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WEBSTER PARISH

Concerns arise over water study

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Concerns are rising over the effects on the Sparta Aquifer if water is drawn out of Bayou Dorcheat.

Sen. Robert Adley sent a letter to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries raising that concern if a Scenic Rivers permit is issued to Bossier Parish for a surface water study.

"If and when a Scenic Rivers permit is requested to divert water from Bayou Dorcheat through a Camp Minden intake system, I strongly suggest that the ramifications to the aquifer be considered," he wrote in a letter to LDWF. "It is my understanding that DWF [sic] denied such a permit to withdraw



ADLEY

from Bayou Dorcheat in 1980. The reasons for denial in 1980 remain today - the waters of Bayou Dorcheat should be preserved for the future use of Webster Parish."

In May, the Webster Parish Police Jury agreed to join the Bossier Parish Police Jury in a feasibility study to look at the possible benefits of drawing water off Bayou Dorcheat by way of reopening a long-dormant water treatment plant at Camp Minden. A previous study revealed most of

the need for water was in Webster Parish along with at least one water system in Bossier Parish. According to that study, the impact to Bayou Dorcheat was minimal.

In a separate interview, Adley said he received a response from LDWF; however, his concern remains the effects on drinking water.

"Basically, they said go ahead

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DOWNTOWN MINDEN



Minden Mayor Tommy Davis welcomes Becky White to the City of Minden as the new downtown development director. White says she's ready to take on the responsibilities of the job and get started. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

CITY OF MINDEN HIRES A DOWNTOWN DIRECTOR

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Newly hired downtown development director Becky White is ready to hit the ground running.

Following a unanimous vote by the Minden City Council, with district C councilman Vincen Bradford

absent, White says she is ready to help make her hometown better.

Fayrine Kennon-Gilbert made the motion for her hire and seconded by Benny Gray.

"I've lived in the City of Minden all my life, and it's a wonderful place to live and grow up," White said. "I just think I can make it better."

With the Show and Shine Car

Show around the corner in September and Main to Main following after that, she will be busy from the onset.

"I'm up to it," she said. "I'm ready."

When asked what she wants to see happen for downtown, she says

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MINDEN CRIME

One arrested on meth charge

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A Marion man was busted with suspected methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

Demetre James Smith, 39, of the 200 block of Allen Street in Marion, was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 11, and charged with possession of Schedule II C D S (methamphetamine) and cited for a broken tail lamp. Bond was set at \$5,150.



SMITH

Police chief Steve Cropper says Smith was pulled over for a broken tail lamp around 1 a.m., and during the course of the traffic stop, his officers found a metal container on the ground beside the driver's door.

"This stems from a traffic stop on Chandler Street," he said. "Inside the container were two small bags of methamphetamine. Mr. Smith indicated to officers that the container and the contents were his and must have fallen out of his pocket when he stepped out of his vehicle."

Smith was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

LOUISIANA GAMING

Lottery revenue grows, nearing \$454 million last year

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana's lottery is raking in more cash from players.

The state lottery corporation announced Wednesday it took in nearly \$454

million in the fiscal year that ended June 30. The corporation says that's up about \$3.3 million from the prior year and the lottery's second-largest haul since operations began in 1991.

Lottery President Rose Hudson said in a statement that scratch-off tickets were a revenue-driver, with sales growing 13 percent.

Under Louisiana law, 35

percent of the money generated by the lottery goes to the state treasury, dedicated to public elementary and secondary education. The lottery says it transferred more than \$158 mil-

lion to K-12 education last year.

Other dollars go to retailers that sell tickets, and at least half of the lottery's revenue pays for prizes for players.

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AROUND THE NATION

Doctors: Various factors figure into Carter cancer treatment

ATLANTA — Determining what treatment to pursue for former President Jimmy Carter's cancer will depend on its type, its origin and factors such as age and health, doctors said.

Carter, 90, announced Wednesday that recent liver surgery found cancer that has spread to other parts of his body.

"I will be rearranging my schedule as necessary so I can undergo treatment by physicians at Emory Healthcare," Carter said in the statement released by the Carter Center in Atlanta.

The statement indicates that the 39th president's cancer is widespread but not where it originated, or even whether that is known at this point. The liver is often a place where cancer spreads and less commonly is the primary source of it.

Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said "there's a lot we don't know," but the first task likely will be determining where the cancer originated, which can help determine what treatment Carter may be eligible for. Sometimes the primary site can't be determined, so genetic analysis of the tumor might be done to see what mutations are driving it and what drugs might target those mutations.

"Given the president's age, any treatments, their potential and their impacts, will undoubtedly be discussed carefully with him and his family," Lichtenfeld said.

Age by itself does not preclude successful cancer treatment, said Dr. Lodovico Balducci, a specialist on treating cancer in the elderly at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. Much



Jimmy Carter. Courtesy Photo

depends on the patient's "biological" age versus his actual years, he said.

"A man 90 years old normally would have a life expectancy of two or three years, but Jimmy Carter is probably much younger than that" in terms of his function, Balducci said. "If he tolerated liver surgery, I imagine he has a relatively good tolerance" to other treatments that might be tried. For example, Moffitt has developed a scoring system to estimate how well an older person would tolerate chemotherapy and the risk of serious side effects.

The first task is to determine whether the cancer is curable, "which is unlikely with metastatic cancer," or if it is possible to meaningfully prolong the life through surgery or other treatments, Balducci said. "Cancer in a 90-year-old is a serious problem, but that does not mean a 90-year-old cannot benefit from treatment."

Carter's statement said further information will be provided when more facts are known, "possibly next week."

Despite remaining

active through the years, Carter's health has recently become the subject of speculation. In May, he was forced to cut short an election observation visit to Guyana when he developed a bad cold.

Carter also completed a book tour this summer to promote his latest work, "A Full Life," which includes his family's history of pancreatic cancer. He wrote in the memoir that his father, brother and two sisters all died of the disease and said the trend "concerned" the former president's doctors at Emory.

Carter wrote that being the only nonsmoker in his family "may have been what led to my longer life."

