100 block of Kennedy Lane in Minden. Charged with resisting an officer.

Patricia Andy, 54, 600 block of Sunset Lane in Minden. Charged with hit and run and public intoxication.

William Salone, 20, 7100 block of Colquitt Road in Shreveport. Charged with remaining after forbidden and criminal trespassing.

Jerreon Gray, 22, 400 block of Tony Drive in Shreveport. Charged with remaining after forbidden and criminal trespassing.

Daniel Samsin, Minden Motel. Charged with theft of utilities.

Springhill Police Department

Ricardo Jackson, 31, Camolet Dr. in Springhill. Charged with illegal use of counterfeit trademark.

Brandon Parrie, 28, 500 block of Springbranch Road in Springhill. Charged with no seat belt-failure to appear.

Denico Robinson, 24, 400 block of Center Park Drive in Springhill. Charged with possession of stolen things, possession of Schedul IV CDS, and possession of Sched-

ule I synthetic cannibals.

Terry Bonner, 44, 1000 block of Duck Circle in Sarepta. Charged with no license plate, driving under suspension, and no liability insurance.

Brittany Colley, 28, 1200 block of Reynolds Street in Springhill. Charged with theft of goods.

Shania Chipps, 19, 900 block of 2nd St. SE in Springhill. Charged with theft by shoplifting and failure to pay for or attend anger class.

Ashton Wynne, 21, 2200 block of Reynolds Street in Springhill. Charged with no seat belt and failure to appear.

Britney Wynne, 25, 2200 block of Reynolds Street in Springhill. Charged with no driver's license in possession, no proof of liability insurance, and no license plate.

Terry Neal, 49, Taylor Street in Springhill. Charged with distribution of Schedule I CDS (marijuana).

James McGee, 39, 200 block of Sumlin Street in Cullen. Charged with three counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

Remington Bissell, 20, 3600 block of Columbia Road in Taylor, AR. Charged with distribution of schedule II CDS.

Bailey Echols, 22, 800 block of North Arkansas Street in Springhill. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Brice White, 19, 800 block of North Arkansas Street in Springhill. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Edward Johnson, 55, 200 block of Morris Drive in Doyline. Charged with criminal trespassing.

Anthony Scott, 39, 200 block of 7th Street in Springhill. Charged with driving under suspension and speeding.

Lester Harris, 57, 700 block of Curry Street in Springhill. Charged with DWI, possession of Schedule I CDS, and open container.

Diana Clark, 46, 700 block of Coyle Street in Springhill. Charged with theft of goods by shoplifting and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

CITY

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when you run a business," Fluhr said. "For example, somebody has to run to Shreveport to do the shopping and so on. We discovered in the testing phase that we have at the moment, it probably works out better to outsource the concession stands."

The test phase will end Oct. 31. The city has already been running a request for proposals to

outsource the concessions, and the RFP calls for a minimum of \$1,000 per month "for concession rights and privileges" plus a six percent charge on any monthly proceeds exceeding \$16,500 of gross receipts.

In the fiscal year 2013-14, Fluhr says \$56,156.98 was spent on concessions alone. This does not include the salaries or what is paid to concession workers. This is only the cost to run concessions. They spent a total of \$1,218,467.09 on recre-

ation, which includes salaries, repairs and everything it takes to run the city's recreation department.

Revenue for the fiscal year 2013-14 was \$81,392.93 for concessions. The total revenue for parks and recreation was \$128,402.93.

In that fiscal year, parks and recreation accounted

for 17 percent of the city's total expenses, according to the financial audit ending Sept. 30, 2014. The city's biggest expense is public safety, accounting for 35 percent of the city's total expenses. General government was at 26 percent, sanitation and health, 7 percent and highways and streets at 9 percent. Public works

accounts for 5 percent.

"I thought it would work well from the beginning, because I knew that even if we broke even, we would be better off," Davis said. "We're going to do more than break even, because we're actually going to have some income from it for the city."

Davis says the income generated from the lease

agreement will go to the general fund, that it is not earmarked for anything.

The RFP is open for anyone, Davis and Fluhr say. RFP packages may be found at www.minden-usa.com. Bids will be opened August 21, at 2 p.m. in the Cypress Room at Minden City Hall, located at 520 Broadway. Results will be read aloud.



