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CITY OF MINDEN

City looks to hike sewer, sanitation rates

Recreation fees could increase if proposed budget passes

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The City of Minden may raise sewer, sanitation and recreation fees if the 2015-16 proposed budget passes

as discussed in a series of budget workshops. Mayor Tommy Davis says the city isn't broke, but with expenses going up and the city charging such low fees for services, council members agreed it's

time to raise fees to help offset costs incurred by the city. If the proposed budget passes, sanitation rates will go up \$4 per household. Councilwoman Fayrine Kennon-Gilbert says she doesn't have a problem raising the fees if citizens are getting the service they are paying for. "I get calls every day," she said. "I can't tell them

we are raising fees when they aren't getting the services they're paying for." Davis says he will look over the contract with Republic Services and schedule a meeting to discuss

the issue. Councilman Wayne Edwards says a representative from Republic Services rode around his district recently and talked to residents about the sanitation services. "They have put more trucks on the street, they have brought trucks out of Shreveport," he said.



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EDUCATION IN WEBSTER



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH IS MONDAY

School supplies were collected Friday and Saturday at the Pack the Bus event at Walmart to be distributed at the annual Back to School Bash on August 3 at the Minden Civic Center. The bash will take place from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will offer school supplies, haircuts, sack lunches for students, T-shirts for the first 325 students and snow cones free of charge. Organizers are still seeking volunteers to help prepare and work the event as well as sponsors. To volunteer or for questions, contact Genda Allums at 382-4508 or Ursula Hullaby at 377-7052 ext. 228. The annual bash is put on by ConocoPhillips, Webster Parish School Board and local sponsors.

MINDEN CRIME

Police: Man points gun at teen, infant; threatens to kill teen

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A Minden man accused of endangering a child during a domestic dispute remains behind bars. Latwan Winston, 32, of the 1400 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested Thursday, July 23, by Minden police and charged with domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and domestic abuse aggravated assault with child

endangerment. Bond totaled \$100,000. Police Chief Steve Cropper says the incident began when Winston left his wife on the side of the road in Dixie Inn after an argument. The chief says after the wife got a ride home, she



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ELECTION 2015

GOP backs opponent of Republican incumbent attorney general

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — The Republican Party of Louisiana is backing former Congressman Jeff Landry for the post of state's attorney general, announcing Tuesday that it was snubbing GOP incumbent Buddy Caldwell. Party leaders said it's the first time the GOP has

chosen to back a challenger to a statewide Republican incumbent since the 1991 governor's race. But Caldwell has done little to tighten ties to the GOP leadership since he switched from the Democratic Party four years ago. Republican Party Chairman Roger Villere announced the endorsement with Landry, a

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EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

La. school system ranked fifth-worst in nation

STAFF REPORTS

Low math and reading scores helped give Louisiana the fifth-worst school system in the United States, according to report by financial website WalletHub.

WalletHub compared the school systems among the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia across two key dimensions, "School System Quality" and "Safety." They then compiled 13 relevant metrics, including math and reading test scores,

dropout rates, and student-teacher ratio. Louisiana ranked No. 47 overall after coming in at No. 43 on "School System Quality" and No. 44 on "Safety." The state came in at the bottom of the pack in both reading and math test scores, ranking No. 48

in each category. It also ranked second-to-last in the "safest schools" category, which looked at the percentage of public school students in grades 9-12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property.

According to the study, the states with the top school systems included Massachusetts, Colorado, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Kentucky. The bottom five were Louisiana, Arizona, Nevada, the District of Columbia, and Alaska.



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ODD NEWS

Former 41-pound cat slims down to 19 pounds

DALLAS — A former 41-pound cat dubbed Skinny has lost more than half of his weight to become the darling of a Dallas veterinary clinic.

Dr. Brittney Barton says the orange tabby she adopted in 2013 has slimmed down to 19 pounds with exercise and a

special diet. Barton calls Skinny the "resident cat" at her practice, HEAL Veterinary Hospital.

Barton said Friday that Skinny spends weekdays roaming the clinic. The ex-fat cat's weekends are spent at home with Barton and her family.

Skinny was found aban-

doned near Dallas in 2012 and ended up at a shelter. The vet says Skinny just had his annual checkup and is healthy.

Barton says Skinny is living proof that while he's supposed to be a large cat, "he's not supposed to be an obese cat."



In this photo provided by East Lake Pet Orphanage, veterinarian Brittney Barton poses for a photo with Skinny the cat Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 in Dallas. Skinny, an overweight stray cat found nearly two months ago in North Texas has slimmed down to 37 pounds but is still too fat to be adopted. Barton, on Monday said Skinny seems healthy, is on special food and gets exercise. Courtesy Photo

Average US vehicle age hits record 11.5 years

DETROIT— In the age of Apple's CarPlay, a lot of cars on the road still have tape decks.

The average vehicle in the U.S. is now a record 11.5 years old, according to consulting firm IHS Automotive, a sign of the increased reliability of today's vehicles and the lingering impact of the sharp drop in new car sales during the recession.

Drivers behind the wheel of older cars aren't enjoying some of the latest advanced safety features or infotainment systems that effectively turn cars into

cellphones on wheels. Then again, they don't have to worry about hackers finding their way in to the car's computer network through the cassette or CD player.

