



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

www.press-herald.com

August 18, 2015 | 50 Cents

TUESDAY**INSIDE**
today

LSU quarterback competition gaining clarity

SPORTS PG.6



Annual Voter Registration Week

LIFE PG.5

Immigration is great

OPINION PG.4**WEATHER**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK



94 **74**
HIGH **LOW**

Mostly sunny skies.
Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

CONNECT WITH US

@mindenph



specht
NEWSPAPERS, INC.

Vol. 47 No. 33



MINDEN CRIME

Police arrest one for distribution

MICHELLE BATES
michelle@press-herald.com

A Minden man found himself in handcuffs after police initiated a traffic stop and learned he had several active drug warrants.

Alex B. Grigsby, 28, of the 200 block of Pine Street, was arrested Thursday, Aug. 13, on Gum Street and charged as a fugitive from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office on

three drug distribution warrants, possession of Schedule II CDS (marijuana) second offense, and a parole hold was placed on him. Bond totaled \$200,000 and the parole hold had no bond.

According to reports,

**GRIGSBY**

Minden Police Cpts. Dan Weaver and Marvin Garrett initiated a traffic stop on Grigsby on Gum Street. He was arrested for the three outstanding warrants.

Lt. Richard Cooper was an investigating officer in the case.

"The three distribution warrants are the results of an investigation by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office," Garrett said. "We waited on him all day and

he eventually left his residence. We made a traffic stop on him, and he had some marijuana on him at the time we made the arrest."

Webster Parish Sheriff's narcotics detective Lt. Shawn Baker says over the course of a six-month investigation, they'd made three undercover buys from Grigsby, purchasing ecstasy and crack cocaine.

"Capt. Garrett and Capt. Weaver helped us on the

investigation, and we were looking for him Thursday," he said. "He had a \$20 sack of marijuana on him when they arrested him."

Grigsby was placed under arrest and transported to the Minden Police Department on the above charges.

He was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center where he remains incarcerated.

EDUCATION



A proposed contract between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish School Board for student resource officers is still under review says Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

School Resource Officer contract still under review

MICHELLE BATES
michelle@press-herald.com

A proposed contract between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish School Board for school resource officers is still under review says Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls.

"We still don't have it from our lawyer," Rawls said. "He says he's

been busy with litigation."

Rawls says the contract is still under review because it will have to be rewritten regarding a clause that pertains to expenses like fuel, cars and uniforms.

"We just want the service," he

**RAWLS**

said. "He objected to things like us having to pay for gas and police cars. He said that's something they would furnish through the police department."

He says they need to expand on the details as far as salary schedules and for what exactly they will be paying.

See **OFFICERS**, Page 3

CONSUMER ALERT

Craving Blue Bell? Louisiana on waiting list

BRENNHAM, Texas — Blue Bell Creameries will resume distributing ice cream to select markets in Texas and Alabama this month after halting sales and production following listeria contamination.

The Brenham, Texas-based company said Monday that it plans to re-enter parts of 15 states in five phases. The first phase, which starts Aug. 31, will include the Bren-

The first phase of the product rollout starts Aug. 31 and includes the Brenham, Houston and Austin, Texas, areas, as well as parts of Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. Phase 2 covers north central Texas and southern Oklahoma; Phase 3, southwest Texas and central Oklahoma; Phase 4, the majority of Texas and south Louisiana; and Phase 5, north Louisiana, Mississippi, the rest of Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas, as well as other areas.

ham, Houston and Austin areas in Texas and the Birmingham and Mont-

gomery areas in Alabama.

The Blue Bell production facility in Sylacauga,

Alabama, began producing ice cream in July. Production facilities in Brenham and Broken Arrow, Okla., are still undergoing upgrades similar to those made at the Alabama plant.

Blue Bell in April voluntarily recalled all products after its treats were linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber seeks '15 Under 40' candidates

Deadline to submit nominations is August 31

The Minden/South Webster Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the fourth annual "15 Under 40" program.

"Each year we recognize 15 outstanding young professionals for their accomplishments in their careers and communities," Jerri de Pingre, chamber president, said. "If you believe someone that you work with, worship with, or fellowship with is worthy of this award, visit our website at www.minden-chamber.com."

To nominate someone, click on the Events/Programs tab and fill out the nomination form found in Downloads."

The program was created to recognize young business professionals in south Webster Parish younger than age

See **15UNDER40**, Page 2

**DEPINGRE**

PARISH Burn ban in effect

A burn ban is in effect for Webster Parish upon the recommendation of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish.

The ban went into effect Monday, Aug. 10 and restricts all burning inside of the parish.

MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER is pleased to welcome our newest physician.

MARK WILSON, MD

Dr. Mark Wilson is bringing his passion for athletics and excellent surgical skills in ORTHOPAEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE to Minden. He will offer individualized care for a wide range of patients including high school and college athletes to those considering joint replacement. Dr. Wilson will be practicing the latest techniques in arthroscopic surgery for joint preservation, cartilage restoration, ligament reconstruction, instability repairs and joint reconstruction of the shoulders, hips and knees. Appointments may be made by calling (318) 299-6334.

Mark Wilson, MD

#1 MEDICAL PLAZA | MINDEN, LA 71055 | (318) 377-2321

MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER
Excellence in healthcare...close to home.

SECOND FRONT

 www.press-herald.com

ELECTION 2015

Republican candidates for governor oppose removing monuments

All three Republicans in Louisiana's race for governor say they're against moving Confederate monuments in New Orleans, while the one Democrat says the question should be left to city officials.

A city commission has recommended moving four monuments, including the statue of Robert E. Lee atop a column in Lee Circle.

"I don't know why candidates for governor would want to inject themselves into this issue," Democrat John Bel Edwards told The New Orleans Advocate on Friday.

In a press release Friday, Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle called the proposal to remove the monuments out-of-bounds political correctness.

"I can't believe that we are now at a point where we are trying to rewrite history to appease a few and do good for none," he wrote. "This insults the intelligence of most Louisianans."

In addition to the statue of Lee, they include of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and General P.G.T. Beauregard, and an obelisk known as the white power monument.

The statues should remain because they're part of history, Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne said in a telephone interview.

"I don't think we ought to be tearing down monuments that are part of the landscape of New Orleans," he said.

Spokesman Luke Bolar said U.S. Sen. David Vitter also feels the monuments should remain.

Earlier in the week Vitter wrote a letter advising Democratic Mayor Mitch Landrieu to focus on the city's murder rate, rather than monuments.

A city ordinance lets the City Council remove public statues that celebrate racist ideologies or are likely to be the site of violent protests.

Landrieu, a Democrat, called for removing the monuments after white supremacist Dylann Roof was charged with killing nine black parishioners in a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Edwards, like Lee and Davis, is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy.

"History is history," he said. "We certainly shouldn't forget it. We can't rewrite it. But I leave it up to the sound judgment down there (New Orleans) as to what they are going to do."

Deadline for nominations quickly approaching

15UNDER40

Continued from page 1

40 who have demonstrated professional excellence and a commitment to their community.

Nominees for the "15 Under 40" award must be 39 years old or younger on Oct. 20, 2015, and must live or work in Dixie Inn, Doyline, Dubberly, Heflin, Minden or Sibley.

Deadline for nominations is Monday, Aug. 31 by 4 p.m. Nominations may come from a second party or may be submitted by a person who believes he or she deserves to be honored as a "15 Under 40" recipient.

A diverse selection

panel will review and score the nominees to distinguish the top 15 applicants. An awards dinner to recognize the honorees will be held October 14 at the Minden Civic Center. Additionally, the award recipients will be featured in the Chamber ROI supplement to the Minden-Press Herald.

Nomination forms are available at the Minden-South Webster Chamber Office, 110 Sibley Road, Minden and online at www.mindenchamber.com.

To submit a nomination, or for more information regarding the 2014 "15 Under 40" program, call the chamber office at 377-4240.

AROUND THE STATE

Audit: Oversight of veteran homes needs improvement

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs didn't properly address deficiencies at its five veterans' homes across the state or adequately monitor contractors who provide health services there, according to an audit released Monday.

Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera's office reviewed the oversight of veteran homes in Bossier City, Jackson, Jennings, Monroe and Reserve from 2012 through 2014. The facilities, which house more than 700 people, offer nursing care, rehabilitative therapy and other long-term health services for veterans, their spouses or parents of soldiers who died during active duty military service.

Auditors say staff at the veterans' homes didn't correct many of the problems found in their own internal quality assurance

reviews or follow-up on deficiencies cited by federal surveys. The audit also said staff didn't follow guidelines for updating care plans when incidents happened, like patient falls, injuries or other problems.

Of nearly 2,000 quality assurance reviews looked at by auditors, 27 percent found problems of non-compliance with federal standards of care, according to Purpera's office. Of those, more than half "did not have an action plan for correcting the problem."

State Veterans Affairs Secretary David LaCerte said many of the audit findings have been addressed — or will be corrected by a new quality assurance program that was launched in October 2014, near the end of the three years reviewed by the auditor's office.

The department "would like to stress that none of

the findings listed in the (auditor's) report resulted in negative impact to the quality of care provided to residents," LaCerte said in a written response included with the audit.

Deficiencies were found across all five veteran homes, in external reviews from 2012 through 2014 done by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Those findings were included with the legislative auditor's review.

For example, among the deficiencies found by federal VA reviews: the Bossier City home didn't make sure care plans provided adequate supervision to prevent accidents for some residents identified at high-risk for falls; the Jackson home didn't follow up on a resident's allegation of molestation; and a resident at the Monroe home fell 22 times within an 11-

month period with little evidence the cause of the falls was investigated.

In addition, the audit says Louisiana's veteran homes spent \$7.7 million on health service contracts during a three-year period, but never asked to see progress reports or other data to track the contractors' work.

"While veteran homes did complete a performance evaluation on each contract provider, this evaluation failed to report on whether all contract requirements were met, as required" by state law, the audit says.

LaCerte wrote that his department has added a quarterly contract review process.

Auditors suggested the veterans affairs department, which only has two employees to oversee all five veterans' homes, should better use data to monitor care quality.

AROUND THE STATE

Powerball ticket worth \$2M sold in Livonia

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Lottery Corp. says a Powerball ticket sold in Livonia is worth \$2 million, and an Easy 5 ticket sold in Kenner won that game's \$80,000 jackpot.

Nobody won the Powerball jackpot, which rises to an estimated \$80 million Wednesday. The lottery

corporation estimates Wednesday's Lotto jackpot at a bit over \$2 million, and the Easy 5 jackpot at \$50,000.

The \$2 million Powerball ticket matched five numbers without the Powerball, and was a Power Play ticket.

Winning numbers in

Saturday's drawings:

Powerball: 03-13-17-42-52; Powerball 24; Power

Play 4



Lotto: 01-04-07-10-18-20
Easy 5: 07-20-21-24-34



Wills Successions
Rick Warren
Attorney at Law
219 Main Street • Minden, LA • 377-8150

BIRTHDAYS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015

Kharmyn Givens "4"
Andy Samberg
Patrick Swayze
Maia Mitchell
Malcolm-Jamal Warner
Bob Harper
Joseph Marcell



©2015 Omni Hotels & Resorts

In the center of it all.
Escape today at the luxurious Omni Dallas Hotel. During your stay, be sure to dine at Bob's Steak & Chop House. Then, enjoy a soothing body treatment at Mokara Spa - all while staying near the lively downtown nightlife.

Definitely Dallas
from **\$149*** | Mention promo code **DALLAS**.
*Includes complimentary parking


OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS
dallas



/mindenph
For News Updates
Like Us!



SCAN WITH
BARCODE SCANNER
TO LIKE



Dr. Clay Maraist
OB/Gyn

MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER IS PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST PHYSICIAN

Clay Maraist, MD believes his patients are an extension of the medical team and encourages them to actively participate in their care. He looks forward to meeting the **OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGICAL** needs of women at all stages of their lives and feels there is nothing more fulfilling than delivering babies into the world.

"Approachable" is the one word he uses to describe himself. Dr. Maraist takes medicine and the care of his patients very seriously but also finds time to blend in his humorous personality.

The Women's Clinic provides a full range of obstetrical and gynecologic services including: Annual Well-Women Exams, Bone Density Screenings, Contraceptive Counseling, Laparoscopic & Minimally Invasive Techniques including Hysteroscopic Guided Sterilization with Essure® devices, Urinary Incontinence Treatment, Menopause Management and Prenatal Care throughout Pregnancy & Delivery.

Dr. Maraist is accepting new patients at The Women's Clinic located at 431 Homer Road in Minden.
Appointments may be made by calling (318) 377-8855

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

EDUCATION MEDICAL SCHOOL
University Health Shreveport, LA

OBSTETRICS/ GYNECOLOGY INTERNSHIP & RESIDENCY
University Health Shreveport, LA

PERSONAL
Dr. Maraist grew up in St. Martinville, Louisiana and enjoys playing golf, hunting, fishing, cooking, gardening and spending time with his wife, Jodie, who is also an Ob/Gyn, and their dogs Izzie and Bella.

www.mindenmedicalcenter.com
#1 Medical Plaza | Minden, LA 71055 | (318) 377-2321

OBITUARIES

Loyce Elaine Fallin Morgan

Funeral services for Mrs. Loyce Elaine Fallin Morgan was at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Ruston with Dr. Randy Hales officiating assisted by Dr. Chris Craig. Interment followed at St. Rest Cemetery under the direction of Kilpatrick Funeral Home in Ruston.

Loyce Elaine Fallin Morgan was born on Feb. 6, 1924 and left her earthly home for her heavenly home on Aug. 13, 2015 at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Samuel Morgan; her mother, Daisy Mae Fallin; her father, Benjamin Franklin Fallin; four of her brothers; Wayne Fallin, Joe Fallin, Jack Fallin, Howard Fallin, and two of her sisters; Eva Dell Fallin Henry, and Lucille Fallin Dring.

Loyce is survived by two sons; James Gregory Morgan and wife Jan of Dallas, Texas; Kenneth Wayne Morgan and wife Rhonda of Pensacola, Florida; and one daughter; Melinda Gail Morgan McMahon and husband Don of Ruston, Louisiana. "Mamaw" is survived by the "joys of her life," her grandchildren; Molly McMahone Stone, and husband, Brandon of Montgomery, Alabama; Lauren Morgan of Dallas, Texas; Colby Morgan of Dallas, Texas; Meagan McMahon Jenkins and husband, Dustin of Lexington, South Carolina; Emily Morgan of Pensacola, Florida; and Lawrence Lane of Pensacola, Florida. Loyce was also blessed to live long enough to know and love her three great-granddaughters; Audrey Melinda Stone, Anna Morgan Stone, and Charlotte (Lottie) Gail Jenkins. Loyce is also survived by one brother, James Fallin; and one sister, Lettie Fallin Canterbury, and many nieces and nephews who loved their "Aunt Loyce."

Loyce was born in Gansville and as a small child moved with her family to the beautiful hilly countryside of Lincoln Parish. She attended St. Rest Baptist Church and gave her life to Christ as an

adolescent. After graduation from Ruston High School she moved to Shreveport and worked as a telephone operator. At the end of World War II she married her sweetheart, Sam, and joined him as they began their military life together. During their time of service in the U.S. Marines, they made homes for their growing family in Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. After Sam's retirement from the Marines in 1960, he and Loyce settled in Minden where they lived until moving to Ruston in 2008.

Loyce was one of the earliest members of the newly established Emmanuel Baptist Church in Minden. She loved deeply studying and uncovering the truths of God's Word, and shared her gift of teaching in ladies Sunday school class for over 40 years. She was a faithful choir member, and served on numerous committees. She always enjoyed teaching children in Vacation Bible School, and did so long after her own children were grown. She had a love of missions and served as WMU director.

Loyce loved to read, cook, sew, and travel anywhere, near or far, to experience something new and different. She found joy in all things, great and small. Mostly, Loyce was a lover of people. She took any opportunity to meet and greet new friends, neighbors, and church members, most of the time with something delicious from her kitchen. She loved to feed people, and was happiest when she was cooking for her family or friends and had them all around her table.