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Minden residents near theater at time of shooting

REACTION

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movies?," and I said, "Yeah, let me look it up," she said. "We didn't see anything so we decided not to go."

They returned to their hotel and started watching the television, flipping channels, and stopped when they saw what happened at the theater.

"We were very thankful," she said. "It was kind of eerie - eerie surreal. The other thing is when we woke up this morning (Friday), we found out that the shooter was in the hotel right next door to us. We can see it from our parking lot. It was really weird, and I could tell by Dawson's face that it was a really weird feeling, a thankful feeling."

All of their kids started calling and checking on them, she says, adding that when the media began talking about the young girls, she felt the shooting was "just a senseless, senseless thing that happened."

"They were just beautiful and all the things they did for their community, and it just makes my heart really sad for everything they're going through," Samuel said. "Everyone was just in a state of shock that this happened in their community."

Jenny Reynolds' daughter, Abigail, was in Lafayette playing softball, and she says one of her daughter's friend's mother was shot in the leg.

"I received information that her friend's mom is going to be fine. It was just a flesh wound, and that was really good news."

Reynolds says Abigail, was in a restaurant about two blocks from the Grand 16 Theater when the shooting took place. The group was going to go to dinner and a movie, but they were in the restaurant when it



Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal visits the shooting scene. Courtesy Photo

all went down.

"I'm sure it was pretty surreal, even though she was perfectly safe and sound in the restaurant," she said. "(Abby) said that as soon as it hit the news, the restaurant (workers) turned up all of the televisions, and she said the whole place just got completely silent. Waiters were not moving, forks weren't clanking against plates, I mean it was just silent and everybody was just staring at the TVs. She said that part was really hard."

Reynolds works with the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and for the last few years the state has been training for active shooter scenarios - what works, what they learned and how they have changed protocols.

All of that went out the window for a few short

minutes until she knew her daughter was safe, she said.

"That was a weird moment for me," she said. "Just personally, realizing that it does not matter how much training you've had or what the protocols are or what your security clearance guidelines are, when it's that personal and it's your baby, all that goes out the window. Physically and externally, I held it together, but inside, I was completely blown to pieces in that instant worry of 'Oh my God, where is she?'"

All the while, she was receiving updates from GOHSEP as information was coming in, she said.

"You ask yourself, 'What would I do if something like that happened,' and what I thought, who I thought I would be in that moment was very different from who I was actually

was. It was really an eye opener for me."

John Houser, of Alabama, went into the Grand 16 Theatre in Lafayette Thursday evening, between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and opened fire in the movie theater showing the movie "Trainwreck." He killed two women and injured nine others before turning the gun on himself. Local, state and federal officials continue to investigate the shooting as more information comes to light about Houser.

Statements made by officials in the wake of the Lafayette Theater Shooting

Once again, as a nation we have experienced tragedy and loss of life that has impacted us at home, Lafayette, Louisiana. When our society experiences tragedy, we ask why. Like the tragedy in Charleston, South Carolina where citizens lost their lives in a house of worship, like the shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee where military personnel lost their lives at a recruiting station, now citizens in Lafayette, Louisiana lost their lives in a movie theater on Thursday, July 23, 2015.



EDWARDS

Again, I offer prayers and sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives. I offer concern and prayer to those who were injured and to their families and loved ones. I trust that the social and spiritual strength shown in Charleston, South Carolina for forgiveness strongly embraces the Lafayette, Louisiana community. We as citizens recognize that as Americans and as unimaginable and unforeseeable action of those events we all feel pain and loss.

Wayne Edwards, Councilman District A

"Wendy, the kids, and I certainly join so many others in our continuing love and prayers for all of those affected by this horrible and senseless violence. As a community, we must serve as a source of strength and support for the victims' families in particular."



VITTER

David Vitter

"My wife, Cindy, and I were horrified to hear of the senseless shooting in Louisiana. Our prayers are with the victims recovering, and family members of those that died. I do however praise the quick actions taken by the first responders, as well as civilians in the theater, to ensure the tragedy didn't escalate further. While investigators look into why this incident happened, I ask that you join me in prayer for all those involved."



FLEMING

Congressman John Fleming, M.D.