IHS said U.S. registrations grew to a record 257.9 million cars and trucks, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

The average age of vehicles has been climbing steadily since IHS began tracking the number in 2002. As quality and reliability have improved, people have been holding on to their cars and trucks for

longer. The average length of ownership for a new vehicle is now almost 6.5 years, IHS said. For a used vehicle, it's five years.

Cars and trucks now have the same average age, says Mark Seng, IHS Automotive's global aftermarket practice leader. For many years, cars had shorter lifespans than trucks, but their quality has now caught up.

Experts say there's no rule for how long to hold on to an old car or truck. A car with good reliability can go for 200,000 miles or more, which can easily last

a decade for some motorists, says Doug Love, a spokesman for Consumer Reports.

The magazine doesn't recommend driving older cars without two key safety features introduced more than a decade ago: electronic stability control and side curtain air bags.

The aging car population could mean that Americans will be slow to adapt safety and semi-autonomous features that have car company executives and experts heralding a new age of the automobile. Adaptive cruise control arrived in the U.S. mar-

ket in 2006, for example, but nine years later only 6 percent of all cars have it, according to a recent report from Boston Consulting Group. It will also take longer for much-hyped advances like CarPlay — which gives drivers access to their apps through the dashboard — to become commonplace.

But Seng says the auto industry should take heart. Even though the average vehicle age shows no sign of reversing, it is starting to plateau, since buyers have returned to the car market in big numbers. Sales of new cars rose from 12.7

million in 2011 to 16.5 million last year and are expected to reach or exceed 17 million this year. IHS thinks the average vehicle age will hit 11.6 years in 2016 but won't climb to 11.7 years until 2018.

Seng says that's a more normal rate than the industry saw in the years after the recession. Vehicle age increased rapidly between 2008 and 2013, since more people were keeping older cars. In 2008, the average age of cars and trucks in the U.S. was 10 years; by 2013, it was 11.4 years, or 14 percent higher.

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lawyer and businessman from New Iberia, at the party's headquarters.

"Jeff is the Republican in the race. I urge, and the state party urges, all Republicans and all conservatives in Louisiana to cast their vote for Jeff Landry," Villere said.

Pressed to explain why Caldwell wasn't worthy of the party's support for a third term and why Landry instead was favored, Villere provided few specifics. He said Landry had "better qualifications" and was "the most conservative" candi-

date.

Landry said he "can do a much better job in the attorney general's office." When asked to contrast himself from Caldwell,

Landry said he'll provide more specifics as the Oct. 24 election nears.

Caldwell issued a statement Tuesday saying the endorsement "doesn't change anything."

"The state party has never endorsed me before, so it might have been bad luck to get it this time," he said.



CALDWELL

He also took a dig at Landry: "It's unnerving to me that the statewide Republican Party would even think about endorsing someone who has never tried a civil or criminal case in court. I'm not sure, really, what his qualifications are."

With the endorsement, the state GOP can now coordinate with Landry's campaign, spend money to support his candidacy and share its resources and staff to bolster his election effort.

Attorney general since 2008, Caldwell was a district attorney in northeast Louisiana for 29 years before his election statewide. He jumped to the GOP in 2011, as he was

running for a second term in a state trending increasingly Republican. Caldwell described the party as more in line with his political beliefs.

Since then, he's supported legal challenges to President Barack Obama's health overhaul, environmental policies and executive order seeking to protect people living in the United States illegally from deportation.

But Caldwell's faced repeated criticism that he's not conservative enough and that his move to the GOP was a ruse. Widely circulated by Republicans was Caldwell's praise for Democrat Mary Landrieu, before she was defeated last year for

re-election to the U.S. Senate.

"Lifelong Democrat Buddy Caldwell only switched Republican to save his public, taxpayer-funded, job," Christian Gil, a member of the Republican Party's state central committee from St. Mary Parish, wrote in a letter urging committee members to support Landry.

Party support for Landry comes as the fundraising competition tightens.

In campaign fundraising documents filed this week, Landry reported having nearly \$1.4 million in his campaign account, after kicking in \$350,000 of his own money. Caldwell closed the quarter with

nearly \$1.1 million cash on hand, after loaning his campaign \$200,000.

A third Republican contender in the race, Port Allen attorney Marty Maley, is far behind in fundraising, with only \$9,500 in his campaign account.

To get the endorsement, Landry lobbied members of the GOP state central committee, the party's governing body. A majority of the members submitted written requests asking for the seven-member party executive committee to support Landry. The vote of the executive committee was unanimous, Villere said.

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"Some trucks are coming out of Florida and he plans on putting two new additional trucks on site."

The contract expires in 2019.

Sewer rates will also be going up by \$2.95 if the budget passes, Davis said. If this passes, it will raise about \$25,000 in revenue, he added.

Recreation fees will also be going up this coming fiscal year. If passed, sports

fees for early registration will go to \$30 for football, \$10 for basketball, \$15 for soccer, baseball and softball. For those who register late, fees will double.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper is asking for vehicles to round out his fleet. Cropper originally asked for five vehicles, three new patrol units and two used vehicles — one for the K9 unit and another for detectives. That number was whittled down to three vehicles — one new patrol unit to replace the one totaled earlier this year,

and the two used vehicles.