Our family will cherish the priceless memories we have of Mom and Mamaw as she loved us by nourishing us - not only with food - but with wisdom, helpfulness, concern, and lots of laughter and silliness. She gave of herself freely, sacrificed much, and prayed continually for all of us.

We are so deeply grateful for Mom's caregivers: Mrs. Ketha Morrow, Mrs. Betty Coggins, and Mrs. Carolyn Beal. You are our angels. We are so thankful, as well, for

her very attentive physician, Dr. Benson Grigsby, and his wonderful caring staff.

The family wishes for any memorials given in honor of Loyce to be offered to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Life Choices of Ruston, LA, or First Baptist Church of Ruston's Children's Building Fund.

Visitation was from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Aug.17, 2015 at Kilpatrick Funeral Home in Ruston.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com

Mary Inez Trichel

Graveside services for Mary Inez Trichel will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 at Brushwood Cemetery in Dubberly under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiating will be the Rev. Bill Crider. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Inez was born Jan. 26, 1936 in Minden and entered into rest Aug. 16, 2015 in Minden.

She was preceded in death by her parents Henry DeLoach and Nora Walker, husband Howard Trichel, sons Kenny Harrell, Ronnie Harrell, and daughter Mary Ellen Harrell.

She is survived by her sons Henry Harrell of Minden, Huey Harrell of Jamestown, daughters Susan Hoyle and husband Nathan of Dubberly, Donna Prator and husband Clyde of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Linda Trichel Childs and husband Wayne, daughter-in-law Nadine Harrell, sister Brenda Tate and husband Kenneth of Destrehan, brothers Doug DeLoach and wife Ginger of Sibley, Ray DeLoach of Benton, and Jim DeLoach and wife Lanea of Emerson, Arkansas, 17 grandchildren, and

29 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Jon Harrell, Michael Harrell, Curtis Harrell, Bryan Harrell, Josh Slayter and Christopher Harrell.

Davis Garland Turner

Davis Garland Turner was born Oct. 16, 1946, in Minden and went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, near San Ignacio, Belize. He was an only child born to Davis "Cotton" Turner and Shirley Moore Turner.

Known by friends as both Davis and Garland, he will be remembered for many things throughout his full background including his military service, dairy farming, seafood distribution, correctional and law enforcement, and a hundred other adventures. His renown, individuality, and conviction was extraordinary. In fact, to his family and those who knew him, he actually was the "most interesting man in the world."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cotton and Shirley Turner. He is survived by his children, Davis Turner and wife Jaime of Nederland, Texas; Kevin Turner and wife Ashleigh of Minden; and Rebecca Wilson and husband Chris of Minden along with their mother Sue Turner of Minden. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Elijah Turner, Lucas Turner, Charley Turner, Ethan Turner, Topher Wilson and Turner Ella Wilson.

A private family memorial service will be held.

Belize had become like a second home to Garland prior to his death. The family extends a special thanks to his friends in Belize that befriended him and took care of him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Legion designated for the Veterans' Flag/Eagle Park.

City currently paying salaries of school resource officers

OFFICERS

Continued from page 1

Currently, the school board pays a flat rate of \$1,500 per month for a school resource officer for Minden High School and Webster Junior High School.

Rawls says their attorney's contention is that the school board should be responsible for the officers' salaries only.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says the city/police department has paid Sgt. Tokia Whiting's salary and Officer Tina Douglas' salary and will continue to do so until a

contract is agreed upon.

"What they've agreed to do until the contract is signed is they are using Sgt. Whiting and Officer Douglas and they are going to reimburse the city when that contract is complete," he said. "The City of Minden is paying them and the school board will reimburse."

During the summer months, Cropper says the officers' full pay reverts back to the City of Minden until school starts again.

According to the school board's general ledger, the rate was increased to \$1,500 per month from \$1,250 per month in 2003.


Springhill mayor Carroll Breaux and police chief

Will Lynd approached the school board recently asking them to pay their school resources officer as well, so a contract between Springhill and the school board is also under review.

Rawls says the school board is looking into providing one for Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School and Doyline High School, but

nothing concrete has been set up.

"We're actually going to have three different agencies under contract with us," Rawls said. "We're going to have two for Minden, Springhill will have one and I assume Lakeside and Doyline will share one. That one has not been negotiated yet."



with the
Minden Press-Herald
&
YOUR AUGUST ELECTRIC BILL COULD BE FREE!

Subscribe or renew your subscription to the Minden Press-Herald for 3 months or more and you will have a chance to have your August electricity bill paid by us (up to \$500). It's that easy!

The name of one lucky subscriber will be drawn on Friday, September 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The subscriptions are for home delivery only. You must pay for your subscription before the day of the drawing to win.

FREE ELECTRIC BILL

Home Delivery Prices: ☐ 3 Months ☐ 6 Months ☐ 1 Year
\$33.00 \$66.00 \$132.00
☐ New Subscriber ☐ Renewal
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel. No.: _____
MINDEN PRESS-HERALD 377-1866
203 Gleason St. Minden, LA 71055 P.O. Box 1339 Minden, LA 71058

MINDEN PRESS-HERALD
203 Gleason Street
Minden, LA • 377-1866


New Subscribers, Subscription Renewals & Private Residents Only.
Home delivery only. Payment must be mailed with coupon, or brought by our office.
Minden Press-Herald employees or immediate family members are not eligible.

The Original

SHOW & SHINE

Saturday, September 12

Historic Downtown Minden



Co-Sponsored By:

Minden Main Street Project & Webster Parish Tourism

Mail to: Vintage Car Club of Minden
602 Goode Ave. Minden, LA 71055

Register online at www.vintagemindencars.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vehicle Information

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Color: _____ Body Style: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Color: _____ Body Style: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Color: _____ Body Style: _____

I affirm that the Vintage Car Club of Minden, the City of Minden, it's officers, members, volunteers, vendors are released from all liability for any accidents or injuries to any person and/or any loss or damage to any vehicle, bike or personal property. I acknowledge that the vehicle(s) or bike(s) entered into this competition have sufficient insurance coverage for accidents, injuries, and/or damages. All rules of the show will be obeyed. I also authorize the use of pictures of myself and/or my entered vehicle for publicity purposes.

registrant signature: _____ date: _____

No Registration Fee!

On-Site Registration Check-In 7am-10am

Trophies Presented at 2pm

Proceeds Portion of proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude, and UCAP.

Special Events

Live Entertainment

Contests

Great Food

Contacts

Larry Gipson 318-377-0907

Anthony Douglas 318-470-6559

Cynthia Hawkins 318-371-2551

PERSPECTIVE

It's your choice

Sunday's sermon was one that was so familiar, however, it seemed to take on a whole new meaning, coming alive and emphasizing the importance of choice. We have to choose to be the person we were created to be.

The Scripture was taken from John 5 and was the story of the lame man that waited by the pool in Bethesda for a chance to be healed. The story was that an angel would come down and stir the water and the first one to enter the waters would be healed of his infirmity. The lame man had not walked for 38 years but was always brought to the pool for a chance to be healed. As many sat around the pool, Jesus appeared in the crowd. Walking over to the lame man, he asked, "Do you want to be well?"

The man, just as we often do, came up with an excuse. "I don't have anyone to help me into the pool, and people always get in front of me."

He was then told to get up and walk.

There was the crux of the story. He had to make a choice. He had to choose to quit making excuses and to obey the one who could help him.

This story reveals the inmost thinking of so many people. It's someone else's fault that we are in the situation we're in. A retired teacher friend said that he always spent a lot of time at the beginning of a semester to try to instill in his students that life was made up of choices. They were to make choices, and remember there would be consequences. Good choices brought about good results while poor choices resulted in unwanted actions.

Realizing life is all about choices, we should seek to always make the right choices.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "We're just about as happy as we make up our minds to be." With that in mind we need to remember that we are responsible for our own happiness. And it often depends on the choices we make.

Joshua Becker, in his writings, suggested several intentional actions we could make to choose happiness for the day.

"Count your blessings." This one is so often overlooked as we concentrate on our problems.