He announced Aug. 3 that he had surgery to remove a small mass from his liver. Carter Center spokeswoman Deanna Congileo earlier this month called the liver surgery "elective."

An Emory spokesman declined comment Wednesday.

Good wishes poured in on social media after Carter's announcement. President Barack Obama said he and first lady

Michelle Obama wish Carter a fast and full recovery.

"Jimmy, you're as resilient as they come, and along with the rest of America, we are rooting for you," Obama said in a statement.

Vice President Joe Biden said he was praying for Carter, who is "a great man, always upbeat and optimistic."

Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz said her thoughts were with Carter and his family: "I wish him strength as he faces this challenge head on, as I am sure he will do with the same spirit with which he has always fought on behalf of others."

A Georgia peanut farmer who had been a state senator and governor of Georgia for a single term before running for president, Carter defeated Gerald Ford in 1976 with a pledge to always be honest. He ended up seeing a second term doomed by a number of foreign policy conflicts — in particular, the Iran hostage crisis — before losing in a landslide to Ronald Reagan in 1980.

He spent the decades since carving out a reputation for promoting such global issues as health care and democracy, often with his wife Rosalynn by his side. He joined the staff of Emory University and in 1982 established the Carter Center to promote those issues.

His new role as global statesman took him into places often shunned by other diplomats. Carter helped defuse nuclear tensions between the Koreans and monitored the first Palestinian elections. In 2002, he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

AROUND THE STATE

Army says nay to 700 feral horses roaming La. base

JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

Herds of feral horses are roaming on thousands of acres in Louisiana where soldiers conduct intensive training, posing a danger and a nuisance to troops at risk of being kicked, bitten or unpleasantly surprised by random piles of manure, Army officials say.

"Sometimes training has to be halted while they shoo horses out," said Kim Reischling, spokeswoman for Fort Polk, a 198,000-acre base about 20 miles from the Texas state line.

The officials are trying to find a way to deal with the approximately 700 "trespass horses," and are holding a meeting Thursday to hear input from residents and animal rights groups, among others.

Most of the horses can be found on about 48,000 of the 90,000 acres of forest land that the base uses for training, said Jim Caldwell, spokesman for the 604,000-acre forest.

Some people speculate that the horses are descended from Army cavalry horses, and a local author has self-published a children's book based on that tale. But it is more likely that they are descendants of area farm and ranch horses, said Reischling and Rita Bingham, director of the Humane Society of West Louisiana.

Others were almost certainly released fairly recently by people who could no longer afford to

feed them, Caldwell said.

"These horses vary from being pretty untamed to coming up and eating potato chips out of your hand. So some of them have not been there that long," he said.

Roundups are difficult because the horses spend much of their time in the forest, officials said. In addition to presenting a nuisance for the soldiers, they also put a damper on local hunters' efforts, according to Caldwell.

"If you plant wildlife foods for deer or turkey, the horses are right on those foods because they're fertilized, and more nutritious."

They also snarf up sprouts from seed planted to control erosion, he said.

Reischling said one problem is what the horses leave behind: "horse manure in the areas used by soldiers."

Reischling said a roundup in 1993 snared 41 horses, which were placed with two local ranches. Another in 2000 placed only eight with new owners.

In 2007, horses were caught, tested for infectious diseases, and sterilized.

As far as controlling the horse population goes, however, "the sterilization does not work," Reischling said.

"With animals migrating in from other properties or being dumped, it's been determined that the sterilization process will likely not even stop growth," she said. "And in any case, it would take years."

Officials plan to use Dorcheat as source of water for Webster, Bossier parishes

WATER

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and get your feasibility study together and we'll see what it looks like," he said. "I can tell you as someone who has looked at that aquifer over the years, and seen the draw-down of that aquifer and the concerns over it, that one of the ways it's clearly replenished is out of the surface waters of Bayou

Dorcheat."

Webster Parish Police Jury President Jim Bonsall says he understands there are concerns, and even expected them, but the jury would not be in favor of any decisions regarding the waterway if he thought it would hurt the parish or its constituents.

"It's not something we would support if it was just Bossier Parish coming into Webster Parish to get water," he said. "Bossier Parish needs some water,

and that's why they are willing to pay for this first study. It is not a deal where Bossier Parish is going to come into Webster Parish and start pumping water out of Webster Parish.

"The real truth is this is state water," he continued, "and truthfully, we could

not stop them if they went through all the red tape to do this. It is just as much as their water as it is ours. The deal is if we are not on board, then they are not going to proceed with it."

The permit to draw water from Bayou Dorcheat has been applied

for; however, if they don't get the permit, then Bonsall says there's no point in doing the study.

Bonsall also says if the permit is granted and the study reveals drawing water from Dorcheat is feasible, a water board made up of Bossier and Webster

citizens will be created.

"That water board will determine who will be able to buy water," he said. "It won't be just a Bossier Parish deal."

The cost of the total study is about \$125,000 and will take about a year to complete.

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ROUND UP

The Daily Star Jon Stewart's departure

"Dear Jon Stewart," tweeted revered funnyman Mel Brooks on Thursday. "What are (fellow aged comedian Carl Reiner) and I supposed to do every night now?! Well, I guess it's back to McHale's Navy."

Brooks' response to Thursday night being Stewart's last on "The Daily Show" might have been a bit dire, but still the question remains: What do we watch now at 11 p.m. on Monday through Thursday?

Already, after just one barren Monday, there seems to be a void, not just in that half-hour four days a week, but in the anticipation of what Stewart might say after we hear a politician or television pundit say something outrageously awful.

Who is going to deflate those pompous windbags of both political parties now that Stewart has ended his 16-year run? Who is going to at least try to keep Fox News honest?

More than 3.5 million people tuned in to his final night on "The Daily Show," and more than a million more viewed it online in just several hours afterward. The finale was heartfelt without being maudlin — just like Stewart himself on those occasions when he would put comedy aside for a few minutes and express his outrage or disappointment about world events.

For many conservatives, Stewart was their bete noire, a champion of misguided progressives who stood for everything they despised. But if they didn't watch his show because of that impression, they were missing out on more than just some really funny stuff.