"The K9 unit is probably in worse shape than the detectives' unit," Cropper said.

"The K9 does not have a police package. It's just a standard SUV, and it's got a lot of miles on it now. It's in the shop constantly."

The police department has a total of 18 cars, 14 of which are patrol units. If



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the proposed budget passes, the chief will get one new vehicle and one used vehicle.

Streets were another big topic of Tuesday's meeting. Public Works Director George Rolfe says it would be better this year to repair potholes in the city's streets rather than overlay. He says if they can make repairs this year, next fiscal year they can begin overlays.

"Realistically, I think we need to concentrate on repairs," he said. "I would rather see the money spent

on repairs so that next year we can do more overlays. We've got a lot of isolated areas that need repairs."

Out of \$750,000, Rolfe requested half the money go to the water department and the other half go to electric with some of that going to tree trimming.

Also in the proposed budget will be a two percent longevity raise across the board. The fire department already gets a mandatory two percent raise, so they will not see an additional two percent.

At the August 3 meeting,

draft ordinances will need to be presented to the council for any fee increases, which would go into effect with the new budget year. The proposed budget will need to be passed at the Sept. 8 meeting so it will go into effect by Oct. 1.

Beginning with a \$750,000 overage, council members and department heads were able to shave away almost \$200,000 from that. The remaining approximate \$500,000 will come from the city's reserves to balance the budget, Davis said.



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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

An old Ford and a used dryer

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

The first years after our marriage in 1948, it worked out just fine to have only one car because we both worked for Andress Motors Company. But the summer of 1951, a new factor came into being. We were expecting a baby in March of 1952. I worked until November of 1951 before going home to await the birth of our first child. We had agreed that I would not go back to work but would be a full time "stay at home" momma. It was so hard after 11 years keeping books there at Andress to just go home and be idle. My mother lived with us and she had always done the cooking and continued to cook. I felt like I was encroaching on her territory even though it was MY kitchen. I would watch the calendar and think of the "Ten Day Report" that I had compiled, or I would look at the calendar and think that I must get the financial statement out, preferably before the 6th of the month. I would remember the sales tax report that must be paid by the 21st of each month, and the daily



AGAN

report for Mr. Andress. The only way that I had transportation to get anywhere was to take J. C. to work and go back for him at lunch, and some days take him back after lunch and pick him up when his work day was over. That was hard because I was getting cumbersome as the time approached for the baby's birth. Preparations for the baby took a lot of time, getting the bassinet ready, the baby bed, the layette, and after my big shower writing all those thank-you notes, but still I felt shut off from the office that I had worked in since I was 17(I would be 29 that summer of 1952.) There were several months after the baby's arrival that I was too busy to really need the car. I had so much to do for her as well as canning and putting up jelly. Back then I did not just put up the juice in the freezer and make fresh jelly all throughout the winter as I do now. I made up all the jelly for a year at one time, put it in jars and stored it. And it was time to put up vegetables for the freezer. Soon I realized that we

desperately needed a second car. However our income was cut in half when I went home, and we were still paying a note on the new Ford we had bought the month before we found out about the baby being on the way. I would roll the stroller around our yard with Suzanne and wish that I could go to town, to the store, to the library, to church and to so many things. But it was too hard to take J. C. back and forth to work with the baby. And then we made one of the best purchase we ever made. Harry Miller had a fishing car. It was several shades of blue-green, so faded, and discolored. It was a 1940 Ford Fordor. Even though it was "ugly as homemade sin" it ran really well as Harry had kept it up. He was buying a pickup truck for himself and wanted to sell the old jalopy. He only asked \$100 for the old car, and the car was ours. That was about the best thing we could have done because J. C. took that car to work, and when he had to go back and let someone have parts at night or on the

weekend, he used the old Ford. He just went out of the goodness of his heart because we were not furnished transportation for him to go back for customers in the night, nor was he given extra money for the time spent. But now we were a two car family!!!! It was just an old car, thirteen years old, but it was the greatest luxury for us, and we were so grateful to Harry Miller for selling it to us so cheaply. In later years when it was Bolen-Speede Ford, Mr. Speede furnished J. C. a new pickup truck to drive home and to use to sell parts after hours when the dealership was closed. And he furnished me a new car each year and even paid the insurance on it. Mr. J. C. Johnson who bought out the dealership, also furnished J. C. a pickup truck to drive and we were able to sell the old Ford. It had served its purpose well, and brought me many hours of happiness as I could take Suzanne and John to town, to Sunbeams, and later to the little choirs and piano lessons. If I had to go to the grocery store, I could. When Suzanne was two and out of diapers, I had the opportunity to buy a dryer that had been a demonstrator. That was the next best purchase we ever made. It had been so hard to go down the high back steps and hang

