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## MINDEN CITY COUNCIL

## City hires economic director

### Little details released on latest city hire

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The City of Minden is making good on its promise to move the city forward by way of hiring an economic development director.

"This process has taken some time, but we have been very deliberate in

who we have selected," Mayor Tommy Davis said.

Details of James Graham, the newest City of Minden employee, are known to a select few in the decision making process.

"This is the first time we have ever had a full time economic director and we want to introduce him to our community

with some amount of fan fare," Davis explained, noting details will be released at a later date as Graham is received by the community.

Davis, members of the Minden City Council and members of the economic developer search committee say they feel Graham is a qualified candidate who will serve the area well.

"I want to commend the city council and the mayor for seeing [the plan] for Minden through," Jerri de Pingre', President of the Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce said.

"I expect to work closely with (Graham) and am

excited to build the relationship between the chamber and the city."

Davis says Graham is well qualified and has all the "credentials and qualifications of the position".

While the Economic Development Department budget is new, it includes a \$65,000 salary.

"This was planned for and is part of what our city needs to do to move forward," Davis said.

**DAVIS**

## MINDEN CRIME



The Rev. Bill Ichter, a World War II veteran and French Legion of Honor recipient, was the first veteran chosen to be placed on the Wall of Honor, a monument to Minden's war heroes. The American Legion will choose a veteran to honor every Fourth of July and Veterans Day. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## WALL OF HONOR recognizes those who served

The first of many veterans was honored Saturday – on this our nation's birthday – on the Wall of Honor that will now be displayed at Eagle Park on Turner's Pond.

The Rev. Bill Ichter, a World War II veteran, says he is undeserving of this distinction, but he is honored.

"I'm honored, I'm pleased, but I'm also embarrassed because I can think of 100 guys and women who should be up there," he said. "I think it's a wonderful symbol that the American Legion has put up. It gives special honor. Of course we honor 365 men and woman that are up there on that memorial.

But this is a special place that the American Legion has erected. I think it's a nice way to give special honor."

He says they are going to have a hard time choosing recipients just once per year, because he feels like the American Legion will be flooded with nominations.

A good example of what Minden's patriotism is, he says, is a woman by the name of



The Blue Star Memorial is a tribute to the Armed Forces of the United States. It, along with the Wall of Honor, are two monuments erected at the newly named Eagle Park. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## MINDEN CRIME

## 3 arrested for cashing fraudulent checks

Police say men drove from Shreveport to cash checks

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Three Shreveport men were arrested by Minden police on several charges including cashing fraudulent checks.

Fredrick Harris, 20, of the 3100 block of Fulton Street in Shreveport, was arrested Thursday, July 2, and charged with three counts of monetary instrument abuse, felony theft, three counts of forgery and criminal conspiracy.

Dematrae T. Harris, 21, of the 3100 block of Fulton Street in Shreveport, was charged with principal to monetary instrument abuse, principal to forgery, principal to theft and criminal conspiracy.

Tommy Lee Beverly Jr., 24, of the 3100 block of Devaughn Street in Shreveport, was charged with monetary instrument abuse, misdemeanor theft, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says two of the three forged and cashed some checks at a local grocery store and a local convenience store. Two checks were cashed at the local grocery store for approximately \$1,200, and one was cashed at the convenience store for about \$400, he says. A total of \$1,500 had been stolen from businesses in Minden by fraudulent means and forged and cashed fraudulent checks.

"(Dematrae) was actually the one driving Fredrick and Tommy around Minden so they could cash the checks," Cropper said. "He didn't actually go in and cash the checks, but he was driving them over here to do it, which makes him a principal to the crime. The other two were the ones who actually went in and cashed the checks."

These incidences happened between the months of May and June, the chief says.

See **CHECKS**, Page 2See **WALL**, Page 2**Kim Holley Reagan, MD**

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Dr. Kim Holley Reagan has found her true love – Children. She is proud to bring her family and expertise in PEDIATRICS back to her hometown of Minden. She looks forward to routinely visiting with her patients and providing education for growth and development. Whether it be a concerning rash for a first-time parent or follow up care after a trip to the ER and a cast, Dr. Reagan strives to provide the best possible care. Appointments may be made by calling Minden Pediatrics at (318) 377-7116.

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AROUND THE STATE

## Weekly unemployment insurance claims decrease

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — First-time claims for unemployment insurance in Louisiana for the week

ending June 27 decreased from the previous week's total.

The state labor department figures released Monday show the initial claims decreased to 2,707

from the previous week's total of 2,731. For the comparable week a year earlier, there were 2,577.

Educational services had the largest decrease in initial claims, followed by

accommodation and food services.

The four-week moving average, which is a less volatile measure of claims, decreased to 2,924 from the previous week's total

of 3,072.

Continued unemployment claims claimed for the week ending June 27 decreased to 26,298 compared to 26,412 the previous week.

The four-week moving average for such claims decreased to 25,964 from the previous week's average of 25,316.