AROUND THE STATE

Deputies: Woman threatened to 'shoot' at movie theater

BATON ROUGE — Authorities say a woman has been arrested at a Baton Rouge movie theater after threatening to shoot someone inside.

The Advocate reports that 27-year-old Gaynell Haydel of Baton Rouge was arrested Saturday and faces charges of terrorizing, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer.

According to the East Baton Rouge Parish Sher-

iff's Office, Haydel walked up to the ticket booth inside the Cinemark Perkins Rowe theater and said repeatedly that she was going to shoot someone.

Deputies say Haydel was unprovoked and her

threats prompted some moviegoers to leave the theater.

After being escorted out of the theater by a deputy called to the scene, authorities say Haydel pushed the deputy before being handcuffed.

The incident occurred two days after a gunman killed three people, including himself, inside a Lafayette movie theater.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Wall Street reform is working

Hi, everybody. It's been seven years since the worst financial crisis in generations spread from Wall Street to Main Street — a crisis that cost millions of Americans their jobs, their homes, their life savings. It was a crisis that cost all of us. It was a reminder that we're in this together — all of us.

That's how we've battled back these past six and a half years — together. We still have work to do, but together, we prevented a second Great Depression. Our businesses have created nearly 13 million jobs over the past 64 months. The housing market is healthier. The stock market has more than doubled, restoring the retirement savings of millions. Americans of all stripes buckled down, rolled up their sleeves, and worked to bring this country back. And to protect your efforts, we had to do something more — we had to make sure this kind of crisis never happens again.

That's why five years ago this week, we enacted the toughest Wall Street reform in history — new rules of the road to protect businesses, consumers, and our entire economy from the kind of irresponsibility that threatened all of us. Five years later, here's what that reform has done.

Wall Street Reform turned the page on the era of "too big to fail." Now, in America, we welcome the pursuit of profit. But if your business fails, we shouldn't have to bail you out. And under the new rules, we won't — the days of taxpayer-funded bailouts are over.

Wall Street Reform now allows us to crack down on some of the worst types of recklessness that brought our economy to its knees, from big banks making huge, risky bets using borrowed money, to paying executives in a way that rewarded irresponsible behavior.

Thanks to Wall Street Reform, there's finally an independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with one mission: to protect American consumers. Already, they've gone after predatory or unscrupulous mortgage brokers, student lenders, credit card companies, and they've won — putting nearly \$11 billion back in the pockets of more than 26 million consumers who've been cheated.

So this law is working. And we're working to protect even more families. Just this week, we announced that we're cracking down on the worst practices of payday lenders on military bases, so that our troops and their families don't wind up trapped in a vicious cycle of debt. As long as I'm President, I'm going to keep doing whatever I can to protect consumers, and our entire economy from the kind of irresponsibility that led to the Great Recession in the first place.

None of this has been easy. We've had to overcome fierce lobbying campaigns from the special interests and their allies in Congress. In fact, they're still trying everything to attack everything this reform accomplishes — from hiding rollbacks of key protections in unrelated bills, to blocking the financial cops on the beat from doing their job. And they continue to claim this Wall Street reform is somehow bad for business. But that doesn't explain 13 million new jobs and a stock market near record highs. This law is only bad for business if your business model depends on recklessness that threatens our economy or irresponsibility that threatens working families. We can't put the security of families at risk by returning to the days when big banks or bad actors were allowed to write their own rules. And if any bill comes to my desk that tries to unravel the new rules on Wall Street, I will veto it. We've worked too hard to recover from one crisis only to risk another.

In America, we should reward drive, innovation, and fair play. That's what Wall Street reform does. It makes sure everybody plays by the same set of rules. And if we keep moving forward, not backward — if we keep building an economy that rewards responsibility instead of recklessness, then we won't just keep coming back — we'll come back stronger than ever.