clothes on the clothes line. In wet winter weather we put a rack over the floor furnace to get diapers dry. Now I could wash at any time of the day or night and in any kind of weather and dry my clothes. A few years later when our son was born I really utilized that dryer as I could wash diapers easily and dry them. (That was before the paper diapers that the young mothers use today. They do not know how wonderful that is to not have to wash dozens of diapers each day, dry and fold them.) I think the used dryer cost \$167.00, and coupled with the \$100 second car I know that those were the best purchases we ever made. Later, when my mother became bedridden, and I often had to wash seven sets of bed linens each day for her bed, and almost forty diapers for her each day, I thanked God over and again for being able to wash and dry clothes and bed linens at any hour of the day or night during her nineteen years of illness, seven of which was in a hospital bed here in our home. Being able to keep her clean and dry prevented bed sores. In all those nineteen years she never got a bed sore. I have written of the gifts my brother-in-law gave his wife - a huge diamond princess ring with

three half carat diamonds, and a mink cape (not a stole but a cape), but I know that my dryer and our old Ford brought me so much happiness that I wouldn't swap my used dryer or my 1940 Ford for either of her gifts. I wouldn't change those memories for anything. Sometimes when you think the world is not going just like you would like it to go, stop and think back at the goodness of God, of the blessings that you have received, and remember with me the simple things that others might take for granted but they meant so much to me. God does supply all your needs, maybe not all the things you might want, but your needs. He has supplied mine, over and abundantly. I recently read a book by Muriel Jenson about a girl named Mariah Mercer who made hand painted plaques to sell. Her favorite verse on one of her plaques read "LIVE WELL, LAUGH OFTEN, LOVE MUCH." And I would add "THANK GOD." Try it, it works!!!!!!! *Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.*

AROUND THE STATE

Officers put on leave after fatal shooting

HOUMA — Eight law enforcement officers who were shot at a 45-year-old man who was killed after an east Houma car chase Monday have been placed on administrative leave.

The Courier reports Jean Paul Falgout was killed in a hail of bullets

after he pointed a handgun at the officers who cornered his car. The shooters who have been temporarily relieved from patrol are only being identified as three Terrebonne sheriff's deputies, three Houma police officers and two state troop-

ers. Sheriff Jerry Larpenter said the pursuit began when a deputy spotted Falgout in Dulac. Larpenter says Falgout was wanted for allegedly stealing a license plate he was using on his SUV, as well as for a separate theft incident.

ARREST

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found her 16-year-old daughter from a previous marriage holding an infant and arguing with Winston. "When she gets to her apartment, they are arguing and Winston pulls out a .38 pistol and points it at the 16 year old and threatens to kill her," Cropper said. "Winston calls the mom of the daughter's boyfriend during this altercation and she hears him

threatening to kill the 16 year old and calls 911." Winston's wife also called 911 to report the incident, Cropper said. As Winston's wife was trying to intervene in the argument, Winston hit her in the mouth using his fist, causing physical injury, according to the police report. Cropper says the domestic abuse battery with child endangerment charge stems from when he hit his wife in the face; the domestic abuse aggravated assault with child

endangerment is from Winston pointing a pistol at the 16 year old while holding the infant and threatening to kill her. A .38 caliber Rossi Arms handgun was recovered at the scene and Winston may have been intoxicated during the incident, Cropper said. Officers Russel Engi and Dedrick Anderson responded to the call and placed Winston under arrest on the above charges and transported him to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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Starting Time: 5K Run/Walk sponsored in part by Minden Medical Center will start at 8a.m. Saturday, August 15.

Race course: The course will begin and end at Minden Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy at 1120 Homer Road in Minden. Participants will run/walk through Ridgewood neighborhood.

Registration: Early Registration is \$25 until August 4. All participants who register by August 4 will receive a short sleeve official Miles that Matter Run T-shirt. Late registration is \$30 August 5-Race Day. You may pay with a credit card online at www.sportspectrumusa.com or with cash or contact Ashley Vise at 318-464-2146 or Sportspectrum in Shreveport at 6970 Fern Avenue. IPICO timing system is included in registration fee.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

The Providence Journal on the First Admendment

The most essential guarantee of our freedom is the First Amendment, which bars the government from using its power against citizens for speaking out. It is especially important that politicians refrain from training the Internal Revenue Service against citizens and groups that espouse views challenging those of government officials. Unfortunately, this basic understanding of the importance of protecting speech seems to have been lost on some in Washington in recent years.

The ostensibly nonpartisan IRS, we learned years ago, subjected especially conservative nonprofits to scrutiny and harassment in 2010 when they applied for tax-exempt status. When the news of this first came out, President Obama denounced it, properly noting: "It should not matter what political stripe you're from. The fact of the matter is, the IRS has to operate with absolute integrity." But his Justice Department assigned one of President Obama's campaign contributors to investigate the matter, and nothing came of it. Complicating matters was the IRS's destruction of the emails of Lois Lerner, the official responsible.

All this seemed a frightening assault on the First Amendment, but recent developments suggest a wider campaign against speech.

Judicial Watch, a nonpartisan educational foundation, recently obtained information showing that the IRS wanted to go even further than thwarting the activities of conservative groups: some in the agency appear to have wanted to criminalize them.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., at a public hearing, had raised the idea of going after groups that gain tax-exempt status improperly. According to newly released documents from the Department of Justice and the IRS, in October 2010, representatives from those agencies met to discuss pursuing criminal charges against conservative groups that were said to be "posing" as tax-exempt social welfare organizations.