"Carry a smile." Doesn't a cheerful face always lift our spirits? "Hold back complaints." Instead of making negative comments on something that doesn't please you, try to find something positive in the situation.

"Use your strengths." These may be your gifts, natural talents, abilities etc.

"Accomplish one important task and find joy in the accomplishment." It may be something that you have been postponing for some time. Make a start and get it done.

"Treat others well."

Becker's list included several more ideas that would bring joy and happiness in our lives, however, if we could just begin to practice a few of these, we would experience more happiness.

We may never find ourselves in the same situation the lame man was in, but we will have situations where it is imperative that we make a choice. His was a totally life-changing choice

Ours can be also.

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

Give us your two cents!

Send your Letter to the Editor to bruce@press-herald.com or mail them to Editor, 203 Gleason St., Minden, La. 71055.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

203 GLEASON STREET, MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055
318-377-1866 • www.press-herald.com

USPS NUMBER 593-340

DAVID A. SPECHT JR., *President*

GREGG PARKS, *Publisher*
gsparks@press-herald.com

JORDAN WILSON, *Community Editor*
community@press-herald.com

CAROL ANDREWS, *Chief Financial Officer*
carol@press-herald.com

TELINA WORLEY, *Advertising Manager*
advertising@press-herald.com

BRUCE FRANKLIN, *Managing Editor*
bruce@press-herald.com

PETE COVINGTON, *Circulation Manager*
circulation@press-herald.com

BLAKE BRANCH, *Sports*
blake@press-herald.com

DENNIS PHILBAR, *Production Director*
production@press-herald.com

The Minden Press-Herald is published Monday through Friday afternoon by Specht Newspapers, Inc. at 203 Gleason Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. Telephone 377-1866. Entered as Periodicals at the Post Office as Minden Press-Herald, P.O. Box 1339, Minden LA 71058-1339. Subscription rate: In-parish home delivery \$11 per month; \$33 per three months; \$66 per six months; \$99 per nine months and \$132 per year. Out-of-parish mail delivery is \$14.50 per month; \$43.50 per three months; \$87 per six months; \$130.50 per nine months and \$174 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Minden Press-Herald, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058-1339.



PERSPECTIVE

Immigration is great

Yikes, you really hate me! Many of you, anyway, based on Twitter and Facebook comments posted after I argued immigration with Ann Coulter on my TV show.

"Move into an illegal-heavy neighborhood and get back to us!"

"Another libertarian who believes illegal invaders are good for our country. Madness."

Madness? Clearly, lots of Americans are mad about immigration. But we libertarians believe that people trapped in horrible countries deserve a chance at a better life and that free trade in labor, not just products, is a good thing.

Why would I think that when my Facebook "fans" tell me things like: "Most immigrants, legal & illegal, get food stamps & welfare?"

Because that's not true. "Almost all welfare programs in the U.S. are limited to legal immigrants living here at least five years," points out Cato Institute policy analyst Alex Nowrasteh.

Of course, some immigrants cheat, many hospitals lose money treating undocumented people and immigrants' kids get free public schooling. On average, the lifetime fiscal impact of the average immigrant is negative \$3,000, says the National Research Council.

But the NRC goes on to say that descendants of the immigrant make a positive fiscal contribution of \$83,000.

That's a big win for America.

Even illegal immigration helps delay the bankruptcy of Social Security and Medicare. Young illegal workers pay into the system — but most don't collect. "Medicare and Social Security — the biggest welfare programs," says Nowrasteh. "Immigrants subsidize those programs massively."

Health policy journal Health Affairs says in 2009 immigrants contributed \$13.8 billion more to the Medicare Trust Fund than they collected in benefits. In the same year, native-born Americans took out \$30.9 billion more than they paid in.

Beyond the financial arguments, let's not forget that immigrants bring us new ideas. They invent more things than native-born Americans. Immigrants gave us Google, YouTube, blenders, ATMs, basketball, shopping malls, blue jeans, hot dogs and more.

Ann Coulter told me, "that was then, those were European immigrants." But now we admit "brown people" who are turning America into "a Third World hellhole."

Coulter says that the new immigrants don't assimilate the way Europeans did.

Maybe that's true, but I pointed out that immigrants from Nigeria, Jamaica and Ghana are more likely to be employed than native-born Americans and twice as likely to get a college degree. "I don't believe it," answered Coulter.

She also argues that America admits too many immigrants, but how many is too many? Thirteen percent of America's population is now foreign born (down from 15 percent in 1915). Immigrants make up 27 percent of the population in Switzerland and Australia.

Of course, it would be good if all immigrants came here legally. But America makes that difficult.

The government awards 50,000 green cards by lottery, but in 2014, 11 million people applied, so the vast majority never get them.

Forbes says a computer programmer from India who wants to work in America legally must wait an average of 35 years. A Mexican teenager would have to wait 131 years. No wonder people give up on the legal approach and sneak in.

Donald Trump calls immigrants "criminals," and some are. We don't know how many because America doesn't know how many illegals are here. But a count of prisoners shows that more Americans are jailed than immigrants. Social Science Quarterly found "cities with greater growth in immigrant ... populations ... have steeper decreases in homicide and robbery rates."

Hard-core libertarians dominated my studio audience that day, and some booed Coulter (gently).

On Twitter, MissJitter responded: "White guilt is apparently alive & well in his audience."

Betty Orvis complained that I invited "a stacked audience of open border supporters. Real fair ... not! ... The elites in this country do not care one bit about the dire effects of illegal immigration. ... I guess facts are 'racist.'"

But libertarian support for immigration is not about "elites" or "guilt." The facts show that immigration is mostly good.

John Stossel is the author of "No, They Can't! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed."

EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Town Talk on military budget concerns

When the top U.S. Army officer says he's worried the nation doesn't have enough soldiers, we think it's time to listen.

"If we get small enough where some of these (world) leaders don't believe the Army can respond or deter them, if you can't ... deter them from believing they can accomplish something ... that increases the threats and danger to the United States," Gen. Raymond T. Odierno said in an exclusive interview with Gannett's Army Times. "And I don't know what that level is, but I think we're getting dangerously close to that level now."

It's not a new idea. In President Theodore Roosevelt's day, the strategy was described as walk softly and carry a big stick.

For decades, the United States has had the biggest stick around. But, with budget concerns and other factors, the military started whittling away at that stick. Now, they're taking ax chops to it.

Some trimming was needed. Everyone has heard stories of military excesses, particularly when it came to spending related to military contracts. Reports of \$900 hammers got people looking more closely at the budget. The military is spending our money, and as such they should be held accountable to act as good stewards of that money. Items to keep soldiers safe shouldn't be bought from the discount bin, but ancillary items can be. We expect and should get sound fiscal judgment.

It's also valid to note that for too long the United States has shouldered more than its fair share of the global policing load. The reductions in manpower and supplies have forced us to partner with other nations and for those other countries to step up and shoulder more of the responsibility. That's not a bad thing.

So, while acknowledging the need for increased fiscal responsibility, as we have noted here before, we believe troop strength numbers should be determined by top military officials, not Congressional budget planners. "There are a lot of things boiling in a lot of different places," Odierno said. "What you don't know is when something boils over. You have to have the capability to respond, and that's the issue." For example, just two years ago there was no such thing as ISIL. More than 177,000 soldiers were deployed, forward stationed or assigned to more than 150 countries on at least five continents as of the end of July, and new threats — including an increasingly aggressive Russia — are on the horizon. Now is not the time to reduce our strength.

"I worry about our capability to meet all these different challenges as we move forward," he said. "And I worry about the long-term impact increased requirements and reduced resources are going to have our soldiers."

We're worried too, and we hope our nation's leaders heed Gen. Odierno's warning.

IT'S NOT
A NEW IDEA
IN PRESIDENT
THEODORE
ROOSEVELT'S
DAY, THE
STRATEGY
WAS
DESCRIBED
AS WALK
SOFTLY AND
CARRY A BIG
STICK.



JOHN
STOSSEL

Around Town

Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan

The revisions to the Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan for the 2015-16 school year will be available for viewing at the front office of the Webster Parish School Board. Revisions will be considered for adoption at the next school board meeting in early September.