While certainly viewing the political world through a liberal prism, Stewart was not the least bit reluctant to skewer prominent Democrats, particularly President Barack Obama (who appeared on the show seven times) and Hillary Clinton.

Stewart's almost nightly revelations of Fox News' hypocrisy, mendacity and bias didn't sit well with many of those on the right, but even Roger Ailes, the mastermind of Fox's success, admitted last week that Stewart was funny.

And that, truly, was what Stewart seemed to care about most. He said many times that he was doing a comedy show that pretended to be a legitimate newscast, not to be mistaken for an actual news show.

That his influence seemed to put a lie to that notion is much more society's fault than his. Those who used "The Daily Show" as their main source of information were misguided, and he freely acknowledged that. But he also had little patience for news networks he felt were not serving the public as well as they should.

CNN was a frequent target (although not nearly as frequent as Fox News). In 2004, Stewart went on CNN's "Crossfire" show and implored hosts Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala to "Stop, stop, stop hurting America" with their "partisan hackery."

CNN's executives took a good look, realized Stewart was right, and canceled the show.

"The Daily Show" almost certainly influenced how some members of Congress would vote on certain legislation. When Stewart spoke, people laughed and they listened.

We are going to miss the laughs ... and the wisdom.

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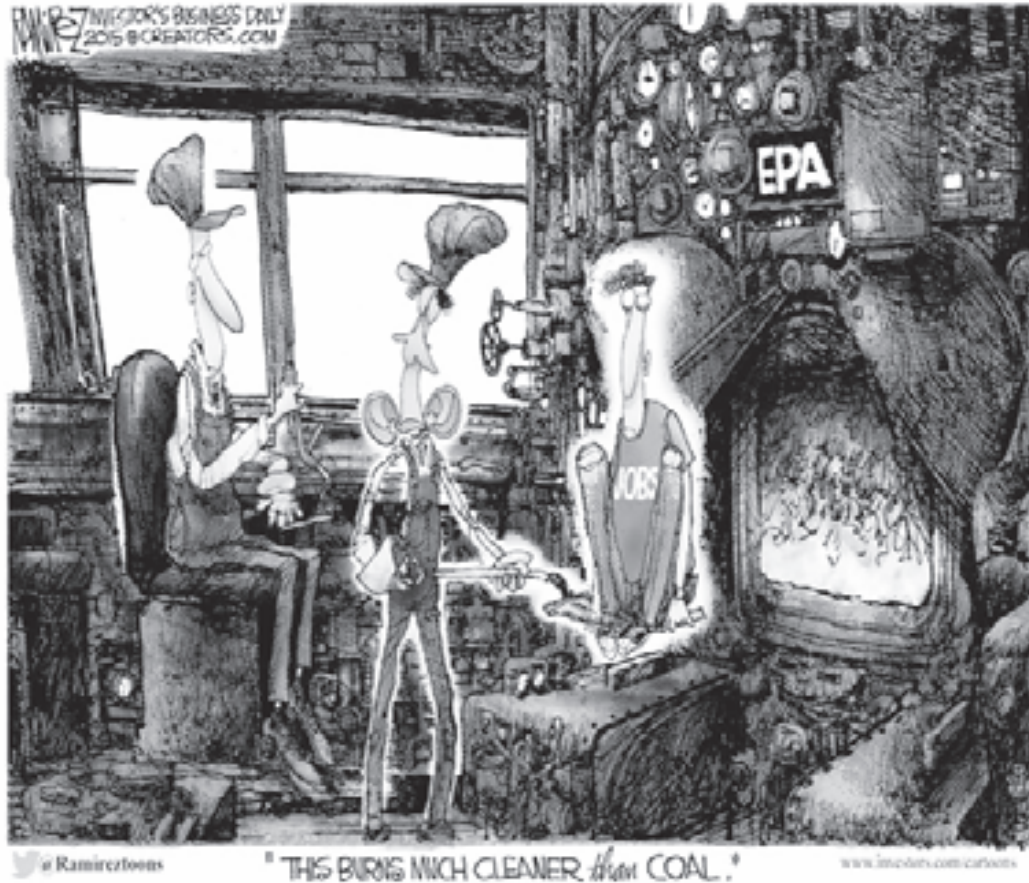
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PERSPECTIVE

Caldwell made the right call

It's not too difficult to comprehend why state Attorney General Buddy Caldwell was criticized for paying some \$38 million in legal fees and other costs to oversee the state's claim against BP in light of the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico more than five years ago.

After all, this is an election year and Caldwell is running again. The blubbering and whining seem appropriate.

At the heart of this so-called controversy is roughly \$6.8 billion the state of Louisiana will collect from BP over the next decade. Louisiana's cut of the settlement, which totals some \$18 billion for five states, is the largest of all the states impacted by Deepwater Horizon. That's only fair since Louisiana suffered the most losses from 4.9 million barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf after the Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded some 41 miles off the Louisiana coast. It took roughly five years of hardball negotiations and squabbles in the courts to force BP to pay up. Eleven people lost their lives on that fateful day, April 20, 2010.

In 2012, BP pled guilty in federal court to 11 counts of manslaughter, two misdemeanors and a felony count of lying to Congress. Hindsight

tells us BP got off with a slap on the wrist since the oil and gas conglomerate is still in business and doing quite well financially.

Though a federal judge appointed a panel of attorneys to spearhead negotiations between the states and BP, Caldwell reasoned that he wanted Louisiana represented by its own attorneys who would answer directly to him. Seems reasonable to me.

But that's where the rub comes into play.

It seems at least some of the attorneys Caldwell hired have a connection to him in some fashion. They either worked for him at one time or they've contributed to his campaigns. And over the course of the past several years, those attorneys have collected or will collect roughly \$38 million from the state, which is pittance compared to the \$600 million the panel attorneys appointed by the court will collect thanks to the settlement. It should be noted the \$600 million in payments to attorneys appointed by the court won't come out of any monies due the states, including Louisiana. It's also worth noting the attorneys Caldwell hired won't collect a dime of the state's share of the settlement with BP for services rendered.