According to a memo recounting the meeting, revealed through a Freedom of Information Act request by Judicial Watch, the participants tried to come up with "several possible theories to bring criminal charges under FEC (Federal Election Commission) law." That is to say, the IRS (and Justice Department), it appears, were not content to merely gum up the works when groups tried to obtain the tax-exempt status; they actually hoped to put the groups' leaders in jail.

Certainly, citizens must heed campaign finance and tax laws or face the consequences. But those in government must be careful not train their power against citizens simply for advancing ideas they oppose.

The documents reveal that the IRS transferred the supposedly confidential tax returns of some 113,000 conservative nonprofits to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. According to Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., former chair of the House Oversight Committee, "This revelation likely means that the IRS . violated federal tax law by transmitting this information to the Justice Department," which prohibits such blanket transfers.

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PERSPECTIVE

Cure for racial dishonesty

There have been several notable cases of racial fakery. Years ago, then-law professor Elizabeth "Fauxcahontas" Warren falsely claimed that her great-grandfather was Cherokee Indian. A diversity-starved Harvard University jumped at the opportunity to hire her. She was so good at the racial fakery that a 1997 Fordham Law Review article lauded now-Sen. Warren as Harvard Law School's "first woman of color."

Racial fakery for private gain has been going on for decades. In 1990, there was a highly publicized case of outright racial lying. Two white men, twins Philip and Paul Malone, took the Boston Fire Department test. They failed. It turned out that the Boston Fire Department was under a consent decree mandating racial preferences, back then euphemistically called affirmative action but today called diversity. The Malone brothers retook the test, this time identifying themselves as black. Again their scores weren't high enough to be hired as whites, but they qualified under the lower standards for blacks and were hired. They worked for 10 years, until their racial fakery was discovered during a promotion proceeding. They were fired.

Then there's Vijay Chokal-Ingam, brother of "The Mindy Project" actress Mindy Kaling. He pretended to be black to successfully gain admission to the Saint Louis University School of Medicine but later dropped out. Recently, there was the case of Rachel A. Dolezal, who told everyone that she was a member of my race, even though both of her parents are white. She profited immensely from racial fakery. She became president of the Spokane, Washington, office of the NAACP and became an instructor of Africana studies at Eastern Washington University. To top that off, she gained membership on Spokane's police oversight commission, where she examined police policies on race.



WALTER WILLIAMS

We must combat racial fakery. We can learn from South Africa. During its apartheid era, it, too, had a racial spoils system. The government combated racial fakery by enacting the Population Registration Act of 1950, which racially classified the country's entire population.

The act laid down race definitions so as to thwart people, mostly "Coloureds," from taking privileges set aside for whites. For example, it defined a white person as one who "is in appearance obviously white — and not generally accepted as Coloured — or who is generally accepted as White — and is not obviously Non-White."

Despite South Africa's careful attempts to define race, there was racial manipulation. A person charged with doing something prohibited for a native or Coloured might claim he had some white blood. The Population Registration Act ensured justice whereby a person aggrieved by a racial determination could appeal to a tribunal, known as the Race Clas-

sification Appeal Board. The act also provided that a third party could bring a complaint as to a person's racial classification. It provided for heavy penalties for frivolous objections to another's racial classification.

The Population Registration Act fortified both the Immorality Act of 1927, which prohibited sexual relations between Europeans and Africans, and the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act of 1949, which banned marriage between Europeans and Africans. I wouldn't support the adoption of either one of those acts. But I do think that we need to adopt some of the features of South Africa's Population Registration Act. Why?

If Americans are going to have laws that mandate special privileges in college admission and employment, we must prevent racial fakery. We cannot permit a white or Asian person to take an opportunity that by law belongs to a black person. There should be DNA criteria to accurately determine one's race. Years ago in our country, "one drop" of Negro blood made it impossible for one to be white. With today's technological advances, we could be more precise.

Racial classification is not without other benefits. Suppose one wants to marry and at the same time keep his bloodline pure. Say he's a black man. Shouldn't he be protected from a racial imposter like Rachel Dolezal?

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

EDITORIAL ROUND UP

Brattleboro Reformer on Sandra Bland

If you haven't seen the video yet of the traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of Sandra Bland, it's easy to criticize her for not following the commands of the Texas State Trooper who stopped her for failing to use her turn signal on July 10.

After all, we have been told time and time again to obey authority and follow the orders of a police officer. How dare she not listen to the trooper and put her cigarette out and get out of the vehicle as he demanded? And if you are black in America, you have been told time and time again, just do whatever the officer tells you, otherwise you might end up hurt ... or worse. It's just a fact of life for black Americans.

But watch the video. Sandra Bland was pulled over after she switched lanes because the trooper came up behind her rather quickly. Bland told the officer her first thought was to get out of his way in case he was in a hurry to get somewhere else. It turns out the trooper may have profiled Bland, who was a black woman driving a car with out-of-state plates in a small town in Waller County.