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 21, 2015

St. Rest Baptist Church's 2015 women's conference will be August 21 from 6 until 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. August 22. For more information contact the church at 377-5455.

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.

August 25, 2015

Dance Fest 2015: Square and Round Dance Open House featuring Southern Swings Square Dance Club and Red River Rounders Round Dance Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dancing will take place from 6:30 until 9 :30 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free. For more information contact Genevieve Carlisle at grgarlisle2@gmail.com or Johnnie Ingles at 318-469-2929.

August 30, 2015

West Lake Baptist Church will have a plate lunchfund raiser at noon. Money raised will go towards paving a parking lot. Lunch includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. Plates are \$8.

The Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their Family & Friends Day at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams and the Tillman Church of God in Christ Family of Heflin.

The importance of clean air filters

Motorists routinely check their tires for proper inflation, top off engine fluid levels and maintain oil change schedules. But some drivers do not understand the importance of keeping engine air filters clean.

Engine air filters are a relatively inexpensive vehicle part, but they perform a very important job. For every gallon of gas a car burns, it uses the equivalent of 12,000 gallons of air, and that air must be filtered to help keep an engine clean.

Air filters catch all of the dust, grime, insects, sap, leaves, and any other debris that may get sucked up past the air intake of the vehicle's grill and into the engine itself. With-

out the air filter, those contaminants may compromise the engine, causing corrosion and abrasion. If the air filter in the engine becomes too dirty and is not changed regularly, the engine is starved of air.

Clean air filters allow just the right ratio of air to fuel to enable the engine to function properly. Engines need adequate air for the combustion process to take place. Without the proper combustion levels, vehicles cannot perform properly or efficiently and the engine may burn more gas or get fewer miles to the gallon. A dirty filter also can rob an engine of power. Drivers may notice sluggish acceleration.

Air filters also can get so dirty that the engine stalls completely. But such a problem only develops after considerable neglect.

Air filters may not need to be replaced at each and every oil change service call. Many technicians advise replacing the filter every 8,000 miles. However, drivers who live in particularly dry and dusty regions may need to replace filters more frequently.

Mechanics can often detect when an air filter needs to be replaced. If he or she notices the air filter is particularly dirty, then it's probably time to replace it. Replacing the filter is a relatively inexpensive repair for the amount of performance and peace of mind a new filter provides.

ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

August 31 through September 4 is voter registration week. Registration events will take place at the following times and locations:

Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4 - Registrar of Voter's Office at the Webster Parish Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2 - Springhill Council on Aging from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. - Willie & Mary Mack Memorial Branch Library from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 3 - Minden Council on Aging from 8 until 10 a.m.

AVC Edge voting machine demonstrations will be available in the registrar's office for anyone interested in becoming more familiar with the voting machines used during early voting. For additional information on voter registration voting, elections and becoming a poll worker, visit www.Geauxvote.com or contact the Webster Parish Registrar of Voters office at 377-2972

Are you or
someone you know
getting married?

Is your church or
organization
hosting a local event?

Call the
Minden Press-Herald
at 377-1866 to learn how to get
the word out in the
Webster Life section!

**PROMO
FANS
ARE HERE!**

Made of thick Euroboard
1-Sided or 2-Sided
Water Resistant

Can come
in almost
any
shape you can
think of!

**School Functions
Company Promos
Goodie/Swag Bags
Weddings
Family Reunions
Birthday Parties**

**Perfect for any
warm-weather
occasion!**

**Call Webster Printing
at 377-8518 to order
your fans today!**

Let us handle your paperwork!

WPC
WEBSTER PRINTING COMPANY
716 BROADWAY
MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055
(318) 377-8518
WEBSTERPRINTING@SUDDENLINK.NET

Roll Tide, Roll!

**GLENBROOK
APACHES**

HOL-MONT

Sales & Rental

YOUR OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT HEADQUARTERS

1040 HWY. 531 • MINDEN, LA • (318) 371-0550

BUILT TO LAST EQUIPPED TO SAVE.

eXmark

For more than three decades, Exmark® has raised the bar on durability, technological innovations, fuel efficiency, environmental friendliness, comfort and ergonomics. All aimed at helping you save time and money. **That's why landscape professionals purchased Exmark 2 to 1 over the next best-selling brand of mowing equipment.**

**PIONEER® RIDERS
AS LOW AS**

\$103 PER MO.

3.99% Monthly Interest for 60 months*
based on PNE710GKC48200

0% monthly interest for 42 MONTHS*

On all mowers. Limited time offer.
See dealer for complete details.

exmark.com    

**GIVE US A CALL OR STOP BY
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00-5:00
SATURDAY: 8:00-12:00**

*3.99% Monthly Interest for 60 Months. Residing Program offered to Synchrony Financial. On qualifying purchases of \$1000 or more with your Synchrony credit card. A \$125 Promotion Fee will be charged. 60 Equal Monthly Payments Required. 2% Monthly Interest for 42 Months. Residing Program offered to Synchrony Financial. On purchases of \$1000 or more in Synchrony Equipment with your Synchrony credit card. A \$125 Promotion Fee will be charged. 40 Equal Monthly Payments required.

SPORTS

www.press-herald.com

SPORTS briefs

MLB

Francona to join

Farrell for chemo

BOSTON (AP) — Cleveland manager Terry Francona didn't hesitate when he was on the phone with Red Sox manager John Farrell and heard when his longtime friend was going to start chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma. Francona knew he wanted to be there.

"We were just talking and I was asking questions, the normal questions, and he mentioned he was going to start Tuesday," Francona said Monday before the Indians opened a three-game series at Boston.

"I was like, man, I'm right there," he said. "I'll met you there or go there, whatever. I may not do anything but get in the way like normal, but being a friend, the only thing I know how to do is be a friend. We all don't know exactly how to handle this, but I do know how to be a friend and I care a lot."

Farrell announced last Friday that he has a "highly curable" form of cancer and is taking a medical leave for the rest of the season.

"I was stunned," Francona said. "The first reaction was: I knew people would want to get at him. I wanted to talk to him. In this game you run into so many good people and friends. We became friends not just in baseball but outside of baseball."

Francona, who managed Boston from 2004-11, had Farrell as his pitching coach for the 2007 World Series champions. That year, left-hander Jon Lester returned from cancer treatments in late July and started the Series-clinching game.

MLB

Rookie Mitchell

struck by line drive

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees rookie pitcher Bryan Mitchell sustained a nasal fracture when he was hit in the head by a line drive Monday night, forcing him off the field with a towel over his bloody face.

The injury occurred in the second inning and Mitchell was taken to a hospital. In the sixth, the Yankees said he had been released from the hospital and would be monitored for the possibility of concussion symptoms.

Mitchell was struck by a liner off the bat of Eduardo Nunez of the Minnesota Twins at Yankee Stadium.

The 24-year-old pitcher was knocked down, and the ball caromed into center field for an RBI single. The Yankees and their medical staff quickly rushed to the mound.

Mitchell was on his knees for over a minute, then two trainers flanked him as he walked off. Mitchell needed help getting down the dugout steps because the towel was covering his face.

Nunez, players on the both teams and the crowd applauded as Mitchell exited his third major league start.

Rookie Caleb Cotham came in to relieve Mitchell.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

QB battle gaining clarity



BATON ROUGE (AP) - Brandon Harris sat on a chair against an LSU backdrop with a horde of reporters encircling the highly touted sophomore.

Just to his right, Anthony Jennings did the same. And a few paces away, offensive coordinator Cam Cameron answered questions about a heated battle between the two players for the starting quarterback job.

The scene that unfolded on LSU's media day Sunday looked eerily similar to the one that transpired a year ago. The mood of the aforementioned trio and the words that flowed from their mouths were strikingly different.

"It's a new day around here," Harris said. "Last year is over with. We're looking forward to the future."

Harris, Jennings and Cam Cameron were made available to reporters for the first time since spring practice.

No real secrets were revealed, no mysteries solved, no shroud pulled from the on-going battle between the two quarterbacks. Harris seems to have the lead. He's taken the first and the majority of snaps with the starters during the first 10 days of camp.