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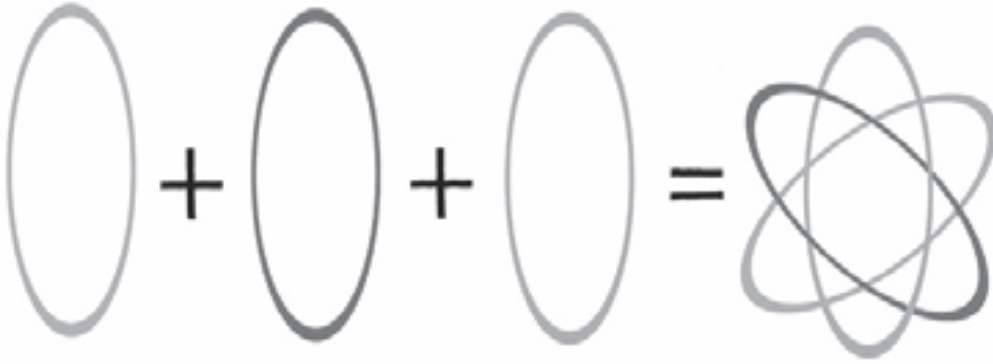
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ADDING UP THE LOOPHOLES IN THE IRAN DEAL



ANALYSIS

Price hikes planned for Louisiana college students

Public colleges escaped deep cuts for a second straight budget year, with some campuses even getting a little boost to their state financing from lawmakers.

That doesn't mean students won't be paying more this fall.

Every campus is charging higher tuition or fees for new and returning students next month, as schools continue to try to dig out from deep state financing reductions that Gov. Bobby Jindal and lawmakers have enacted since 2008.

The increases continue to shift more costs to students and away from the state.

Tuition and fee increases range from less than 2 percent at LSU-Alexandria and Nicholls State University to more than 14 percent at McNeese State University and 20 percent at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, according to data provided to the Board of Regents.

Higher education leaders say they're sensitive to concerns about pricing students out of college — but need the increased revenue to offer a quality education. They regularly note that most of Louisiana's campuses charge students less than comparable schools in other states.

"We cannot increase our graduates if students can't afford to pay the bill and they can't come. It matters to us that students are not priced out of the education," said University of Louisiana System President Sandra Woodley.

But she added that campuses "also need enough money for the courses, the faculty, the wraparound services, so that students can be successful."

To illustrate the difficulties colleges face, Woodley pointed to data that show state financing for her nine campuses has dropped by 55 percent since 2008. The system's schools have raised tuition and fees a hefty 61 percent during that same time period — and the campuses still have \$90 million less than they did before the cuts began, she said.

Charges on students have been going up nationally as states have reduced their support for higher education during the recession. But Louisiana slashed more deeply than most other states. The state has stripped \$700 million in state financing from campuses since 2008.

LSU says that when the recession began, its campuses received 74 percent of their financing from the state while student tuition and fees provided about 26 percent. Before the most recent tuition and fee hikes, the picture had shifted, with the LSU System getting 41 percent of its funding from the state and 59 percent from student tuition and fees.

The numbers are even more dramatic at the UL System. Woodley said state funding made up 62 percent of the system's financing in the 2008-09 school year. By the 2014-15 year that just ended, that had dropped to 31 percent.

Higher education leaders have described increased class sizes, difficulty recruiting faculty and thousands of eliminated jobs as they weathered budget cuts, even as Louisiana is short of the thousands of trained workers

needed for announced state economic development projects.

After they cheered the status quo funding they received from lawmakers, higher education officials pushed up costs on students, suggesting students would rather pay more than lose classes and services.

Students attending Southern University at New Orleans will spend \$589 more in the two semesters of the 2015-16 school year on tuition and fees than they did a year earlier. LSU will charge full-time undergraduate students about \$959 more over the fall and spring semesters than last year. A full-time UL-Lafayette student will be asked to pay \$1,384 more over the upcoming school year.

Tuition and fee hikes are hitting students at Louisiana's two-year community colleges as well, a nearly \$178 per semester (or \$356 for the school year) increase across most campuses. Technical colleges are charging more, too.

Campuses steered some of the new money that will be raised by the increased costs for students to needs-based financial aid to help those who will struggle with the higher price tag of an education. The state's free TOPS college tuition program will cover some, though not all, of the boosted costs for students who receive its awards.

But no matter where students attend college, their charges are going up, and many of them can expect more price hikes before they graduate.

Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.



MELINDA DESLATTE

PERSPECTIVE

Sensitivity over at Gawker

The truth will make you free, the more horrible the better. And the more humiliating the truth the richer you get — certainly if you're Nick Denton, founder of the gossip-mongering website Gawker.