Bricks at the newly named Eagle Park at Turner's Pond are displayed with the names of service members who served in the Armed Forces. These military members are honored with a brick depicting their names, rank and years of service. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## WALL

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Bessie Gartman. She is 80 years old and gave a \$200 donation to the American Legion for the Flag Memorial, Ichter says.

"She came to my house and she wanted to give a \$200 check to the memorial at the pond," he said. "I said to her every day you can go by the flag memorial and see something that you contributed to, and so she wrote a \$200 check.

She heard that we were going to have a service for the K-9 sergeant, and she took out another \$50 check and wrote it for a brick to be made for (Sgt. Canvas). That typifies Minden, because everything on that memorial has been given by Minden natives."

The bricks at the park are part of a memorial to veterans from Minden. A special section has been designated for Purple Heart recipients.

The wall is a granite monument in which a new name will be placed every

year.

Rod Gann, a Vietnam veteran and member of the American Legion Color Guard, says all the flags will be changed out during a ceremony every year on the Fourth of July. He says nominations will be chosen every Veterans Day and Fourth of July.

Ichter gave special thanks to the Louisiana Army National Guard for their time and effort taking over the upkeep of Eagle Park.

"We are grateful to Sgt. Maj. Kennedy and the guys

at Camp Minden," he said.

The park at Turner's Pond has always been maintained by private donations. George Fithen, Ichter says, doesn't get the recognition he deserves for taking care of the park and the donations for its upkeep.

"He's put so much (into it)," he said. "He is the originator of that whole thing."

The American Legion is now responsible for the flag ceremonies with the exception of the flags representing each branch of military service.

WEBSTER CRIME

## Springhill man arrested for drug trafficking

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A Springhill man is behind bars for distribution of drugs following a traffic stop that led to his arrest.

David P. Montgomery, 48, of the 200 block of 6th Street SW, was arrested Thursday, July 2, and charged with distribution of a Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine) and a hold on two bench warrants from Ward II court – two counts of no driver's license and one for speeding.

Although he was arrested on two bench warrants, court records show he had one more traffic violation, making it three. Bond was set at \$75,000. A hold was placed on Montgomery for the two bench warrants.

According to reports, a traffic stop was initiated



MONTGOMERY

after North Webster Narcotics Task Force agents observed Montgomery as a passenger in a vehicle on Old Sarepta Church Road. Montgomery was placed under arrest on a warrant for the distribution charge following an undercover buy.

"We'd made an undercover buy from him several months back," Lt. Shawn Baker, of the North Webster Narcotics Task Force, said. "We'd been looking for him, and he was staying with this young lady down in Porterville and she pulled out in her van. I recognized David in the van, and we stopped them and arrested him."

Springhill Police Det. Ronald Wedgeworth was aware of two active bench warrants for failure to appear in Ward II court on the traffic violations aforementioned.

Montgomery was transported to the Springhill Police Department for booking and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

## CHECKS

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Beverly also admitted to cashing multiple checks in Shreveport and Bossier City. Fredrick Harris, according to reports, admitted to cashing multiple checks throughout northwest Louisiana.

Dematrae Harris says he never cashed any fraudulent checks in Minden but had cashed multiple checks in Shreveport and Bossier City.

"All three of them worked together to come over here and cash fraudulent checks," Cropper said, adding this is why they were charged with criminal

conspiracy.

The three were booked into Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

The case is still under investigation, police say.

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Allen Payne  
Jorja Fox  
Jackie Christie



The Annual Membership Drive/Annual Membership meeting for the Webster Council on Aging will be

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"Compassion" is the one word Dr. Reagan uses to describe herself. Forming bonds with her patients and their families comes naturally to her and she can't help but truly care about each patient. She looks forward to routinely visiting with her patients and providing education for growth and development. Whether it be a concerning rash for a first-time parent or follow-up care after a trip to the ER and a cast, Dr. Reagan strives to provide the best possible care close to home.

Dr. Reagan has joined Dr. Michael Ulich and Dr. Cristal Kirby at Minden Pediatrics and is accepting new patients (newborn to 21 years) located at 1232 Sheppard Street in Minden.

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In her spare time, Dr. Reagan enjoys swimming, water skiing, reading and spending time with her husband, Randall and stepson, Ryan.

**Dr. Kim Reagan**  
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## AROUND THE STATE

# New ad highlights tax votes of state lawmakers

BATON ROUGE — A new radio ad launching Tuesday from an anti-tax organization targets state lawmakers who supported tax hikes and lessened tax breaks to balance this year's budget, seeking to highlight those votes as fall elections near.

The Louisiana chapter of Americans for Prosperity is spending \$60,000 for the advertising statewide, coupling it with door-knocking and phone calls to voters, directing them to a website that shows

how lawmakers voted on certain financial bills.

"Instead of solving our budget problems, the state turned to gimmicks, short-term fixes and over \$700 million in tax hikes on individuals and businesses," a female narrator in the radio spot says.

Lawmakers, many of whom are seeking re-election on the Oct. 24 ballot or who are running for other offices, said they expected attacks for budget-balancing votes they took. But they defended

the more than \$700 million in tax and fee money they generated for this year as needed to avoid steep cuts to public health care services and colleges.