Anyone who has ever been put in the unfortunate position of having to hire a plaintiff attorney knows how the gig works. Often times a plaintiff attorney wants a retainer and a percentage of any money recovered for the client. The going rate is one-third, or roughly 33 percent. Some

attorneys will take 25 percent. Others want 40 percent. Once in awhile an attorney will take a case without a retainer, chancing that the claim represents a win-win. In those instances, the 40 percent fee of any money collected for the client is the norm.

That brings us back to Caldwell and the attorneys he hired to oversee Louisiana's interests in the negotiations with BP.

The \$38 million in attorney fees is a drop in the bucket, especially since \$10 million of it was for discovery that BP eventually paid.

Yet, even if Caldwell had agreed to a percent fee arrangement, someone's got to do the negotiating and the litigating. And 75 percent or 66 percent or 60 percent of something is far better than 100 percent of nothing.

But that scenario doesn't apply in this case. The attorneys who represented Louisiana were or are in the process of being paid roughly \$28 million. That's it. Nothing more.

It's a good deal for the state, and instead of being vilified over it, Caldwell should be applauded for his work.

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PERSPECTIVE

Superrich donors turn our democracy into their plutocracy

Once upon a time in our Good Ol' US-of-A, presidential contenders and their political parties had to raise the funds needed to make the race. How quaint.

But for the 2016 run, this quaint way of selecting our candidates is no longer the case, thanks to the Supreme Court's malicious meddling in the democratic process in its reckless Citizens United decision. In that decision, the five members of the Corporate Cabal decreed that "non-candidate" campaigns can take unlimited sums of money directly from corporations. Therefore a very few wealthy powers can pour money into these murky political operations and gain unwarranted plutocratic power over the election process.

And looking at the fundraising numbers, those wealthy powers have definitely taken charge of the electoral game. These very special interests, who have their own presidential agendas, now put up the vast majority of funds and run their own private campaigns to elect someone who will do their bidding.

So far, of over \$400 million raised to back candidates of either party in next year's race, half of the money has come from a pool of only about 400 people — and two-thirds of their cash went not to candidates directly but to corporate-run super PACs. To get a get a grasp at what this looks like, take a peek at the super PACs supporting Ted Cruz. Of the \$37 million they have raised, \$36 million was pumped in by only three interests — a New York hedge fund manager, a corporate plunderer living in Puerto Rico and the owners of a franking operation who've pocketed billions from the explosive use of this destructive drilling technology.

So while Jeb Bush, Ted Cruz, Scott Walker and gang are the candidates, the driving forces in this election have names like Robert Mercer, Norman Braman, Diane Hendricks, Dan and Farris Wilks, Toby Neugebauer and Miguel Fernandez.

Who are these people? They are part of a small but powerful coterie of multimillionaire corporate executives and billionaires who fund secretive presidential super PACs that can determine who gets nominated.

These elephantine funders play politics like some superrich, heavy-betting gamblers play roulette — putting enormous piles of chips on a name in hopes of getting lucky, then cashing in for governmental favors.

Let's take a look at the funders: —Robert Mercer, chief of the Renaissance Technologies hedge fund, has already put more than \$11 million into Ted Cruz's SuperPAC.

—Norman Braman, former owner of the Philadelphia Eagle's football team, has \$5 million down on Marco Rubio

—Diane Hendricks, the billionaire owner of a roofing outfit and a staunch anti-worker activist, is betting \$5 million on Scott Walker, as are the Koch Brothers.

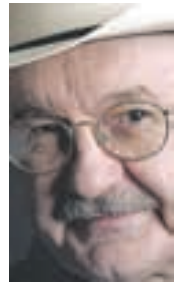
—Mike Fernandez, a billionaire investor in health-care corporations, has backed Jeb Bush with \$3 million.

—Ronald Cameron, an Arkansas poultry baron, is into Mike Huckabee for \$3 million.

These shadowy super PACs amount to exclusive political casinos, with only a handful of million-dollar-plus players dominating each one (including the one behind Hillary Clinton's campaign). These few people are not merely "big donors" — they are owners, with full access to their candidate and an owner's prerogative to shape the candidate's policies and messages.

But one of these new players assures us that they're not buying candidates for corporate and personal gain, but "primarily (for) a love economic freedom."

Sure, sweetheart — all you want is the "economic freedom" to pollute, defraud, exploit, rob and otherwise harm anything and anyone standing between you and another dollar in profit. The problem with the GOP presidential debates is that the wrong people are on stage. These treacherous few donors are using their bags of cash to pervert American democracy into rank plutocracy. Why not put them on stage and make each one answer pointed questions about what special favors they're trying to buy?



JIM HIGHTOWER

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Around Town

Sorority welcomes new teachers

August 16 - 20, 2015

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have annual revival. 3 p.m. Sunday Darrell Johnson of New Star Baptist Church Ringgold will act as evangelist. August 17 through 20 nightly at 7 p.m. Pastor Albert Mickel, Macedonia Baptist of Marrero will be special guest.

August 20, 2015

St. Rest will host a Betty Rose Watts Community Lunch at noon.

August 23, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its fifth Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. James Smith.

The Shepherd's Hut is celebrating its third anniversary at 3 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. All are invited.



The Beta Iota chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a national honorary teachers' sorority, welcomed new teachers attending the Webster First Induction training. They provided refreshments and visited with the new teachers during a morning break. Beta Iota offers a scholarship to persons working toward a teaching degree or teachers continuing their education.

Pictured left are Nan Edwards, chapter president Judy Noles and Marty Kilgore. Below are Kyndal Anders, Nan Edwards and Judy Noles.

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DURAL HAILED A HERO



BATON ROUGE (AP) - Travin Dural's grueling summer started even before LSU's preseason camp began.

The receiver rescued a woman who was trapped in her toppled SUV. "It was a different experience," Dural said recently about the incident.

The Tigers head into Week 2 of camp soon with Dural poised to be the team's go-to receiver for a second straight season. The junior got a head start with some off-the-field

heroics.