He wrote up a ticket and was giving it to her when he asked her to put out her cigarette, which she refused to do. The traffic stop quickly escalated at this point until Bland was arrested and cited with assaulting a police officer. It would be easy, if you have not viewed the video, to conclude that Bland became obstinate and combative and her arrest was a result of her own behavior. But if you do look at the video, you will be stunned by the complete control she has over her emotions. You will also sympathize with her, because what right does the trooper have demanding that she snuff out her cigarette? And then demanding that she exit her vehicle because she will not comply with his demand? Bland was well within her rights to keep puffing away if she so desired and was also well within her rights to remain within her car until the officer informed her exactly for what legal reason he was asking her to get out. Instead, the trooper starts yelling at her and at one point even threatens to "light you up" with a stun gun, pointing it directly at her face, before pulling her out of the vehicle.

Very simply: This trooper was out of control and reacted very poorly to a woman who was exercising her Fourth Amendment right, guaranteeing "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures ..."

Ian Millhiser, writing for Think Progress, notes that the Supreme Court would most likely conclude that the trooper did violate Bland's rights. "Rodriguez v. United States held that police could not extend the length of a routine traffic stop, even for just a few minutes, absent a safety related concern or reasonable suspicion to believe that the driver may have committed an additional crime."

We are not pleased when we get a whiff of cigarette smoke, but we're not sure it constitutes a "safety related concern" or reasonable suspicion that someone is committing a crime. "Had the officer not decided to extend the length of the stop over the argument about the cigarette, it is likely that Bland would have been sent on her way very shortly after she declined to extinguish her cigarette," wrote Millhiser.

Instead, Sandra Bland is dead, with the initial report indicating she killed herself with a trash bag after three days in a jail cell. The trooper is on administrative leave and again, America must confront the systemic racism that seethes inches below the surface of our everyday lives.

Most of us know plenty of law enforcement personnel who are respectful and would never treat another human being — black or white — the way this Texas state trooper treated Bland. He is a stain on the reputations of officers who work hard, put their lives on the line and are likely to put up with a ration of guff every time they pull someone over for a traffic infraction. Ninety-nine percent of the time, they just shrug and laugh it off, hand the person a ticket and walk away. We commend those 99 percent. Unfortunately for Bland, she had a confrontation with a member of the 1 percent, and now she is dead.

Around Town

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 potluck 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.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its homecoming and revival services at 11 a.m.

August 10 - 12, 2015

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual revival nightly at 7 p.m. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Arthur Douglas.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its revival nightly at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Derrick Harris.

Watson - Matter engaged to marry



Jessica Watson and Nicholas Matter announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.
Courtesy Photo/Crystal Shaffer Guin

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Watson of Athens, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Jessica Lauren Watson to Nicholas James Matter, son of Chester & Alicia Gilliam of Ashville, North Carolina.

Jessica is the granddaughter of Donnie and Cindy Robinson of Athens and Billy Gene Watson and the late Francis Enloe Watson of Minden.

The bride-to-be graduated cum laude from Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in Dallas in 2013 and currently works at Horseshoe Hotel & Casino in Shreveport.

The groom-to-be worked in culinary arts at Walt Disney World for three years before relocating to marry his soul mate. He currently works as the executive chef at Grace Estate in Minden.

The couple met in 2014 while working at Mama Melrose Italian Restaurant in Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The couple will be marry August 1 at Grace Estate in Minden and plan on making their home in Athens.

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SPORTS briefs

NFL Eric Berry cleared for practice after scare

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Eight months after getting the stunning news that he had cancer, Chiefs Pro Bowl safety was expected back on the practice field Wednesday, a day after doctors gave him the all-clear.

The Chiefs medical staff and his own doctors put him through a battery of tests Tuesday and the team later announced he would join quarterbacks, rookies and select injured players for the first practice of training camp on the campus of Missouri Western State University. Berry was scheduled to speak to reporters after practice.

Berry was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease last December, shortly after complaining of pain in his chest following a game against Oakland. He was treated at Emory University in Atlanta almost immediately, and went through the final round of treatment in June.

"He's kept himself in good shape, believe it or not," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said earlier Tuesday, before Berry was cleared to return. "He's really done a good job there."

Hodgkin's disease, also called Hodgkin's lymphoma, is a cancer of the immune system that makes up about 8 percent of all diagnosed lymphomas. According to the National Cancer Institute, more than 9,000 people will be diagnosed with it in the United States this year.

The survival rate in 1960 was about 40 percent, but advancements in medicine combined with earlier detections have increased the survival rate to more than 80 percent.

MLB Nationals land Papelbon in trade

MIAMI (AP) — The Washington Nationals have a new closer, landing All-Star Jonathan Papelbon from the Philadelphia Phillies.

That means their newly demoted closer isn't happy.

And the NL East race is shaping up to be a whole lot of fun down the stretch.

On the night the Nationals got Jayson Werth and Ryan Zimmerman back from long stints on the disabled list, they also landed Papelbon from the Phillies and wasted no time announcing that he will be taking over the closer duties from Drew Storen. It didn't help Washington any Tuesday night, as the Nationals lost to the Miami Marlins 4-1.

Washington's loss, combined with the New York Mets' win over San Diego, cut the Nationals' lead in the NL East to one game.

"All-Star closer, been in pressure situations his whole career, so we're happy to have him," Nationals manager Matt Williams said of Papelbon.