Phillip Joffrion, Louisiana state director for Americans for Prosperity, said lawmakers didn't consider fundamental spending and tax reforms that could have put the state on a more sustainable, long-term financial path.

"This radio ad is to ensure that the citizens of

Louisiana are educated about what just happened in the last legislative session," Joffrion said. "The citizens of Louisiana do not support raising taxes to balance the budget."

Americans for Prosperity is the main political advocacy group for Charles and David Koch, billionaire brothers who spend millions on conservative causes.

The organization is highlighting lawmakers' votes on eight measures passed before the legisla-

tive session ended in June. Visitors to the website can type in their address to find their state representative and state senator and how they voted on the legislation highlighted.

Among the bills on the list are a 50-cent cigarette tax hike that also added a new tax on electronic cigarettes and vapor products; the temporary suspension of a 1 cent sales tax exemption on business utilities; and three bills that scaled back business subsidies by 20 percent

and 28 percent across the board through June 2018.

Joffrion said the list includes the \$24.5 billion budget bill, because "it used tax increases to balance the budget." Also scored on the website is legislation that provides a financing mechanism to expand Louisiana's Medicaid program under the federal health care law if Louisiana's next governor, to be elected this fall, is interested.

## IN THE COURTS

# Ward One Civil Suits filed in May

United Credit Corp of Minden vs. Floyd and Angela Brown (Promissory Note)

United Credit Corp of Minden vs. Sue Kennon (Promissory Note)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Damien Pevy (Promissory Note)

Buffington Veterinary Hospital vs. Gary and Christian Walton (Open Account)

Buffington Veterinary Hospital vs. Amie Carson (Open Account)

Virginia Carter vs. Kat Bell (Eviction)

Melinda Amu vs. Tena Lofton (Recover Money and/or Property)

Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Justin Lee Ockerman (On Note)

Midland Funding LLC vs.

Kim Dewberry (Open Account)

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. William J. Clark (Open Account)

First Heritage Credit of Louisiana, LLC vs. Sammie D. Peters Jr. A/K/A Sammie Peters (Open Account)

Discover Bank vs. Ann Cumpton (Open Account)

City of Minden vs. Jayce Stewart Craig (Damages)

United Credit Corp of Minden vs. Jessie Harrison (Promissory Note)

LNVN Funding LLC vs. Monica M. Harris (Open Account)

CVI Loan GT Trust I vs. Martha McPherson (Open Account)

Gibbsland Bank an dTrust vs. Johnathan C. Salter (On Note)

Danny McGuire vs. Tim Pee (Eviction)

Courtesy Loans vs. Chelsea Catchings (Judg. Exec. & Garnishment)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Laura Ryan (Promissory Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Billy West (Promissory Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Latwan Winston (Promissory Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Chadrick Hollingsworth (Promissory Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Andre Key (Promissory Note)

1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Rebecca Wood (Promissory Note)

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Corporation vs. Brandi M. Scott (Open Account)

North Parke Apts. vs. Haley Miller (Eviction)

Kimberly Ellington vs. Jayce Stewart Craig & Cash-N-Flash, Inc. (Damages)

Linda Kinsey vs. Daniel Seets (Eviction)

Triple-S Holdings, LLC vs. Raymond & Barbara Warren (Eviction)

Kayla Collins vs. Roosevelt DeLeon Jr. (Damages)

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Tierra Tillis (Open Account)

Discover Bank vs. Phyllis J. Daniels (Open Account)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Shelby C. Howell (Promissory Note)

Tower Loan of Minden vs. Lajayda Odom (Promissory Note)

## BUSINESS NEWS

# Hobby Lobby to open in Bossier City in October

Hobby Lobby is set to open one of its national chain stores in Bossier City in late October.

Construction is currently underway on the 57,000 square-foot building located at 1051 George Dement Blvd., in the Kroger Marketplace development on the corner of George Dement Boulevard and Airline Drive.

This is Hobby Lobby's 14th location in Louisiana, and the second in Shreveport-Bossier.

The location will bring about 35-50 jobs to the community paying \$15.24 per hour for full-time and \$10.16 per hour for part-time associates.

"Once you visit Hobby Lobby, you will see that we are very unique, offering the widest variety of merchandise in the craft and home decor market under one roof. We're tremendously excited about becoming a part of the community," John Schumacher, Assistant Vice

President of Advertising said.

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., headquartered in Oklahoma City, began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970. When David Green moved his business from the family's garage to a 300 square foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded. Today, Hobby Lobby has over 650 stores across the nation that average 55,000 square feet in size.

## 2015 FLOOD

# Red River levee work holding up to high water

ALEXANDRIA— Officials say the high level of the Red River has provided a good test of the work being done on levees in Rapides Parish.

Project engineers tell The Town Talk the overall project to fix deficiencies in the levees so they can be recertified is about 80 percent complete. It is expected to be finished in the first half of 2016.

The Red River recent-

ly reached its highest stage in the Alexandria area in more than 20 years. Parish officials say relief wells that have been installed and other work to relieve pressure on the levees are doing the job.