Les Miles on Sunday said Harris took "about a

half dozen" more first-string snaps than Jennings during Saturday's closed scrimmage, and that LSU quarterbacks combined to go 20-for-34 for about 200 yards with five dropped passes.

So after scrimmage No. 1, where exactly does the quarterback battle stand right now?

Cameron warned not to "read too much" into the snap counts for the two. And he said LSU isn't "collectively ready" to name a leader or admit to a bigger separation in the competition compared to this time last year — despite signs pointing to just that.

He did, however, say the battle, at least privately, could end soon.

"I think this week will be a week that really can solidify some things if a guy chooses to do that," Cameron said. "You've got to continue to build. You've got to stack quality performances. You've got to build on any positives, got to start erasing any negatives."

Who's ahead? Who's behind? Cameron said that could change from one day to the other.

"I remember when Phillip Rivers was ahead of Drew (Brees) and Drew got ahead of Phillip and then Phillip never caught him until Drew moved on," the coach said. "Right when

you think it's going to play out a certain way, another guy just keeps getting better inch by inch and gets his opportunity and makes the most of it."

While a decision might come soon behind the scenes, Miles has said it likely won't be made public until closer to the season opener against McNeese State on Sept. 5. Cameron spoke of an "urgency" on Sunday to get all quarterbacks prepared for the opener.

"The urgency here is completely different than a lot of places. For what we're playing for, we've got to be hitting on all cylinders Week 1," he said.

Said Cameron on withholding a starting announcement: "I don't think you're ever going to give away any strategic advantage that you feel like you may or may not have. We'll let it play out. We'll see how Les chooses to handle it."

The quarterbacks said they haven't been told when coaches will make a decision on a starter, and Harris, at least, doesn't care.

"I haven't earned the starting quarterback job," Harris said.

The Bossier City native and former four star recruit spoke more politically than ever Sunday but suggested he could start and then lose the job like last season.

"Even if I start Week 1 or Week 2 or if I start, it's all about what have you done lately," said Harris, who said he weighs 212 pounds, a near 20-pound gain from his weight last season. "If I go out there and I don't do



very well — you saw last year against Auburn — I could sit the rest of the season. As a QB, you've got to get everybody lined up. It's not all about talent."

Harris has "grown tremendously," Cameron said. The coach said the "lights came on" for the quarterback in the spring. Things have gotten brighter over the summer and into camp for a kid who many said had trouble learning the playbook in his first year on campus in 2014.

"It's like learning a new language," Cameron said. "The more you do it, the better you get at of it."

Said Miles of the two quarterbacks in the scrimmage Saturday: "Brandon obviously was a little bit

more explosive. Anthony more veteran."

Cameron said Harris "probably" had an advantage in working out with the starters during summer workouts while Jennings suffered a six-week suspension for a June arrest for an unauthorized entry into a home.

Jennings called Harris' progression and improvement "tremendous." He also apologized for the arrest that may have sent this quarterback battle into a tailspin — and created, yes, a new day around LSU.

"It was a mistake," he said. "I was immature at the time. I embarrassed my family. I embarrassed LSU. I embarrassed these coaches."

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Sensory overload in Teche Country

Up here in north Louisiana, we have an institution called Tech. It's pronounced "TECK". Add one letter and your nostrils quiver to the aroma of gumbo and crawfish etouffee. That little letter "E" on the end changes the pronunciation from TECK to TESH. In addition, the letter transports you from the pine hills of northern Louisiana to south Louisiana swamplands where the people are friendly and sport a dialect deliciously different from the drawl of pine hill folks.

"How's yo mama nem?" pine hills folks could say. Down in Cajun country, it might be, "Hey shah, yo mama able to pass a good time?"

I spent a couple of days last week in Teche country attending the annual conference of the Louisiana Outdoor Writer's Association (LOWA) in Morgan City.

That whole part of the world fascinates me. Pines are replaced by tupelo gum and cypress. There is an awful lot of water down there, even though the region like the rest of the state is undergoing a bit of drought.

One of the most amazing venues we visited was the Cajun Coast Visitors and Convention Center in Morgan City located right out in the middle of a swamp. A walkway leads you into the beautiful building with displays depicting the history of the area including a variety of displays of wildlife common to this area.

The most fascinating view at the Center is to step out back on to a covered porch where you're smack dab in the middle of a swamp with



An alligator keeps watch over her eggs incubating in a mound of mud, sticks and moss next to the Cajun Coast Convention and Visitors Center in Morgan City. Courtesy Photo/Glynn Harris

its duck-weed covered dark water, cypress trees, tupelo gum and Spanish moss a few feet away.

Less than a dozen feet below the porch is a mound of mud, sticks and grass, an active alligator nest and if you stand there a few minutes, you see bubbles, the duckweed-covered water parts and the head of an alligator appears; she is protecting the eggs she has deposited in the mound waiting for them to hatch. You can't get much closer to nature than that.

The agenda also included a tour of the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge

headquartered in nearby Franklin. This 9,000 acre piece of heaven is located in St. Mary Parish and according to the brochure I picked up at headquarters, the refuge is "composed of wet bottom-land hardwoods laced with bayous and canals."

Brian Pember, Wildlife Refuge Specialist conducted the tour along with animated volunteer, Donovan Garcia who has left his footprint on virtually every square inch of the refuge.

This amazing piece of real estate, established in 2001, not only preserves and manages habitat for the threatened Louisiana black

bear, the refuge also provides habitat for other fish and wildlife species along with opportunities for public recreation.

The refuge is open year round to the public from sunrise to sunset with seasonal restrictions in some areas. Hunting is permitted on the refuge in specific areas with required hunt permits available at stations around the refuge.

Fishing, boating the canals and bayous, hiking, and birding are all allowed on specific areas and at specified times.

The walking tour took us into the heart of the swamp.

With temperatures flirting with triple digits, we saw few critters but there was evidence we were walking in areas frequented by wildlife. Along one canopy-shaded walking path, a mud slide from a slough across the path was made, our guide pointed out, by an alligator.

To learn more about this fascinating area or to plan a visit to the south Louisiana swamp, visit www.fws.gov/bayouteche on-line.

Glynn Harris Outdoors is proudly sponsored by DSK, Ltd. of Minden.

What could you do with the amazing savings from Webster Printing?



Let us handle
your paperwork!

WPC

WEBSTER PRINTING COMPANY

716 BROADWAY • MINDEN, LA 71055
P: (318) 377-8518 • F: (318) 377-8530
WEBSTERPRINTING@SUDDENLINK.NET

Book calls Kanye West music and pop culture changer

"Kanye West: God & Monster" (The Overlook Press), by Mark Beaumont

Anyone who's glanced at a tabloid recently knows Kanye West as a flashy rapper who is married to reality TV star Kim Kardashian. But "Kanye West: God & Monster" by Mark Beaumont argues West's talent and influence stretch well past the gossip headlines.

Beaumont did his homework — there are eight pages of sources cited in the index — piecing together West's story, using media interviews spanning more than a decade. But the only quotes allegedly said by West and those in his circle are taken from outside reporting, not original interviews, so there are no revelations, and few new personal details.

The book follows West's life from his childhood in Chicago to his first shot in the music business through to the present. The bulk of the content focuses on his creative process writing and producing, so it reads more like a music anthology than a biography.

The chapters are long and dense, each focusing on a particular album, explaining the origin and meaning of scores of song lyrics and musical hooks, and myriad collaborators. West has joined forces with dozens of rap and hip-hop stars and the author names them all, making it a challenge to keep up. While Beaumont is deft at analyzing West's lyrics and relating them to the rapper's life experiences, including so many examples becomes repetitive and tedious and breaks the narrative's flow.

A consistent theme in the book is West's perseverance and his refusal to accept rejection because his artistic convictions and belief in himself are so strong. Beaumont suggests that while West is now a "god" in music, he had a tough time breaking in.

The author builds a convincing case that West is a creative music genius, with an eye for fashion, video directing and design. He's also known among his peers as one of the hardest working performers in show



business, producing on a platinum record when he was just 19.