It's not a unanimous opinion.

Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said he talked to Storen about the trade and indicated that the closer who converted 29 of 31 chances for Washington this year was taking it well. Storen offered a different perspective postgame.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WHITE FOCUSED ON KNIGHTS



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SPRINGHILL - With football season in sight, the top player in Webster Parish and one of the top players in the country is ready to roll following a busy summer on the camp circuit.

Devin White has been on all over the country this summer, including stops in Beaverton, Oregon, for the Opening and Baltimore for the the Rivals Five Star Challenge.

"I visited Alabama, LSU, Florida State, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Ole Miss and TCU," White said. "Then the Opening was one of the best experiences of my life. If I could do that every week I would."

But with his busy summer coming to a close, the 6-foot, 258-pound athlete is looking forward to his senior season at North Webster and getting the Knights to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome come December.

"We've made some big

runs, but I'm trying to get over that hump and get to the dome," said White.

"I've got a lot of love for North Webster and Springhill. I passed on a great opportunity to go play at the IMG Academy in Florida. My mom graduated from Springhill so I want to keep that in the family. I just want to do everything I can here."

White's good friend and former Calvary Baptist quarterback Shea Patterson recently left the state for IMG Academy. Patterson is an Ole Miss commit.

With all the hype surrounding White, football is a team sport, and he said the Knights will have plenty of other firepower this year.

"Ke'Untra Gipson is a senior linebacker," White said. "He is dominant on defense and special teams. Xavious Eason at running-back and on special teams, Rico Gonzalez at both linebacker and defensive end is going to make some plays for us. Then there's Conroe McMullan at kicker; he always puts us in good position and Dallas Lay on the line is a four year starter like me and Conroe."

Of those Knights, White is the only one to land a magazine cover this fall.

When the well-known Louisiana Football Magazine hits stands at the beginning of August, White

will be in the center of it all, literally.

"It was crazy," White said. "To be there as one of the top players in the state of Louisiana is a blessing. When they called me about it I cleared my plans to go because that's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

On the recruiting front, White remains a coveted target, and with the recent announcement of his top 10, it seems he's likely to land somewhere in the Southeastern Conference.

"With LSU, they give you the home state pitch and their running backs coach Frank Wilson is second to none," White said. "At Arkansas they like big running backs and running the ball, plus they have the biggest offensive line in the world. My cousin Jared Cornelius is there so I would have someone to take me under their wing and mentor me. I really like their depth chart situation too."

"Alabama, they were one of the first schools to offer me my freshmen year. They recently had another running back kicked off the team and they have some guys who may leave after this year so the depth chart is good their as well."

The last of the SEC schools thought to be seriously in it for White is Ole Miss.

"I think Ole Miss has the



best pitch you could throw at a recruit," White said. "Your best friend (Patterson) is going to be there. I have a good relationship with coach Shawn Patterson as well and I like that coach Hugh Freeze's program is all about family. They've already said I can play either side of the ball, it's basically

on me."

With his senior season set to slow the recruiting process for awhile, White is still firm on his decision to wait for National Signing Day to make a choice.

"On National Signing Day, I want the ESPN cameras in Springhill at North Webster."

NFL Brady responds

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady vowed to fight his four-game suspension for the scandal known as Deflategate, writing Wednesday in a 507-word Facebook post: "I did nothing wrong, and no one in the Patriots organization did either."

Breaking his silence a day after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld the punishment, Brady also denied destroying his cellphone to keep it out of the hands of investigators.

"To suggest that I destroyed a phone to avoid giving the NFL information it requested is completely wrong," the three-time Super Bowl MVP said. "There is no 'smoking gun' and this controversy is manufactured to distract from the fact they have zero evidence of wrongdoing."

Brady was suspended four games and the team was docked \$1 million and two

draft picks after the league found improperly inflated footballs were used in the AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts. Investigator Ted Wells zeroed in on two equipment managers — one who called himself "The Deflator" — and said Brady was "at least generally aware" of the illegal deflation scheme.

Brady, who had earlier denied cheating accusations with the tepid "I don't think so," more forcefully defended himself in the Facebook post, claiming he cooperated with the investigation except where doing so would have set a bad precedent for his union brethren.

"I respect the Commissioners authority, but he also has to respect the (collective bargaining agreement) and my rights as a private citizen," Brady wrote. "I will not allow my unfair discipline to become a precedent for other NFL players without a fight."