Parish and municipal officials agreed to use about \$16 million in federal drainage funds to repair the levees to meet new federal guidelines.



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PERSPECTIVE

## Young or young at heart

One of the most relaxing things we do is sit on the porch and have coffee or just watch the world around us.

Recently while sitting, the rains came in and it was so calming to see the rain fall and hear it as it hit the tin roof of a shed nearby.

Because of the recent rains, the yard is a vibrant green and was recently mowed, therefore we could enjoy the leisurely down time knowing that it was taken care of for a while.

The trees swayed with the breeze and the few flowers we have added colorful splashes across the yard.

It's at a time such as this, one can realize how truly blessed we are to live in a beautiful world.

The rain didn't last long, however when it stopped, the entire area looked clean and refreshed.

Summer rains are meant to be enjoyed. They're unlike the ones that will appear later that threaten to bring storms or icy conditions.

The summer rains are usually gentle rains; rains that encourage sitting and watching, and even short naps as one listens to the rain come down.

At times, the rain is accompanied by rolls of thunder and streaks of lightening. One can usually tell when this is far off, and so can still enjoy the pleasant shower.



FANNIE MOORE

Hopefully, the storm will pass on by, leaving just the rain.

As adults we tend to take the rains for granted, but in the eyes of a child, it is a fantastic playground.

One afternoon, we watched as two three-year-olds discovered the joy of a summer shower.

They eased out, holding out their hands to capture the rain drops. A look at their parents seemed to ask, "Is this okay?"

When they received a go-ahead, they moved into the rain and splashed and danced around as they enjoyed a totally new experience.

What a simple joy the rain provided for these two, a joy that we, as adults, tend to overlook. We have become too sophisticated to enjoy playing in the rain, however, I'll bet each of us can recall a time when we found pleasure in such simple things.

Perhaps it's time for us to turn back the time and re-live the simpler things we enjoyed when we were young.

We might even take off our shoes and walk through the damp grass.

Let's take the time to recall some of the simple pleasures, and make time to enjoy them once again. It doesn't matter what age we are, we can always be young at heart.

*Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects.*

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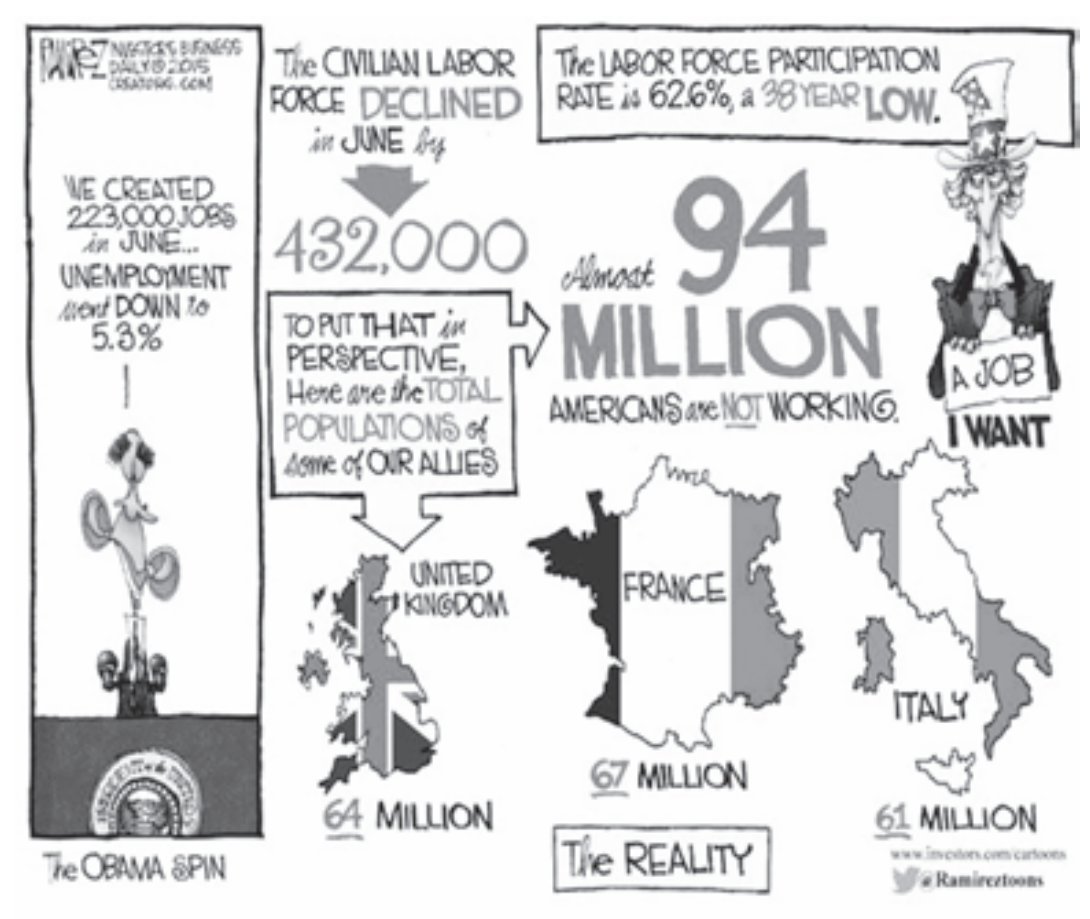
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## A government of men and women

Are we really a "government of laws, not of men" as John Adams once famously said?