The book examines his process — never writing down lyrics, constantly listening to music from all genres to find hooks and putting them together with signature beats. West often burrows in hotels and makeshift studios for months with little sleep, barely stopping to eat, as he constantly

rearranges songs up until a record release.

But with success came hubris and a lack of self-control. West began to draw negative attention by comparing himself to great musicians and cultural icons, and he became famous for his public meltdowns.

Fans looking for scoop on West's personal life will be disappointed. Many life events — messy breakups, his mother's

tragic death following plastic surgery, feuds with other musicians, his marriage to Kardashian and becoming a father — are glossed over.

The book spotlights the music and West's ambition and artistic influence. He has his own record label, produces and styles music videos, created a Nike sneaker and has fashion lines in the works. His tour with Jay Z broke records and marked

transcendence into the mainstream.

Beaumont's writing style is bland, unlike his dynamic subject. West's personal story, his fearlessness and tireless work ethic, and his talent and creativity will likely inspire readers. Beaumont hails West as innovative and riveting. Unfortunately, his book is not.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT & GREG WALKER



BLONDIE | DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



FUNKY WINKERBEAN | TOM BATIUK



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



SAM AND SILO | JERRY DUMAS



NORTHWEST LOUISIANA CLASSIFIEDS

The Marketplace of Webster and Bossier Parishes.

MINDEN PRESS-HERALD | 203 Gleason Street • Minden, La. 71055 | 318-377-1866 | www.press-herald.com



Grow YourB usiness
Call Courtney to place your ad!

377-1866
PLACE YOUR
AD TODAY!

Classified line ads are published Monday through Friday in the Minden Press-Herald, Bossier Press-Tribune and online at



Rates

Pricingise asy!

\$7.75

Per Day - Up to 20 words! Additional words are only 30¢ cents more!

GarageS ales
No word limit.

\$11

One Day

\$16.⁵⁰

Two Days

Receive a **FREEGar ageS ale Kit** with your two day ad!

*Garage Sale ads must be prepaid.

Deadlines

Ads

Line ads must be submitted by noon the day before publication. Display ads two days prior to publication.

Public Notices

Public notices must be submitted two days prior to publication date depending on the length. Notices may be emailed to classifieds@press-herald.com

Payments

Cash, Checks, Billing



RealE stateNot ice

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Hillside Apartments
1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms
400 Hillside Lane
Minden, LA 71055
318-377-5550
Lots of Room
Washer & Dryer
connections
Sparkling Pool

Red Oak Villa

1358 Sheppard St.
Minden, LA

Carefree Independent
Living For The Elderly

Low income
subsidized housing.
Free water & garbage.
Mailboxes & laundry
rooms. Emergency call
system. Convenient to
banking & shopping.

377-8474
8:00 - 4:00 - Mon. - Fri.

LAND FOR SALE

ATTENTION HUNTERS Ideal for hunting camp. Backs up to Kitchensie Forest. 26 acres of land for sale, Angie Rd off of Lewisville Rd. Reduced to \$72,000 Call Charlotte Hamm 318-422-6471. Wiley Real Estate, Licensed in Louisiana.
FOR SALE Bid Date; Wednesday September 30, 2015, 456 acres in South Caddo Parish. Call for bid package, Tim L. Holland (318) 286-2802.

NOTICES THE WEBSTER

PARISH SCHOOL BOARD is posting a Request for Proposal(RFP) for E-Rate Category 1. You can access the RFP by going to www.websterpsb.org and navigating to Departments, Technology, E-Rate, RFP, and then by opening the file named "WPSD_RFP_WAN_INTERNET-FINAL". There will also be a link to the RFP posted on the front page of www.websterpsb.org under the news section that will bring you directly to the file.

RENTAL

2BR 1BA 1006 Waterman. \$650/mo \$600/dep. 371-1845
3BR 1BA MH Central H/ A \$200/dep \$425/ mo no pets, 318-268-7937.

LARGE 3BR 2BA 1 block from Harper Elementary. Office (could be used as third bedroom) Small guest house in back. \$1000/dep \$1450/mo Call 423-0594
LARGE 3BR 2BA house on 2 acres. \$550/mo. References required. 2 miles from Homer in the country 433-0071 or 584-4373

SERVICES

FLOWER BEDS CLEANED, hedges trimmed, fence rows cleared, bushes cut. Call **Lawn Management** for free estimates 377-8169

EMPLOYMENT

2 TEMPORARY RANCH WORKERS Fort Ranches, LP. Pinto Canyon Ranch. 2 Temporary Workers, Marfa, Texas. Farm Worker-Cattle, 09/15/2015-07/15/2016. Pay Rate: \$11.50/Hr. Guaranteed contract of 3/4 employment period. All tools, supplies, equipment and housing provided at no cost to worker. Duties include seasonal cattle work, branding, castrating, herding, vaccinating and maintenance of housing. Transportation and subsistence expenses reimbursed. Applicants should contact or send resume to nearest State Workforce Agency office. Job Listing No. TX8379874. Texas SWA: (512) 475-2571
CARING & COM-PASSIONATE CNA'S WANTED Apply in person. Cypress Point Nursing Center Bossier City, LA (behind Lowe's on Douglas Dr.) 318-747-2700 Come & make a difference in someone's life
CHIEF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER The District Public Defender Selection Committee for the 1st Judicial District (Caddo Parish) will be accepting resumes for the position of Chief District Public Defender. Qualifications shall be in accordance with La. R. S. 150(B) and 161(B). Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Full job description available at www.lpdba.la.gov. Resumes should be mailed to the attention of Craig Smith, 3646 Youree Dr., Shreveport, LA, 71105, or by email to craig@smith-john.com. Application deadline is 8/24/15.

CIVIL ENGINEER

Bossier City, LA - Heavy Wastewater & Water knowledge. Louisiana PE & 6-8 years' experience required. Full Benefits. Email: Resumes@manchacgroup.com

CW&W CONTRACTORS Sibley, la Now hiring for the following Positions: Heavy equipment operators Grapple truck drivers/ operators Low-boy and dump truck drivers Very competitive pay and benefits Package available. Send resume to hr@cw Contractors.com Or call 318-377-4823

HELP WANTED Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services is accepting applications/ resumes for the position of Facilities and Logistics Manager. This position requires technical skills in the field of automotive technology and vehicle operations. Management level responsibilities are included in the job description, which can be requested from the Bossier Parish EMS office at 5275 Swan Lake Rd., Bossier City, La 71111. Beginning salary is commensurate with experience, ranging from \$39,900 to \$59,000. Minimum qualifications include: Age 21; Chauffeurs license required, at least 2 years' experience as an automotive technician; training in automotive service excellence or as an emergency vehicle technician; licensed as a NR-EMT or ability to achieve license within twelve months of hire. Additional automotive certifications may be deemed necessary throughout the course of employment, at the expense of the employer. Minimum level education required is a high school diploma or GED equivalent. A Resume with a minimum of 3 references, who will be contacted, will be required for all applications. The successful candidate will be required to have a background check, polygraph and drug screen performed. Applications with resumes should be delivered in person to the EMS office at 5275 Swan Lake Rd, Bossier City, La 71111 no later than Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 at 4pm. Steve Nezat, Director

NOW HIRING qualified servers, hostesses and food runners/ bussers. Email contact information and previous work experience to admin@myromas.com.

POLICE JAILER I A written examination will be given in approximately ninety (90) days, on a competitive basis to approved applicants for the purpose of placing names on the competitive employment list for the class of Jailer I, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law and the rules of the Bossier City Civil Service Board. Application forms and a list of the qualification requirements that must be met for admission to these examinations may be obtained from Mrs. Barbara Murray, Secretary to the Bossier City Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board, Bossier City Police Department, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Completed applications must be received by the above mentioned person at the address given by 3:00 PM, August 26, 2015. Approved applicants will be notified of the exact date, time and place of the examination at least five (5) days prior to the examination. For further information you may call Barbara Murray, Secretary to the Bossier City Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board at (318) 698-7335. The City of Bossier City is an equal opportunity employer.