But that was Phase One. Denton recently pulled an item about a married media executive's allegedly seeking the services of a gay porn star, after about a half-million people saw it. He and other moguls in the nastier corners of the Internet are noting that though hits on such stories may reach stratospheric levels, advertisers don't want to get within smelling distance of the reportage.

Let's turn this discussion to members of Gawker's editorial staff. Several quit over not being consulted on the decision to take the story down.

Summoning the most noble of mainstream media explanations, Denton said the move was an "editorial call." In a statement, the unhappy writers and editors said they wanted to protect the site's editorial independence from the influence of "business-side concerns."

Children, CHILDREN! Were you laboring under the impression that you weren't working for the Man? Just because your CEO wears a T-shirts, spouts liberal causes and says the F-word a lot doesn't mean you're not gerbils running all day on the digital wheel.

Wall Street has valued the Gawker Media empire at about \$250 million, yet you felt the need to unionize for such basic perks as consistent salaries. You were being paid for the number of hits. That's piecework, guys, like in the old garment industry sweatshops.

Much has been written about Gawker's cool "headquarters" office in Manhattan. Actually, Gawker Media is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, where its corporate privacy is well-protected and U.S. tax collectors are kept at bay.

Let's now look at Gawker Media's current business.

You will note that Denton's larger concern is not the hurt feelings of its content providers. It's the money, guys.

The Wall Street Journal reports that in June, Gawker saw a 13 percent drop in the number of unique visitors. The competition is growing, and perhaps audiences are being numbed into indifference by the flood of flamboyant gossip.

Meanwhile, Hulk Hogan is suing Gawker for posting a video of the wrestler having sex with someone else's wife. The wronged spouse is Hogan's friend, a shock jock going under the name of Bubba the Love Sponge. (In this world, humiliation is something one inflicts unto others.)

Anyhow, Hogan's lawyers are asking for \$100 million, and if they were to get even a small part of it, Denton would be in trouble. He might be forced to sell the company or surrender much of his equity to others. Outside investors are now keeping their distance until the Hogan case is resolved, the Journal reports.

It's one thing for a liberal site such as Gawker to mortify an entertainer in professional wrestling — home of casual homophobic slurs — and quite another to out a gay man of high social status. In this case, the victim was media giant Conde Nast's chief financial officer — a husband, father of three and brother of former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

That puts Gawker at risk of losing the few powerful friends it has left. Journalist/gay advocate Glenn Greenwald recently hyperventilated over the injustice of exposing a closeted gay man to ridicule. To Greenwald, this was not acceptable behavior like outing classified information tied to national security.

There will always be a wild west of digital media, but those wanting to make fortunes off its freewheeling nature are beginning to fence it in. To traditional media types, that sounds a lot like "gatekeeping," and not a bad thing.

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Around Town

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.

ConocoPhillips donates to council on aging



ConocoPhillips continues to support the communities in which their employees live and work. ConocoPhillips recently donated \$5,000 to Webster Parish Council on Aging for their Home-Delivered Meals Program. This program provides nutritious meals to home-bound elderly persons in Webster Parish.

Pictured above from left , Frank Ryan Jr., Con oco Phillips operations superintendent; Melissa Reeme, ConocoPhillips production associate; Glenda Allums, ConocoPhillips SAP associate; Jane Sutton, ConocoPhillips production associate; Cathy Durain, ConocoPhillips production associate; Matt Kyles, Webster Parish Council on Aging and Dathene Brown, Webster Parish Council on Aging director. Courtesy Photo

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MLB

Big Papi blasts two home runs in win

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz was touched by watching the Hall of Fame induction speeches. He then went out and added another big night to his illustrious career.

Big Papi homered twice and drove in a career-high seven runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to an 11-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday night.

"Today was a day that emotions were going all over the place," the 39-year-old Ortiz said. "I was watching the inductions. I'm not going to lie to you. It was very emotional."

Ortiz, who had two three-run homers and an RBI single, and Xander Bogaerts each had four of the season-high 20 hits by the Red Sox.

"Big night for David and a big night for us offensively overall," manager John Farrell said. "David was all over the baseball with two beautiful swings with the two three-run homers."

Ortiz was especially touched by fellow countryman and teammate Pedro Martinez's induction. The pair played on Boston's 2004 team that ended an 86-year World Series title drought.