Several instances over the last few weeks reminded us clearly that it is the opinions of men and women that determine what the law means, who it should apply to and how it will be enforced.

I reported to the 19th Judicial District Court last Monday for jury duty, along with many of my fellow citizens, to comply with my summons and hopefully be excused from further service in short order. We all convened in the jury holding area and had the same looks on our faces and thoughts in our heads: that we would likely not be needed and we could get back to our daily grind in no time.



STEPHEN WAGUESPACK

While many of my fellow jury duty invitees were in fact soon excused from service, I was one of the few selected. While not the result I was originally hoping for, I can tell you in hindsight that I left that experience in complete awe for a few reasons.

First, I found the court administrators, lawyers, and the judge handled the jury selection and trial process extremely professionally. They were well prepared, organized and took the time to explain the process clearly to us throughout the trial. Second, my fellow jury members sat through an intense and emotional trial and deliberated in a responsible and meticulous manner. They followed the court's direction, listened to

the evidence and were driven to a result solely by the facts and evidence shown. We walked into that room as strangers but departed as a team of citizens that had worked together to accomplish the task we had been given to deliver a judgment based upon the law. Lastly, the entire process reminded me how lucky we are to live in a nation governed by a constitution that contains several checks and balances to ensure the rights of the governed are protected and the powers of the government are limited.

While my recent involvement in the jury process was a personal reminder of the critical role men and women in our court system play in our daily lives, recent rulings by our Supreme Court remind us that one single vote by a man or woman can change or affirm the interpretation of our laws in an instant.

Much of discussion of late has been by those either in support or opposition to the decision in Obergefell vs. Hodges dealing with marriage, but in reality that was only one of several noteworthy decisions made by a one-person margin.

The ability to use certain drugs for lethal injection, the requirements for federal regulators to factor in economic impact when issuing new emission mandates, the process for determining Congressional district lines, the standard to prove discrimination in fair housing cases, a state's ability to reject a flag depicted on a license plate, and how judicial candidates can ask for campaign contributions were all decided by one person's vote on the Court.

One person decided how those laws were to be interpreted, to whom the law would apply and how it would be enforced.

Only two people made the voting difference on deciding the constitutionality of the Obamacare tax subsidies used in over 30 states, despite the seemingly plain language of that specific law to the contrary.

Our nation has always prided itself for having a Constitution that protects certain inalienable rights and a foundation in the law that governs our nation in a fair and peaceful manner.

This all began on July 4, 1776, when our Founding Fathers made the decision to seek their independence by declaring, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Our nation began by this brave decision by people, it has been defended over the years by the brave actions by more people, and it has become the most powerful nation on earth because of the innovative and courageous actions of people in the public and private sector over the last few centuries.

With apologies to John Adams, our people drive our American story just as much, if not more so, than the laws themselves.

We are a nation of people. They drafted our early laws, continue to enforce them, have amended them countless times through the years and define (and redefine) them to this day. We may proudly be a nation of laws, but we are in practice much more than that.

Not sure if this is what Adams envisioned, but a nation of men and women we most definitely are.

Stephen Waguespack is the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the largest and most effective advocacy organization in the state.

PERSPECTIVE

## Heroes, Villains

Have you seen the new Jurassic Park movie, "Jurassic World?"

It had the biggest opening of any movie in history. The movie tells how a reckless biotech company releases dinosaurs that kill its customers. Its tale of heroes vs. villains made me think about how America has changed since our independence, the anniversary of which we celebrate this weekend.

We call the men who fought the British "heroes." But we no longer consider the British "villains." We don't even seem to hate monarchs anymore. Disney princesses and royal babies are all the rage.

Hollywood needs heroes and villains, and over time those roles changed. It was once cowboys vs. Indians, then Americans soldiers vs. Nazis and "Japs," then Russians, then Arabs, then ...

Well, now Hollywood is more careful about whom it calls a villain. But one group is always eligible — businessmen. In movies and on TV, evil corporations routinely dispatch heartless goons to rough up whistleblowers, political activists and average citizens. The new anarchist drama series "Mr. Robot" on USA Network even features a company called "Evil Corp."

Don't Hollywood writers realize that abusing customers would be a bad business model? No. They refuse to see that it rarely happens, and when it does it's unsustainable.

In the real world, instead of killing customers or scheming to keep them poor, companies profit by trying really hard to give us what we want, and they prefer that we stay healthy, if only so that we keep buying their stuff and to limit their insurance liability.

I say, entrepreneurs and scientists are the world's real heroes. They save and extend lives.