Dural, while leaving his Breaux Bridge home, passed an overturned SUV at about 10 p.m. July 30. A woman had swerved off Zin Zin Road, and her Nissan SUV landed upside down in a waterless ditch. Both front doors were jammed. The driver's side door was crushed against the side wall of the 6-foot-deep trench.

She was hanging upside down from the driver's seat, incapable of reaching or opening the back doors, said Michael McQuade, a St. Martin Sheriff deputy who was one of the first on the scene.

"She was trapped in the vehicle," McQuade said.

Dural, along with his cousin, Southern receiver Randall Menard, pried open the rear passenger

door and pulled out the woman from the vehicle, McQuade said.

"We had to muscle it open," Dural said.

"He used his strength," McQuade said.

The woman was not injured.

McQuade and other deputies arrived shortly after Dural's heroics, and a few of them recognized Dural as the Tigers' star wideout. Several of them began taking photos with a player who led LSU in receptions and yards last season.

"They said, 'You don't know who that is?'" said McQuade, a self-proclaimed LSU fan who didn't recognize Dural.

Dural said he and Menard noticed the overturned vehicle after their car lights quickly flashed across the SUV. They drove to a stop sign and

wheeled around.

"It was a good thing we turned around. I'm glad we got a chance to help this lady out," Dural said. "There were no cars on the street. I don't know when the next time somebody was going to come by."

The woman was trapped in the car for about five minutes before Dural arrived on the scene, McQuade said. Zin Zin Road is a lightly traveled thoroughfare. It's about 200 yards off a busier road, McQuade said.

"It's something you normally don't see a young guy his age do," McQuade said of Dural. "Normal people would ride by and call. They wouldn't go above and beyond and stop and check. They actually got the person out of the vehicle."



GLENBROOK FOOTBALL

Apaches play jamboree tonight in Monroe



The Glenbrook Apaches travel to Monroe tonight to take part in the River Oaks jamboree. The Apaches take on Riverdale at 7:10 before turning around to face River Oaks at 8:20. The Apaches start the regular season next Friday on the road at Copiah Academy. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Iwakuma tosses no-no

SEATTLE (AP) — Off the bat, Hisashi Iwakuma believed the slicing flyball was going to find its way to the outfield grass and end his dream of joining an elite pitching fraternity one out shy.

Then he saw Seattle teammate Austin Jackson sprinting with his glove extended in the air, ready to squeeze the final out and put Iwakuma's name next to Hideo Nomo as the only Japanese-born pitchers to throw a no-hitter.

"I can't find the words to express my feelings," Iwakuma said through an interpreter after the fourth no-hitter in the major leagues this season. "I'm truly happy."

Iwakuma became the first American League pitcher in nearly three years to throw a no-hitter, silencing the Baltimore Orioles in the Mariners' 3-0 victory on Wednesday.

Talented but often injured since arriving from Japan in 2012, the 34-year-old native of Tokyo didn't overpower the Orioles.

That's not his style.

Instead, Iwakuma smartly used a biting splitter and precise control to throw the fourth individual no-hitter in franchise history and become the oldest pitcher since Randy



Johnson in 2004 to throw a no-no.

Iwakuma's gem ended a streak of 11 straight individual no-hitters thrown by National League pitchers, including

three this season: Philadelphia's Cole Hamels — prior to his trade to Texas — Washington's Max Scherzer and San Francisco's Chris Heston.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bulldogs get physical during day one of pads



RUSTON — Louisiana Tech held its first practice session of fall camp in shells Wednesday afternoon as players donned shoulder pads for the first time this fall in a two-hour practice on the grass practice fields.

In addition to the challenge of added contact with shoulder pads being worn, the players were

also challenged with practicing through the hot weather as the heat index climbed over 100.

"First day in pads today and there were goods and bads," head coach Skip Holtz said. "Like I have talked about all week, we are going to learn a lot about when we get in pads of where we are. There were some good things and some bad things on both sides of the ball. We have been drilling, running, doing ball drills, doing all that all summer. What we haven't been able to do is play football. This is where the game is played, when you put on shoulder pads. It was a

good first day [in pads]. We got an awful lot of film, we'll watch it and get better. We will get a good evaluation on a lot of the underclassmen and get a great idea of where we are."

With the added physicality of the practice, Wednesday's focus was on the offensive and defensive lines and fullbacks showing what they could do. The NCAA requires the first two practices of fall camp to be done in helmets and shorts only, limiting the physical contact allowed early on.

"We are too high right now," Holtz said of the offensive and defensive

lines. "I will have to watch the film but is it more technique or is it more the movement our defense is giving us. Vernon Butler comes free one time, I am looking at the point of attack and he comes free on the back side, did the guard step under himself or was it the movement of the defense that created the opening. Those are the things I have to look at. Other than a first impression, they were physical, didn't quite have the energy that I wish we would have had but we went in the middle of the day and it was a 101 heat index. We threw a little adversity their way and we learned a

little bit about how they handled it."

Over the course of the practice two newcomers stood out in terms of their physicality and not being afraid to attempt to make a play in fullback Bobby Holley and offensive lineman O'Shea Dugas.

"Those are the guys that showed up, especially on the inside run," said Holtz. "Bobby Holley isn't afraid, I will put it that way. I don't know that he knows what he is doing right now, we have to stand behind him and tell him where to go. If he can learn what he is doing, yeah, he is not afraid of contact. O'Shea Dugas is

a big, physical player. Right now it is day one [in pads], the defense is out there blitzing, stunting, twisting, it's not like they are sitting status quo. We've talked about this before. I think it helps us. Last year it helped us as an offensive football team, to try and go against all the movements and pressures and those type of things. For O'Shea Dugas, he is still trying to learn how to block a static defense let alone make all the adjustments to one that's moving. He may look bad at times but he's not afraid to put his nose in there. We'll learn a lot more off the film."