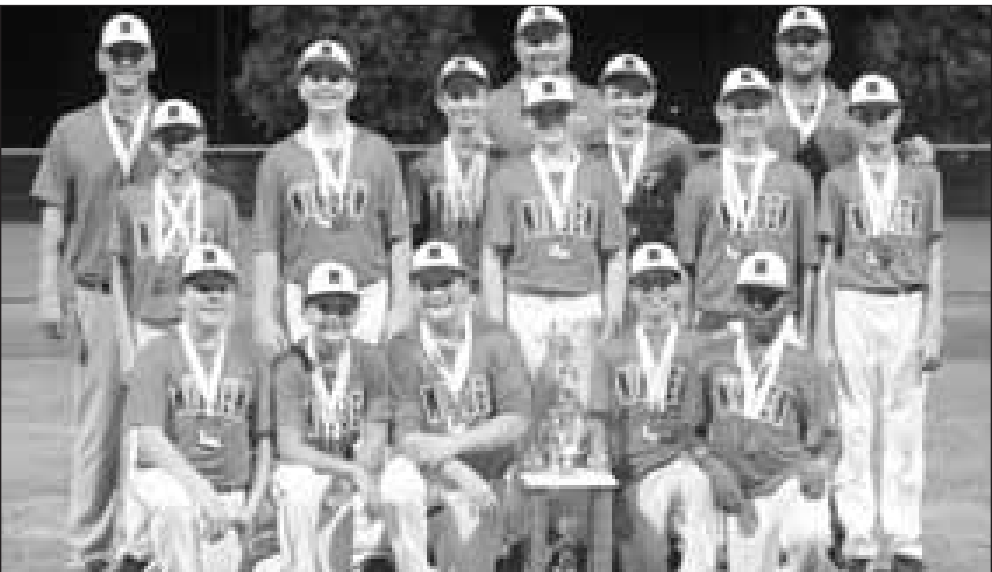
Rookie of the Year



Kacie Clanton, a senior at Glenbrook, was awarded the Rookie of the Year trophy at the Louisiana Skeet Shooting Association State Championship in Kaplan.

Minden Dixie Youth brings home special award

The 11-12 year old Minden Dixie Youth Continental All-Stars brought home a very prestigious award following the South Regional State tournament that was held last week. After battling their way through four games in the state tournament, held in Ponchatoula, the Continentals finished in third place, and while they may not have brought home the state championship trophy, they were able to depart with the Jim Quidley Sportsmanship Award. Mr. Quidley was a lifetime Dixie member who started the award to recognize outstanding players and their exceptional attitudes on the field. It is an honor to receive the award voted on by board members, chairpersons, and other coaches. The vote was a unanimous decision that Minden deserved to bring it home.



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'Celebrity Family Feud' a summer-time hit divorce of country singers

The survey says: ABC's version of "Celebrity Family Feud" ended its run on Sunday as an unexpected summertime hit.

The Steve Harvey-hosted show, which aired six hour-long editions, averaged 9.1 million viewers and was the most-watched new television program this summer, the Nielsen company said. It more than doubled the viewership ABC had in the same time slot last year with "Wipeout."

"We had high hopes, but it certainly shot past all of them," said Rob Mills, senior vice president for alternative programming, late night and specials at ABC.

With all of the new programming constantly available, there's something to be said about a TV version of comfort food, Mills said. The syndicated game show has been on the air for some 40 years, and current host Harvey is a major star in his own right. Celebrities like Dr. Phil, Anthony Anderson, Penny Marshall, Cheryl Hines competed this summer, along with NFL stars and casts from "Duck Dynasty," "The Bachelor" and "Dancing With the Stars"

ABC had initially sought to match all-celebrity teams or casts from various TV programs all summer. But Mills credited Jennifer Mullin, the show's producer from Fremantle, for recognizing that one of Harvey's strengths is in how he relates to non-celebrities, so some of the stars brought family members to compete.

With these numbers, it's a good bet the show will return. Mills said it hasn't been determined yet whether "Celebrity Family Feud" episodes will play in non-summer months.

Caitlyn Jenner's new E! Entertainment documentary series debuted to good reviews and 2.7 million viewers on Sunday, Nielsen said. Univision made a rare appearance in Nielsen's Top 20 with its coverage of Sunday's soccer match between Mexico and Jamaica.



CBS won the week in prime time, averaging 5.1 million viewers. NBC had 4.5 million, ABC had 3.8 million, Fox had 2.5 million, Univision had 2.4 million, Telemundo had 1.4 million, ION Television had 1.1 million and the CW had 1 million.

The Disney Channel was the week's most popular cable net-

work, averaging 1.67 million viewers in prime time. Fox News Channel averaged 1.601 million, USA had 1.595 million, TNT had 1.58 million and HGTV had 1.56 million.

Continuing Lester Holt's strong summer, NBC's "Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with 7.7 million view-

ers. ABC's "World News Tonight" had 7.4 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.1 million.

For the week of July 20-26, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "America's Got Talent" (Tuesday), NBC, 10.5 million; "Celebrity Family Feud," ABC, 8.71 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 7.91 million; "NCIS," CBS,

7.53 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 7.34 million; "The Bachelorette," ABC, 6.97 million; "Zoo," CBS, 6.69 million; "American Ninja Warrior," NBC, 6.68 million; "Last Comic Standing," NBC, 6.1 million; "Big Brother" (Sunday), CBS, 5.95 million.

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Bids will be opened at 2:00 PM on July 23, 2015 in the Webster Parish School Board Room.

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Project Description: Bid-Build Services for the Louisiana Delta Community College Welding and Industrial Training Center, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

Applications shall be delivered or mailed to: LCTCS Facilities Corporation c/o CSRS, Inc. Attn: Mr. Steve Jones, Project Manager 6767 Perkins Road, Suite 200 Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Ph: (225) 769-0546 Fx: (225) 767-0060

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