The website ScienceHeroes.com estimates how many lives scientists save. Fritz Haber and Carl Bosch, whose synthetic fertilizers made food easier to grow, are credited with saving 2.7 billion lives. Blood researchers Karl Landsteiner and Richard Lewisohn saved more than a billion by making blood transfusions possible.

Others in the site's top 10 include the creators of water chlorination and vaccines, as well as Norman Borlaug, credited with saving at least a quarter-billion lives for creating more abundant wheat strains and sparking the so-called "Green Revolution."

Then there are the creators of CPR, AIDS drugs, bypass surgery, pacemakers, dialysis and more, each with millions of lives to their credit.

Weirdly, few monuments honor these life-saving scientists. Instead, politicians celebrate politicians. We get the William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building, George Bush High School and Florida's President Barack Obama Parkway.

But how many lives did those politicians save? Any? Mostly, they presided over a bureaucracy that imposed taxes and regulations that make it harder to innovate and save lives. What's heroic about that?

In the movies, anti-business activists like Erin Brockovich are depicted as lifesavers. Brockovich, a hustler for personal injury lawyers, used her ample charm and cleavage to recruit clients who sued Pacific Gas and Electric, claiming the power company gave them cancer.

That was highly unlikely, given that the accused chemical, hexavalent chromium, causes cancer only at much higher doses. PG&E workers, despite being exposed to much more of it, live longer than average.

But Brockovich still got PG&E to pay out over \$300 million, of which she got \$2 million. That makes her a hero?

Part of the problem is the way our brains have evolved to spot friends and foes. A big, faceless corporation isn't warm and friendly, but activists have smiling faces and say they want to help us.

Who has time to calculate the number of lives they've each saved? Our hearts embrace the ones who sound like they have good intentions but are wary of those who are out for profit.

I wish more people thought like statistician Bjorn Lomborg. Unlike many of his fellow environmentalists, he takes the time to rank the lives saved and the money spent on various projects, and he finds that the ones that inspire the most passion, like slowing global warming, aren't the ones where lives are most at stake.

Many more lives would be saved if we poured resources into cleaning drinking water or preventing malaria, but those crusades don't celebrate Hollywood's heroes or punish the "villains" in business.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."



JOHN STOSSEL





**Kara Gradi Stevens and Thomas Hollie Worsham IV were united in marriage Saturday, June 20, 2015.** Courtesy Photo

# Stevens - Worsham united in marriage

Kara Gradi Stevens and Thomas Hollie Worsham IV were united in marriage Saturday, June 20, 2015 at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church in Minden. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Bill Collins. A reception at the First Baptist Church in Minden followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Grady Stevens and Ms. Marilyn Stevens, both of Natchitoches. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rhea and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Worsham III of Shreveport. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Worsham Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ashton E. Bouis Sr.

The bride's sisters Marla Alpizar and Tiffany Stevens served as Matrons of

Honor; the bride's niece Adeline Holyfield, Becky Henderson, and Cindy Byles were Bridesmaids; and nieces Sofia Alpizar served as Junior Bridesmaid and Leila Alpizar served as flower girl.

The groom was attended by his father Thomas H. Worsham III and his brother Patrick Worsham as Best Men, with Groomsmen Todd DuBose, Chane Rascoe, and Chris Nunnenkamp. Masters Jack Worsham and Samuel Worsham, nephews of the groom, served as Junior Groomsmen and ring bearer respectively.

Serving as ushers were Wade Penfield, Lane Corley, Parris DiPaul, Chris Landis, Joe Wood and Mark Chrene.

Special thanks is extended to the many that made the day such a blessed event. First Baptist Church in Minden for their support and generosity.

The amazing cakes were created by Debbie Lou Griffin. Decorations designed and coordinated by Lori Collier and the wedding director was Cindy Walker. The wedding photographer was Cara Beth Studios. Fanettes Flowers created the beautiful bridal bouquet and groom's boutonnieres.

Both the bride and the groom are graduates of Northwestern State University. Thomas is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and Kara received her Master of Arts in Teaching from Northwestern State University. Thomas is Minister of Students at First Baptist Church in Minden and Kara will be teaching Math at Minden High School. After a honeymoon in Europe the couple will make their home in Minden.

## WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

# Minden Patillo TarHeels Basketball Organization hosting shootout tourney

The Minden Patillo TarHeels Basketball Organization will host its first Bayou Basketball Shootout Tournament at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 11 at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School. The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the organization as they prepare to travel to Dallas for the PrimeTime National Basketball Championship. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children 5 and under are free.

Minden Patillo TarHeels Organization is a nonprofit basketball organization for boys and girls ages 14 to 17; and is committed to working with children in the community to give them skills to play basketball and teach sportsman-



ship. The teams compete in tournaments throughout north Louisiana, east Texas and south Arkansas.

The team is seeking donations to be used to support expenses needed for the national tournament in Dallas.

The Minden Patillo TarHeels are led by head coach and founder, Jerome Blalock and assistant coaches, Darell Banks, Trent Jackson, Keyla Jacobs, Atorri "AJ" Shine and Rashad Wortham.