"Pedro, I got tears coming out when I hear Pedro talking because I know the man," Ortiz said.

Farrell believes it may have sparked Ortiz. "Maybe it's somewhat fitting for Boston baseball today with Pedro's induction and David with the seven RBIs as he climbs up higher on the all-time list," he said.

CYCLING

Froome wins

Tour de France

PARIS (AP) — All for one, one for all, and all bathed in yellow.

Arms over each other's shoulders, linked together in a long line of happiness, Tour de France winner Chris Froome and his teammates pedaled slowly over the finish line, soaking up the applause Sunday on the Champs-Élysées.

Three weeks of furious racing, of beating back both a tenacious Colombian, Nairo Quintana, and doping suspicions that are Lance Armstrong's poisonous legacy to cycling, were over.

Time for the winner's speech.

"The Maillot Jaune is special, very special," Froome said, using the yellow jersey's French name.

"I understand its history, good and bad," he said. "I will always respect it."

The Tour is still French. But British riders have won three of the last four: Bradley Wiggins in 2012 and now two for Froome, following his first win in 2013. That puts Britain equal with the United States, with three from Greg LeMond — and minus seven stripped from Armstrong.

DIXIE BASEBALL

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The AAA Minden Nationals traveled to Alexandria over the weekend with hopes of bringing home a state championship and earning a spot in the AAA Dixie World Series.

It took three hard fought games against the Ville Platte all-stars, but the boys got what they came for, hoisting the state championship trophy high on Saturday afternoon.

The AAA Nationals became the fourth team from Minden to win a state championship this summer, capping what has been an unprecedented run for Minden Dixie baseball and softball.

Here's how the three game series went down.

Game 1 Minden Nats. 12 Ville Platte 1

It was all Minden in game one of the series, as the Nationals rolled to victory behind the hot hitting of Maddox Mandino.

Mandino finished with a home run and a triple, followed by Cason Clemons who ripped a triple of his own. Brandon Winston, Landry Powell and C.J. Watts all finished with a pair of base hits, while Jake Wilkins, Chase Tolbert and Cooper Chase all added singles.

Cason Clemons got the start on the mound and pitched well, only allowing one run and striking out one batter. Cooper Chase came in to finish off Ville Platte and secure



The AAA Minden Nationals pose with their state championship trophy and banner following their 9-3 win in game three of their series against Ville Platte. Courtesy Photo/Sonya Sims

the win.

Game 2 Ville Platte 5 Minden Nats. 2

In the second game, Ville Platte was able to hold the Minden Nationals to just two runs and even the series at one a piece.

Ethan Latour, Maddox Mandino, C.J. Watts and Chase Tolbert each had a single for the Minden offense.

C.J. Watts and Cooper Chase both pitched well for Minden, despite the loss.

With the series tied at

1-1, Minden and Ville Platte geared up for a decisive game three to decide the champion.

Game 3 Minden Nats. 9 Ville Platte 3

In the third and final game, the Minden Nationals jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. After tacking on four more runs in the fourth, the lead was comfortable at 9-0.

Ville Platte scored two runs in the fourth and pushed one across in the bottom of the sixth, but there would be no

comeback, as C.J. Watts caught a hard hit ball to first for the final out, sending Minden and their fans into a frenzy.

Watts was the hero for Minden at the plate, crushing a pair of home runs and accounting for six of Minden's runs. Maddox Mandino had a big game as well, adding a triple and single. Chase Tolbert smacked a double, Cason Clemons added a pair of base hits and Jake Wilkins and Dayton Sims finished with a single to round out the offense.

Landry Powell went the distance for Minden, pitching all six innings, allowing just six hits and one earned run while striking out two.

After the game, Minden was presented with the state championship trophy and their Louisiana jerseys and caps they will wear at the World Series in Lexington, South Carolina.

The AAA World Series begins August 7 for those interested in traveling to support our state champions.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rangers, Dodgers in hunt for Hamels

The Texas Rangers and Los Angeles Dodgers have emerged over the weekend as the likely favorites to trade for Philadelphia Phillies ace Cole Hamels, multiple sources said.