VAC TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED Stallion production services in homer & haughton, la is seeking vacuum truck drivers. Must have clean record and pass drug/alcohol/worksteps. Benefits include: competitive pay, medical/dental/vision insurance-2 plans to choose from-, 401k w/ co match, long & short term disability, 5/2 schedule. \$500 sign on bonus pd after 90 days excellent emp record. Apply in person @ 7034 hwy 79 n, homer, la or 205 hwy 164, bldg. A, haughton, la or email resume to jrolen@sofs.cc
DRIVERS Drivers: Hiring Company & Owner-Ops with New Business in Lake Charles! Excellent Weekly Pay, Great Home Time! Required: CDL-A, 2 Yrs Tr/ Tr Exp & Clean MVR Call Jake: 855-313-5893

FOR SALE

BALDWIN PIANO Great Condition! \$700. Violin, case and two bows, \$2000. 2 Music stands \$35 each. Lots of sheet music! 382-0864
BUSINESS FOR SALE Custom Fit, INC. (Alterations) Call 227-2314 or 425-1597

GE DIGITAL CAMERA

Great Condition \$45 Call or text 318-658-2923 for pictures and more information!!

PETS

English Bulldog Purebred Puppies for sale. They are Akc Reg, Shots, Brindle, Champion Bloodline, Outstanding Pedigrees, Health Guarantee.12 wks old. Each cost \$800 Email:amy.brown65@aol.com or call 318-747-6481



NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the Governing Authority), acting as the governing authority of the Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana (the District), on April 13, 2015, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana (the District), continue to levy and collect a special tax of two and eighty-two hundredths (2.82) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$729,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2016 and ending with the year 2025, for the purpose of giving additional support to public schools in the Parish of Webster, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating the public school system of the District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit (in tables on page 9)

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at

Minden, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:
/s/Charles Strong
President

/s/ Daniel Rawls
Secretary

August 4 & 11 & 18 & 25, 2015
Minden Press-Herald

Public Notice for Antenna Structure Registration

Nexus Systems proposes to register and use a telecommunications tower located at 209 Clerk Street, Minden, LA in Webster Parish, Louisiana. The tower, FCC file number A0977220 is a 180 ft. antenna tower. In accordance to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), an evaluation has been conducted of the potential impacts the tower facility may have on the environment. Interested parties may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC File number provided above. Interested parties may raise environmental concerns about the structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file requests online, instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; however, paper filings can be mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

August 18, 2015
Minden Press-Herald

Notice of Proposed Sale of Succession Property at Private Sale

Notice is hereby given that the following described property located at 155 Horseshoe Loop, Doyline, LA 71023, is being proposed for private sale, by the Executor, Donna E. Harris, in the Succession of Clyde Joseph Melancon, Probate No. 15,529, 26th Judicial District Court, Webster Parish, State of Louisiana. Property Description: Lot 24, less the Northeast Half sold to SANFORD C. AND SYBIL STRONG, as per deed recorded in Book 288, Page 203, of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, of the E.B. SMITH SUBDIVISION, located in Lots 4,5 and 8 of Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in Plat Book 3, Page 4, of the records of the Clerk of the District Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon. Any opposition to the proposed sale must be filed within seven days from August 19, 2015.

August 18 & 19, 2015
Minden Press-Herald



Got your attention?
Good.

The first rule of advertising is catching their eye.
The second is sustained, repeated advertising.

Advertising doesn't cost, it PAYS!

MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

For more information, call an Advertising Representative today at 377-1866.

SMALL ADS
DO SELL!
CALL AND
PLACE
YOURS
TODAY!
377-1866

CRYPTOQUIP

VYZDZKZT C PZDAJXA UJSSX C
AEEAY, PE BEN XNFFEXZ YZ
VJSS YCKZ AE UJDP AYZ

IZDAZT EU ICKJAB?

Yesterday's **Cryptoquip**: DECADE IN WHICH
BOAT-ROWING BECAME AN ENORMOUSLY
POPULAR HOBBY: THE OARING TWENTIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals Y

CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Dictionary entry 5 Old bird of New Zealand 8 "Please allow me" 12 Burn soother 13 Quiche ingredient 14 Works with 15 Brothers and sisters 16 Leg- endary newsman Walter 18 Travelers' lodging 20 Title role for Michael Caine or Jude Law 21 Repro- ductive cells 22 Actress Joanne 23 Ill- humored 26 Pilot's chamber 30 Annoy 31 Tend the lawn 32 Greek vowel

DOWN 33 Jiminy, e.g. 36 Raise a glass to 38 Coop occupant 39 Fedora or derby 40 Less friendly 43 Hypo- dermic device 47 Sidewalk material 49 Partially mine 50 Trans- Siberian Railroad city 51 Sister 52 Error 53 Trawler gear 54 Modern- day evidence

55 Ticklish Muppet

19 Wall climber
22 Part of DJIA
23 First X or O?
24 Blunder
25 Tackle moguls
26 Barracks bed
27 Shell game item
28 "— Im- possible"
29 Make lace
31 Chaps
34 Verifies
35 Actress Deborah
36 Pitch
37 Idle
39 Zoo howler
40 PC picture
41 Arrive
42 "Meet Me — Louis"
43 Dazzle
44 Void partner
45 Bleak
46 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
48 Conclu- sion

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterdays answer 8-18

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19			20			
			21			22				
23	24	25			26			27	28	29
30				31				32		
33			34	35			36	37		
			38			39				
40	41	42			43			44	45	46
47				48			49			
50				51			52			
53				54			55			

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
01	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
02	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
02B	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
03	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
04	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
05	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill
05A	Springhill Civic Center, 101 Machen Drive, Springhill

06	Cullen Municipal Building, 405 Coyle Avenue, Cullen
07	Sarepta Community Building, 210 Vines Street, Sarepta
08	Sarepta Community Building, 210 Vines Street, Sarepta
09	New Shongaloo Civic Center, 119 Highway Alt. 2, Shongaloo
10	New Shongaloo Civic Center, 119 Highway Alt. 2, Shongaloo
11	Sarepta Community Building, 210 Vines Street, Sarepta
12	North Webster Upper Elementary, 6245 Hwy. 160, Cotton Valley
13	North Webster Upper Elementary, 6245 Hwy. 160, Cotton Valley
14	Evergreen Community House, 1857 Evergreen Road, Evergreen
15	Pleasant Valley Community House, 1099 Greene Road, Minden
16	Minden Community House, 711 Gladney Street, Minden
17	Alternative School, 109 Clerk Street, Minden
17A	Alternative School, 109 Clerk Street, Minden
18	Alternative School, 109 Clerk Street, Minden
21	Alternative School, 109 Clerk Street, Minden
22	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden
24	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden
25	Phillips Elementary School, 811 Durwood Drive, Minden
25A	Phillips Elementary School, 811 Durwood Drive, Minden
26	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden
27	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden

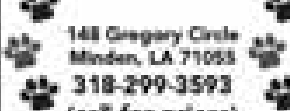
28	Minden Community House, 711 Gladney Street, Minden
29	Harper Elementary School, 618 Germantown Road, Minden
31	Minden Community House, 711 Gladney Street, Minden
32	Dubherly Fire Station, 838 Hwy. 532, Dubherly
33	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden
34	Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Street, Minden
35	Sibley Civic Center, 127 SE Fourth Avenue, Sibley
36	Dubherly Fire Station, 838 Hwy. 532, Dubherly
38	Heflin Civic Center, 116 N. Main Street, Heflin
39	Heflin Civic Center, 116 N. Main Street, Heflin
40	Sibley Civic Center, 127 SE Fourth Avenue, Sibley
41	Dayline High School, 376 College Street, Dayline
42	Dayline High School, 376 College Street, Dayline
43	Fire District #7, Fire Station #5, 11217 Hwy. 80, Minden

- Ask for Todd • FREE ESTIMATES • 318-458-5544**

Follow us

738 Morris Deane, Jr. *Miscellaneous*

310-731-5263



Abstract

10.4.2.2 The Role of the Teacher



Carol Shell, Owner • 377 3395 • 470 5537

Handicap & wheelchair accessible

Contact Keith
303.555.0044 • 4799.5554.73

1. Background **2. Methods**

371-9898
411 Woodward Road • Windsor

318-382-9000
807 Homer Road
Minden, LA