# Around Town

**July 7, 2015**

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

**July 12, 2015**

Mount Comfort Baptist Church will host Dea. Donald Joseph of Blue Run Baptist Church for a worshipservice on the impor-

tance of Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Mt. Zion C.M.E Church will celebrate the 3rd appreciation for the Rev. Raymond F. Hampton at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Perrico Robinson of Belen Church in Belen, New Mexico

**July 12, 2015**

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

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## SPORTS briefs

### GOLF

#### McIlroy officially out of British Open

LONDON (AP) — Rory McIlroy was on crutches Monday with an ankle injury from playing soccer, leaving in doubt the prospects of golf's No. 1 player defending his British Open title next week at St. Andrews.

Just as excitement was building toward a potential clash at the Old Course between McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, McIlroy posted a jarring photo on Instagram showing him on crutches with a walking boot on this left ankle. The 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said it was a "total rupture" of an ankle ligament and the joint capsule that happened while he was playing soccer with friends.

Sean O'Flaherty, his chief spokesman, said McIlroy has withdrawn from the Scottish Open this week at Gullane. O'Flaherty said they would not know until later in the week the extent of the injury and whether McIlroy would be able to tee it up July 16 at St. Andrews.

Ben Hogan in 1954 was the last British Open champion who did not play the following year.

McIlroy had been the joint favorite along with Spieth. They have won the last four majors — the first time in nearly a century that two players in their 20s have shared four successive majors — and Spieth is headed to St. Andrews as only the fourth player with a chance at the Grand Slam.

### MLB

#### Rookies land on all-star team as reserves

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than three months after making his major league debut, Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant is an All-Star, one of two rookies selected along with Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson.

But there was no room on the roster for Alex Rodriguez, enjoying a renaissance in his return to the New York Yankees following a season-long drug suspension.

Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal also was a first-time selection Monday for the July 14 game in Cincinnati. Grandal became the third All-Star this year who served a drug-related suspension for conduct connected to the Biogenesis of America clinic. Seattle slugger Nelson Cruz and St. Louis shortstop Jhonny Peralta were elected by fans to start.

Albert Pujols of the Angels will start at first base for the AL in place of Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, who injured a calf muscle Friday. Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen will start in the NL outfield instead of Miami's Giancarlo Stanton, who broke his hand on June 26.

### DIXIE BASEBALL

# ALL-STARS PLAY ON

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#### Darlings Minden Nationals 5 Union 4

Laney Taylor led the Nationals with two hits, followed by Holly Estes with a base hit. Laney Taylor also pitched all six innings, striking out nine batters.

#### Minden Nationals 0 Haughton 10

Laney Taylor, Francis Robinson and Madison Bumgardner all had hits for Minden in the loss. Taylor Bumgardner pitched for Minden.

The Darlings finished their district tournament as District 6 runners-up and will now travel to Alexandria on July 17 for the state tournament.

#### Dixie Angels Minden 9 Haughton 2

Emma Earnhardt tripled and doubled to lead Minden, followed by Maci Tanner and Emma Pittman with two hits each. Ella Floyd, Piper Stephens and

Landry Malone each added base hits. Stephens was the winning pitcher, tossing four innings and striking out four batters.

The Angel All-Stars will now play for the district tournament title Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in Haughton.

#### AAA Minden Nationals 18 Bossier 15

Maddox Mandino led the Minden Nationals to a victory by blasting two home runs and a double. Landry Powell, Cooper Chase and Brandon Winston all added doubles and C.J. Watts had two singles. Ethan Latour, Kendall Dee Flournoy, Cason Clemons, Bryce Powell and Chase Tolbert all had singles.

#### Dixie Youth Minden Cont. 5 Minden Nationals 1

Hayden Brown doubled and Grady Brasher singled for the only two hits the Minden Continentals would need. Jackson Powell got the win for the Continentals on the mound.



Dayton Sims crosses the plate for the AAA Minden Nationals in a game last week at the sub-district tournament in Farmerville. The Nationals are undefeated in the district tournament. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

# TAF President to speak at tournament

#### BLAKE BRANCH

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The Webster-Claiborne LSU Alumni Association is gearing up for this year's golf tournament at Pine Hills Country Club on Thursday, July 16

The tournament format will feature two-person scramble play, with prizes going to first, second and third place winners in each flight. The tournament will be flighted after play is complete.

There will also be a closest to the hole contest on all par 3's.

Players should meet at the pro shop at 9:45 a.m. the morning of the tournament to go over rules.

The tournament raises scholarship money for students in Webster and Claiborne Parish who are attending LSU.



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\$1,000 per year scholarship, but Webster-Claiborne Parish LSUAA President Gary Haynes said this year there will be two lucky winners.

"This will be the first year that we will give two,

\$1,000 scholarships," Haynes said. "That's a pretty good scholarship I'd say."

After the tournament, there will be a cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by the tournament banquet and fish fry at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers for this year's tournament will be LSU Tiger Athletic Fund (TAF) President and CEO Rick Perry and LSU Alumni President and CEO Cliff Vannoy.