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

God's use of languages



KATHY IRIZARRY

Though an absolutely perfect creation of God, once sin entered this flawless domain, it resulted in a steady downward course for the entire creation. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Genesis 6:5. Fortunately "Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" verse 8. He and his family were the only ones to respond to God's invitation to safety in the coming flood. Following the flood it was

via Noah and his family that the earth began to be repopulated. Unfortunately, with the passage of time God was once again forgotten and mankind was all about self-serving. They wanted to make their own decisions independent of God and so went about to build a city and a tower that could withstand any potential flood. "Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. . . . And the LORD said, Behold,

the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city" Genesis 11:4-8. It seems that this was the beginning of various languages. We really don't know how many might have origi-

nated at Babel, but what we do know is that God used the change in languages to scatter the people to slow their rebellious course of action. Now we will note another use of languages. There were 120 of Jesus' disciples gathered together in one accord when the promised Holy Spirit appeared. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:4. (The Greek word translated "tongues" is the same word as "lan-

guages"). It was a feast time and people had come from many countries to worship. How amazed they were that "every man heard them speak in his own language" Acts 2:6. Whether the confusion of language by adding new, previously unknown languages, to result in scattering, or providing the special gift of speaking another language in order to reach others, God used and can continue to use language to advance His kingdom. Praise the LORD! *Kathryn Irizarry is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

ALONG THE WAY

School time - prayer time

Remember when we began each school day (and assemblies) with prayer? I taught in one school where student-led Scripture reading and prayer was heard over the intercom from the principal's office each morn at 8:00 AM. Today, probably more prayer takes place than we imagine, though not in a formal manner - especially on test days. Students cannot be prohibited from praying silently. But more and more, prayer is being distanced from our schools in the culture-clash of our society. This is why there is an increasing need to surround our schools, teachers/administrators, parents, and students with daily prayer. Prayer walks and drives are very effective as well as prayers offered from the comfort of our homes. The important thing is to PRAY.

basis. Most teachers would appreciate knowing they are being prayed for daily as they spend time with our children. Parents surely would not protest such interest in their children and teachers - would they? Prayer is our most effective tool for any need. We praise and honor God when we pray. He hears our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. When we come in a spirit of confession and contrition. He forgives and cleanses us. We are encouraged then to 'boldly come before His throne of grace with confidence'. (Heb 4: 16). Jesus tells us in Matt 7:7 to "ask and it shall be given us; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened." Matt 18:19 & 21:22 are quotes from Jesus about 'asking and receiving' from God. But prayer is much more than a

"ask/receive" mentality. What prayers would you lay before the Lord today on behalf of our children? What about our teachers and staff? Our administrators and school board members need our prayers too! (They make so many far-reaching decisions. Let's not forget to pray for wisdom upon them.) What about the school bus drivers, cafeteria and custodial staff? Pray for the helper at the cross-walks, helping students cross the streets safely. Remind the Lord how important they all are to the



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total process. Let's keep the prayer lines open until every child is safely home. See! The need just gets bigger and bigger! In the evenings, pray for parents spending time with the children, around the supper table, helping with lessons, rehashing the day, and as they pray with them

before bedtime. And when we rise to meet the day, pray for the children making their way to school, in the early morning. The cycle repeats itself daily! Get the picture of what Paul meant when he wrote that we are to "pray without ceasing?" (1 Thess 5:17). Consider conducting a 'prayer-walk at the school nearest to you.' It may be your individual project, it may include a few others, or your church groups may want to gather on a Sunday afternoon and circle the school. Prayer drives are being used quite effectively

as well. Maybe a small group can ride together (praying with eyes open of course) as you circle the school. Be sure to include the athletic events as well as other extra curricula activities. These intentional prayer times are important to the Lord, as well. He honors our fervent prayers. Those unable to prayer-walk or prayer-drive might consider writing notes of encouragement and commendation to the teachers and staff. How uplifting to one's spirit it is to receive such a power-booster. (Enclose a brief prayer as

well). Some might provide treats for the teachers from time to time (brownies, pies, cookies, etc). These all are tangible reminders throughout the year that 'we care for them'. You've heard this: "Well, I can't go and I can't give; All I can do is pray"! Great! It is in praying we unlock the doors to heaven. It is like giving food to a starving man or a cup of cool water to the thirsty woman. Prayer releases the power of God. (James 4:2). Let's pray for our schools and teachers! Let's do it for our children.

THE UPWARD LOOK

Declared righteous



MAX HUTTO

"The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God." Psalm 18: 20-21 NASB God rescued and rewarded David because of his righteousness and blamelessness for he had kept the ways of the Lord. David was not perfect or sinless. David had sinned greatly as demonstrated in the taking of Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah. But in contrition David

repented and returned to the Lord. With his whole heart David sought God. David was declared blameless and righteous because of his trust in God. Lord God, though I am a sinner You have declared me righteous and blameless because the blood of Jesus cleanses me. Having placed my trust in Jesus, I desire to love and obey all of Your Word. *Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.*