The Phillies also continue to discuss Hamels with at least four other teams -- the Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees, San Francisco Giants and Boston Red Sox, a source said. However, those teams are said to have had more trouble matching up on a potential deal than the Dodgers or Rangers.

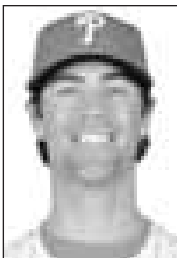
The Rangers and Dodgers both had scouts in attendance at Hamels' no-hitter, as did the Yankees, Giants, Houston Astros, Toronto Blue Jays and several other clubs. But other than Texas and Los Angeles, those teams were described as doing their "due diligence" in monitoring the market for the 31-year-old left-hander.

Both the Rangers and Dodgers view Hamels as an attractive alternative to this winter's deep class of free-agent aces, because he is under contract for three more years after this season

and has a team or vesting option for a fourth season. The guaranteed portion of his contract runs through only his age-34 season -- whereas a group of free agents in or approaching their 30s, such as David Price, Johnny Cueto and Zack Greinke (assuming he opts out), will be looking for deals that take them into their late 30s.

The Phillies have been positioning themselves for months to take the Hamels talk to the brink of Friday's 4 p.m. ET deadline, in the hope that some team would be more willing to overpay as the deadline pressure mounts. So clubs speaking with Philadelphia continue to report they wouldn't be surprised if a Hamels deal goes right down to the deadline.

Hamels is 6-7 with a 3.64 ERA in 20 starts this season. But his win-loss record is skewed by lack of run support -- which ranks 85th among 94 qualifying MLB starters -- and by the two starts immediately preceding his no-hitter, in which he allowed 14 earned runs in 6 2/3 innings. His ERA in his 18 other starts this season is 2.80.



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Special year ahead for LSU



As the lazy summer days melt into the frenetic fall, we draw closer and closer to what could be an epic athletic year on the LSU campus.

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Athletic talent at LSU is rarely in short supply. It grows like the sugar cane from the fertile Mississippi River bottomlands that are within view of Tiger Stadium's massive superstructure. It's exported by the barge-ful to professional leagues and competitions the world over.

But this could be one of those years remembered as the time the planets aligned and the stars fell on Louisiana.

I'm reminded of my days as a student writer at LSU in 1988-89 when one sport after another boasted some of the best to ever wear the purple and gold.

There was Tommy Hodson, who left Tigertown as the Southeastern Conference's all-time leading passer. Chris Jackson, who set the NCAA freshman single-season scoring record that still stands. (Pete Maravich, of course, holds the scoring records for sophomores, juniors, seniors and a career.)

Ben McDonald was on his way to becoming the No. 1 draft pick in 1989 after capturing the Golden Spikes Award. David Toms was on his way to becoming the best golfer LSU has ever produced. And Dawn Sowell was sweeping to three NCAA titles, leading the Lady Tigers to yet another NCAA team track and field championship.

That is one lofty collection of achievements, perhaps never to be repeated. But the athletes coming to and returning to LSU's campus in 2015-16 have a tremendous chance to leave a sparkling legacy in their

own right.

Just turn through the seasons and consider some of the brilliant athletes who will take the field, court and course at LSU over the coming athletic year:

It starts in September with sophomore tailback Leonard Fournette, the nation's former No. 1 recruit and a major Heisman Trophy candidate. The leader of "Bug Nation" led the SEC in all-purpose yards last season and earned preseason all-conference honors at SEC Media Days earlier this month.

It continues in November with the debut of the nation's No. 1 basketball recruit, forward Ben Simmons from Australia, a program-changing kind of prospect who can pass and run and rebound and shoot so well that he's already being touted as the No. 1 NBA draft pick next year. (That's right, folks; he's going to be one-and-done.)

In February, Alex Lange returns to the mound after spinning an unbeaten All-America freshman campaign, leading the Tigers back to the College World Series. At the same time, All-America shortstop Bianka Bell returns for her senior season, intent on taking the softball team back to the Women's College World Series.

Two other new additions to the purple and gold are among the best anywhere. Golfer Sam Burns was the No. 1 junior golfer in the world earlier this summer. Not the nation. The world.

And gymnast Lexie Priessman had a great shot to make the U.S. Olympic team in 2012 and 2016 before injuries derailed her.