Perry, a native of Chalmette, has been employed by LSU in various capacities since 1981. He began his work with

TAF in 1987. His responsibilities include overseeing day-to-day operations such as staff development and fundraising activities, as well as fostering lines of communications for LSU athletics and developing support projects.

Vannoy is a veteran alumni relations professional who joined the LSU Alumni Federation (now Association) in 1981 as assistant to the director for corporate giving, rising in positions of responsibility to vice president for alumni development and executive vice president and chief operating officer.



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### LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

# Mike Wood retires; reflects on Caney Lake

For the better part of the past four decades, Mike Wood has been the main source I turn to when I want to know something about freshwater fisheries as it relates to our area lakes. Wood retired recently after logging in 37 years as a biologist with the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). For the past several years leading up to his retirement, Wood was Director of Inland Fisheries for the state agency.

We caught up with Wood recently to talk about his years with the LDWF and Caney Lake, one lake in particular that has held a good measure of his interest and work.

"I made a trip down to Caney recently and I have been very pleased with what I'm seeing and hearing from fishermen. The bass fishery," Wood declared, "is essentially back.

"We're starting to see a

few more bass in the double digit range showing up and the bream and crappie fisheries are also doing great. In a word, Caney is back," he said.

"We went through a several year dry spell period because the habitat was missing. Grass carp had pretty well knocked vegetation back to virtually nothing, giving the fish little cover. The numbers of record book bass just about disappeared."

Reflecting on the history of what happened on Caney during those dark days, I researched an article I wrote several years ago. Here's a quote from that article, explaining the problem.

"Coincidentally, about the time all the big bass were coming to the scales, something was happening beneath Caney's still

waters. The lake had developed a serious problem with a profusion of aquatic vegetation, primarily in the form of the exotic species, hydrilla. After several attempts failed to reduce the grass, the decision was made to introduce an exotic species to control the hydrilla. Sterile triploid carp, more commonly known as White Amur, or simply, grass carp, were released into the lake in 1994.

"The carp did their job efficiently and in the minds of many, the job was too efficient. Much second-guessing has gone on over the past decade about the prudence of using an exotic species of fish, at least in the number of carp released, to curtail the submerged vegetation. In a couple of years after 12,500 grass carp were released into Caney Lake,



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the hydrilla was essentially gone, along with other native species such as coon-tail. The lake, which has no standing timber, had offered bass plenty of habitat in the form of aquatic vegetation but once it was gone, the fish had no place to hide. It wasn't long before numbers of big fish began a decline and as the big bass disappeared, so did the fishermen."

Today, the situation looks much brighter and is due in part to two components. The carp are no longer an issue and aquatic vegetation is returning.

"There are only a few old carp left in the lake and they are no longer having an impact on the fishery. In addition," Wood said, "grass is coming back. We planted eel grass that is growing quite nicely. It's a native plant and we getting good reproduction.

"With the return of suitable habitat, it would-

He was instrumental in overseeing the expansion and progress of today's highly successful association and involved in the establishment of numerous scholarships, professorships and programs that benefit LSU students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Cost of admission for the banquet is \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. To RSVP for the banquet please call Kay Elzen at 377-8364 or 455-2294.

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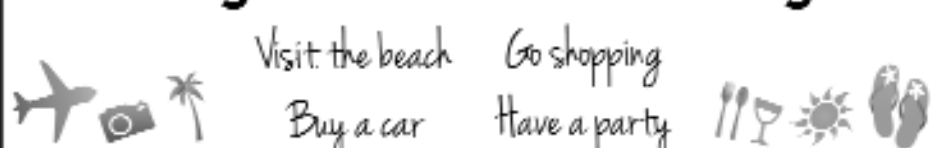
n't shock me to see a 15 or 16 pound bass caught in Caney. Without cover, the fish had to expend lots of energy chasing down forage which doesn't allow them to put on weight as opposed to hiding in vegetation and slurping down forage fish that swim by."

Although retired from the state agency, Wood won't spend all his time fishing and relaxing. He plans to continue doing what he really loves, and that involves working with the state's fishery.

"I am starting my own consulting business to help folks with questions and problems with their lakes and ponds. Anyone with problems or needing management advice can contact me at 318/376-3474, or my e-mail address at mikewoodservices@gmail.com.

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<b>8</b> Cavort	<b>43</b> "I hope you succeed"	<b>6</b> Not a lot	<b>26</b> Re earth science
<b>12</b> Concept	<b>48</b> Lotion additive	<b>7</b> End of the line?	<b>27</b> Therefore
<b>13</b> Island souvenir	<b>49</b> Anger	<b>8</b> Money back	<b>28</b> Throat sound
<b>14</b> Ontario neighbor	<b>50</b> Needle case	<b>9</b> Exam format	<b>29</b> Prospec- tor's find
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<b>18</b> Coffee holder	<b>53</b> Exemplar of 24- Across	<b>16</b> Sister	<b>35</b> User of 7-Down
<b>19</b> Semi, e.g.		<b>20</b> Helps	<b>37</b> Peregri- nate
<b>21</b> Pie nut		<b>21</b> Overly proper one	<b>38</b> List- ending abbr.
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