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Speaking in faith

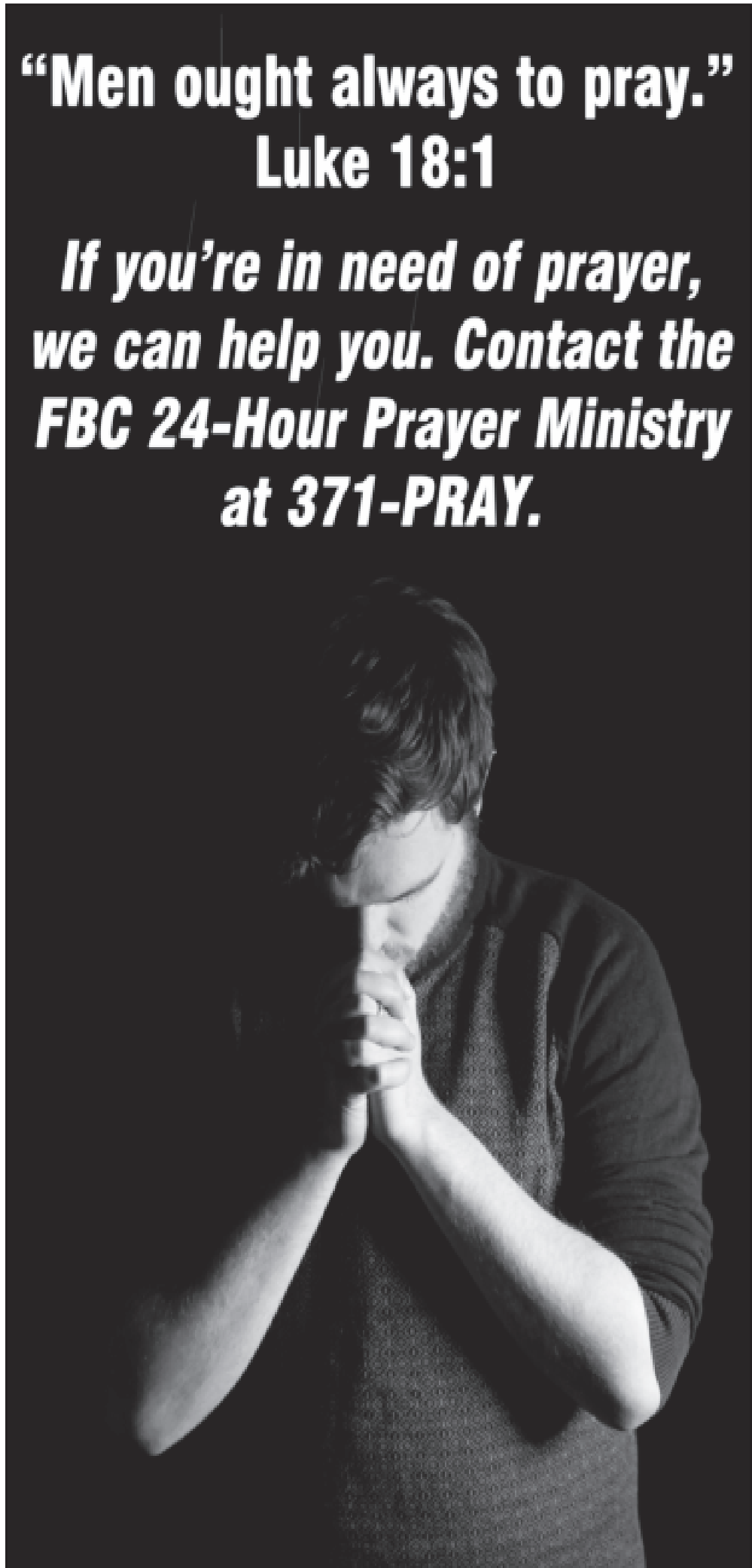
For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:23



JACQUES MITCHELL

Through your faith & your positive words aligning themselves, before long you start seeing what you say. Through this method you can overcome any mountain in your life. Your mountain can be anything from a struggle of the past, a challenge at work, something that stands as an obstacle or anything that blocks you from moving forward. Mountains can easily take root in a person's life and can seem impossible to move. Circumstances will always

present themselves to you, but you must take the initiative to stand on what you believe and speak in faith even when things are not looking so favorable for you. It can be detrimental when an individual believes one thing, yet speaks contrary to what they believe. No matter how your situation looks, stand in faith on the Word of God. While standing be sure that what you're saying is what you desire to see. When your faith & what you say collide, it will eventually give birth to the supernatural. *Jacques is the Pastor of Fresh Fire Ministries and Author of "Effectively Conquering Your Day".*



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Are Your Goals SMART?

Having meaningful goals is an important part of a happy, fulfilled life. We should always have some worthy goals to work towards, both in the short-run and the long-run. If your goals are worth having, it helps to think about them systematically, and there is a nice acronym from the discipline of project management that can help in that regard.

The acronym SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic (or Relevant), and Timely. Specific goals are better than vague ones; "I want to give \$10.00 to charity each week" is better than just saying you want to be more giving. Goals that can be measured are easier to keep track of; better to keep a log of those weekly charitable contributions than to just guess at how much you've given. The goal should be both achievable and realistic. Don't try to give \$100.00 out of every paycheck to charity if you earn \$300.00 a week. And finally, your goals should be timely. That is, you should put a timeframe on your goals and it can also help if your short- and medium-term goals support your long-term goals. For instance, if one of your long-term goals is to leave a large sum of money to a favorite charity, then it will help to have short-term saving goals which support that. God wants us to be happy, and one of the ways in which we can fulfill God's plan is to make our goals align with His. – Christopher Simon



"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."
—Proverbs 21:5

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'Straight Outta Compton' a biopic to its own beat

The shotgun blast of fury that first emanated from South Central Los Angeles in 1988 still packs a punch.

The new, very much authorized biopic of N.W.A, "Straight Outta Compton," aims to cement the legacy of the pioneering hip-hop group that brought gangsta rap to the mainstream and sparked endless culture debates.

Dr. Dre, Ice Cube and Easy-E — the three most central members of the five-some — were, from the start, the savviest of self-promoters, casting themselves as violent gangsters and exalting the hard streets they came from. So it's fitting that they should shape their big-screen treatment, too, in a commercial package that's brashly winning and unapologetically self-serving.

What has time done to N.W.A? Like everything else in their complicated but powerful history, it cuts both ways.

Their brash rebuttal to the aggressive policing policies of the day — most notably their anti-police anthem in which Ice Cube rapped of "the authority to kill a minority" — could hardly be more salient now, and director F. Gary Gray (who helmed Ice Cube's "Friday") drives this home repeatedly in scenes of confrontation with the police. They often silently populate the background, always a hovering threat.

On the other hand, N.W.A's unremorseful misogyny has been brought back with no added reflection. With the lone exception of Dre's mother, women are mostly either an annoyance or hedonistic party favors. Unseen is Dre's assault of TV personality Dee Barnes, whom he was convicted of repeatedly slamming against a brick wall.

But fully unpacking N.W.A and the era of hip hop the group kicked off remains a fool's errand. "Straight Outta Compton," besides, is built on the abiding fierceness of the music, the unlikeliness of their hood-to-Hollywood journey and a talented young cast that handles the heavy weight of playing icons with unusual skill.