I'm not here to forecast how many championships the Tigers and Lady Tigers might win with these student-athletes in the fold. Some will shine brilliantly; some may never get off the ground.

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YouTube stars find acceptance online, in person at VidCon

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Ingrid Nilsen has been brought to tears.

The 26-year-old YouTube star openly wept as she was showered with cheers and applause from an enthusiastic crowd upon arrival on stage at this weekend's VidCon, the sixth annual celebration of online video.

It was just last month that Nilsen, who mostly posts YouTube videos about beauty and style for her more than 3 million subscribers, released an entry titled "Something I Want You To Know (Coming Out)."

"I love you guys," a weepy Nilsen told thousands of fans gathered inside the Anaheim Convention Center for a Friday session starring lesbian, gay and bisexual YouTube stars. "This feels amazing. This is why I have two pockets full of tissues. It feels absolutely incredible. I just feel like I am giving all of myself now."

Nilsen isn't alone. Over the past year, such successful YouTube celebrities as Joey Graceffa, Shane Dawson and Connor Franta have posted videos declaring that they are gay or bisexual — and their popularity on the site has continued to climb.

For some YouTubers, sexual identity has always been part of their free-wheeling, diary-like content. Tyler Oakley, who currently boasts more than 7 million subscribers, can't remember the last time he came out to anyone.

"I've been identifying as gay for over a decade, long before I joined YouTube, so I don't even think about it anymore," said Oakley.

It's not quite as easy for others. Hannah Hart, who hosts the popular "My Drunk Kitchen" series on YouTube and has amassed more than 2 million subscribers, wasn't sure at first how being honest about her sexual orientation would affect her growing fanbase.



"I was really hesitant to be so out, open and comfortable because I was afraid of getting stuck in a box when I was still trying to figure out my career identity," said Hart. "I thought once everyone finds out I'm gay, they're going to just put me in a specific place."

Once she came out, Hart never looked back. Such interactive openness from this new

generation of celebs stands in contrast to 18 years ago when Ellen DeGeneres appeared on a Time magazine cover with the headline "Yep, I'm Gay."

While many YouTubers grapple with when or how to inform their subscribers that they identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, others haven't given a second thought about it.

"A lot of my content revolves

around LGBT issues because I am an LGBT person," said Miles Jai, who identifies as gender neutral and posts videos about fashion and beauty to more than 500,000 subscribers. "I think it should be part of general daily discussion. It's part of my life, and my videos revolve around what happens in my life, so I can't avoid that."

Nilsen, who has been sponsored by CoverGirl and appeared

as a judge on a youth-centric spin-off of the reality TV competition "Project Runway," said she intends to strike a balance between personal and professional on her YouTube channel.

"It's a part of my life, so I think it will come up, but it's not something that I'm going to force into my videos," said Nilsen. "Being a lesbian is a part of who I am, but there are so many parts of who I am."

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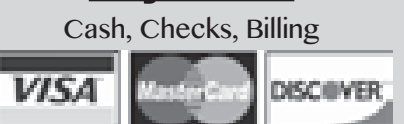
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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session July 13, 2015

The Village of Dixie Inn's Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on July 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Ava Nell McWhorter, Alderperson Kay Stratton, Connie Woods, and Evelyn Walden.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

A motion was made by Connie Woods and seconded by Kay Stratton to adopt the June 8, 2015 regular session and the special session on June 30, 2015. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The financial statements were presented and were accepted.

Department Report:

Police Chief James Edwards submitted information about the possibility of purchasing a Power Hear AED. The information will be taken under consideration for a later date.

Alderman Kay Stratton discussed the sink hole located at the intersection of Osborne Street and Shell Street. The problem will be checked out.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to request administrative consultation s proposal for services for the LCDBG grant. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Evelyn Walden and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to request engineer s qualification statements for the LCDBG grant. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Connie Woods and seconded by Evelyn Walden to adopt a resolution adopting procedures to be utilized for procurement with Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Police Chief James Edwards informed the Board of Aldermen that an important police information program, ThinkStream, which has been utilized by his department since 2008 needs to be updated and paid for. Due to an invoice error for the subscription, the police department was never billed for the programs. A motion was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods to pay for the programs. Vote

on the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Evelyn Walden and seconded by Connie Woods. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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