Especially entertaining are the early scenes that assemble the group: the pugnacious lyricist Ice Cube (Cube's son O'Shea Jackson Jr.), Easy-E, the older



hustler with enough cash to pay for recording sessions (Jason Mitchell), Dr. Dre, the ambitious DJ schooled in James Brown and Funkadelic (Corey Hawkins), MC Ren (Aldis Hodge) and DJ Yella (Neil Brown Jr.).

They're most charming before the braggadocio has completely set in. Sitting around the recording studio, they laugh at the gap between their lives and their lyrics. While rapping about rolling in 6-4s, they note Easy E is the only one with a car.

Their rise is incredibly fast. The first single, "Boyz-n-the-Hood," draws in manager Jerry Heller (Paul Giamatti), who remains a pivotal figure throughout the film as both the

group's biggest champion and, later as a dividing force.

Too profane for radio play, they emerge as an underground sensation, soon filling arenas and drawing the skeptical eye of the FBI. They revel in the women and the money, but fissures immediately crack open. The splitting into solo acts — first Ice Cube, then Dr. Dre to join Marion "Suge" Knight (R. Marcos Taylor), seen here as a genuine thug — happens as fast as the ascent.

"Straight Outta Compton" begins, for better and worse, to lose its traditional biopic shape. The diverging stories are too unwieldy, the bonds among the group too quickly severed. A

huge, sprawling music scene is born; Snoop Dogg (Keith Stanfield) and Tupac Shakur (Marcc Rose) make cameos. Contract disputes, not music, take over the spirited but lengthy narrative.

The film, produced by Dr. Dre, Ice Cube and Easy-E's widow, Tomica Woods-Wright, begins to feel like a compromise of "Rashomon" perspectives: old friends still assigning blame (mostly on Heller and Knight), working through guilt (Easy-E died in 1995 after contracting AIDS) and finding a flattering version of the past they can all live with, even if it means touching on fiction.

But the movies — particularly

the studio-made, summer variety — are seldom what you would call "hard." Nor do they make a habit of telling the stories of searing, provocative black voices that rise out of urban nightmares. "Straight Outta Compton" never forgets where its stars came from, and neither should we.

"Straight Outta Compton," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language throughout, strong sexuality/nudity, violence, and drug use." Running time: 142 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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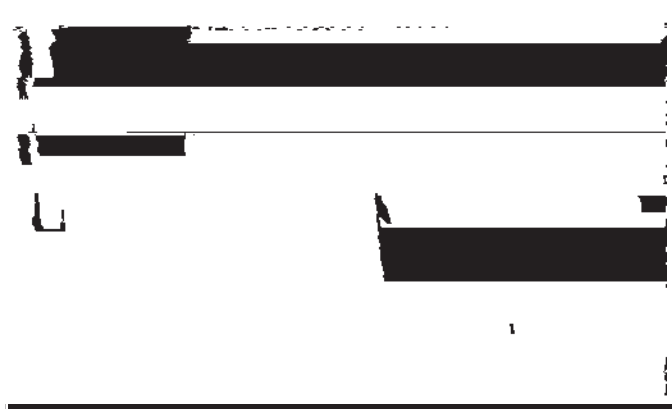
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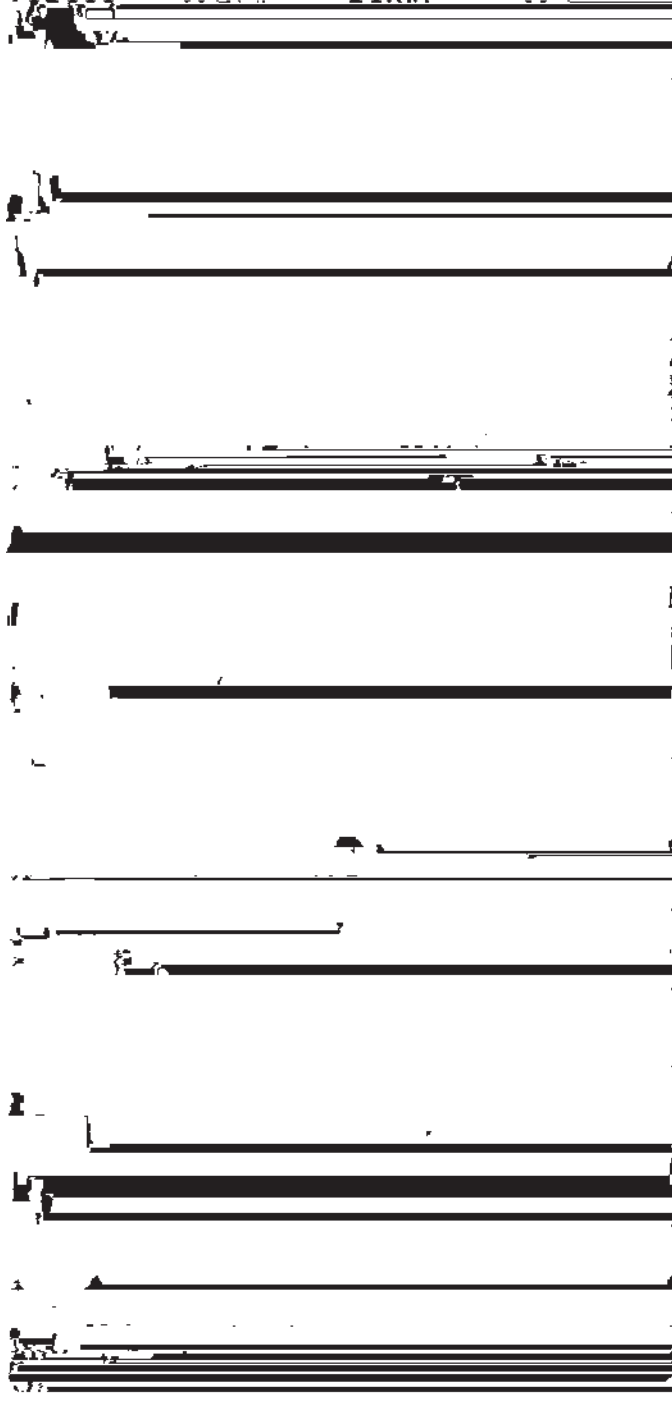
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