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# Coroner's office under investigation

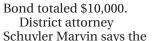
Chief deputy coroner arrested; accused of malfeasance in office and felony theft

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An arrest has been made following the execution of a search warrant at the Webster Parish Coroner's Office, where sheriff's detectives seized financial records in regards to possible improper mileage billing and contractual agreements.

Glenda A. Lewis, 43, of the 6800 block of Dorcheat Road in Minden, was arrested Monday afternoon when

she turned herself in to authorities. She was charged with malfeasance in office and felony theft over \$1,500.



mileage and other reimbursements. "It may go further than that, but we're looking into

allegations involve

of frustrating, because we've been here before." Sheriff Gary Sexton says Lewis turned herself in at Bayou Dorcheat Correc-

all that," he said. "It's kind

tional Center without incident and has been very cooperative with authori-

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THE INVESTIGATION SHOWED SOME DIS-CREPANCIES IN THE PAPERWORK OF OVERBILLING CHARGES."

**WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF GARY SEXTON** 

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City Artworks seeking expericed artists

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Breaking the rules

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WEATHER

Tomorrow's Outlook





Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible.

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**EDUCATION** 

### Harper students fate in hands of voters

If bond extention passes, J.E. Harper students to be moved to J.A. Phillips building

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The Webster Parish School Board passed a resolution Monday that will put before the people in November a proposition that will extend the current bond issue to fund construction that will allow Kindergarten and first grade students at J.E. Harper Elementary to

By a unanimous vote, the board approved the resolution that includes the capital improvement plan to move students from Harper to J.A. Phillips Middle School and move the sixth grade students to Webster Junior High

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# Rollover injures one



### Driver airlifted to University Health

A rollover crash had one lane of Interstate 20 down for several hours Monday afternoon as the driver of an 18wheeler tow unit was airlifted to University Health for major injuries, but non-life threatening. Minden police responded to the crash around 1:30 p.m. where the driver was trapped inside the vehicle. Officers at the scene say around mile marker 49 westbound, the tow unit apparently had a blowout causing him to roll the vehicle and strike several trees in the wood line. Ofc. Kenneth James, Lt. Seth Young, Lt. Wayne Young and Ofc. Russell Engi were the responding officers. Also assisting were the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police. The name of the driver has not been released as of press time. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



**EDUCATION** 

### Rowland leaves Lakeside

Accepts position at school board; Michelle Finley acting principal

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Principal Johnny Rowland has left Lakeside High School and taken a position with the Webster Parish school system as its personnel director and middle school super-

He says it was a bittersweet decision, but he felt it was the right move.

"It was an opportunity, I

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#### **DWI** checkpoint scheduled

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office will conduct a DWI checkpoint Saturday. The checkpoint will take place from Saturday evening until early Sunday morning at an undisclosed location in the parish. The checkpoint is funded by the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over grant.

FINANCIAL NEWS

### Advisor: Stock market drop not as bad as it looks

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The U.S. took a sharp drop in the stock market following China's plunge Monday, but it may not be as bad as it looks.

The Dow Jones Industrial average fell more than 1,000 points in early trading Monday morning, with the Standard and Poor's

500 index dropping 4.5 percent.

Ty Pendergrass, financial advisor and regional manager for Argent Financial Group in Minden, says

mortgage rates and interest rates might see a hike, but not a huge one. "For the average person who has money invested in the domestic stock market,

they've seen a decline of

about 14 percent since

Wednesday," he said. "Most people don't have all

national average is about

their money in the stock market. They have a percentage about 20 to percent

their assets in the stock mar- PENDERGRASS ket, and the

about seven percent." He says many who

invest in the stock market have diverse portfolios, which means they won't see as sharp a drop in their investments.

40 to 50 percent. So they

probably saw a decline of

Mortgages and interest rates will be affected, but not those on fixed rates, he

"When it comes to

interest rates, I don't think we're headed for 2008," he

He explained in 2008, the Standard and Poor went down 45 percent, but he doesn't see that happening again. In fact, it's common for stocks to drop like this once in a while.

"The things that I read and the numbers that I

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# SECONDFRONT

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**OBITUARY** 

#### Clara Mae White

Clara Mae White (nee: Wallace) passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2015 at the age

Beloved wife of the late John Wallace and the late Douglas White.

Loving mother of John Wallace (the late Martha), Ronald Wallace (Ilene), and Don-

ald Wallace (Gloria).

Cherished grandmother of John Wallace (Margaret), James Wallace (Patricia), Lisa

Clink (Chad), Jason Wallace (Michelle), Shirley Wallace (Carlos Olivas), Robert Wallace, Sarah Wallace, Sheila Wallace, Vittoria Wallace and Cristina Wallace. Devoted great-grandmother of Cody, Vanessa, Justin, Christian, Brendan, Hannah, Hailey, Madison, Grace, Wyatt, Taylor, Tucker, Sofia and Carlos.

Funeral service will be at noon, Thursday at A.J. Desmond and Sons - Price Chapel at 3725 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of service.

View obituary and share www.ajdesmond.com

HIGHER EDUCATION

# Supporter endows 2 new scholarships at Centenary College

ongtime supporter of established two endowed scholarships the William Walter Nolan Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the John Charles Nolan Endowed Scholarship.

Rev. William E. "Wishy" Nolan and President David Rowe signed formal agreements establishing the scholarships earlier this month. The moves were announced Monday.

The two new scholarships bring to four the that the Nolan family has funded to support students pursuing an education at Centenary. The Nolan family's relationship with Centenary began in 1928, when the reverend's uncle, Earl Nolan, was a running back for the Centenary football team.

vigorate 2004, serving as the association's president. He's also a leading supporter of Centenary athletics.

William Nolan graduated in 1954 and helped rein-Centenary's Alumni Association in

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Pictured from left are Jerri de Pingre', president/CEO of Minden South Webster Chamber; Todd Murphy, president/CEO of Jefferson Chamber; April Wehrs, president/CEO of Livingston Chamber and Ron Erickson, president of LACCE Board of Directors. Courtesy Photo

## Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce brings home big award

The Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives selected the Jefferson, Livingston and Minden-South Webster Chambers of Commerce as LACCE's 2015 Chambers of the Year. Presidents from each chamber accepted the award on Aug. 21 at LACCE's fall conference hosted by the West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce in Sulphur.

"This annual award is a chance to celebrate businesses in Louisiana and recognize the dual role chambers have in leading businesses and communities," Ron Erickson, 2015 LACCE president, said. "A panel of out-of-state judges selected these chambers to honor the folks that have done outstanding things in their

community within the last

LACCE named Jefferson Chamber as the 2015 Large Chamber of the Year, Livingston Chamber as the 2015 Mid-Size Chamber of the Year and Minden-South Webster Chamber as the 2015 Small Chamber of the Year. More than 50 people attended the event in celebration of their successes

LACCE is a membership driven, non-profit organization formed in order to bring together the executives of the chambers of commerce throughout the state. The organization serves as a catalyst to network and educate the executives and the staffs within the statewide chamber areas.

### Sheriff: Paperwork shows discrepancies in billing

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agreements between personnel and a private company as well as possible overcharging mileage.

showed some discrepancies in the paperwork of overbilling charges," the sheriff said. "Whether they are intentional or unintentional, there's still over billing charges and double billing charges. That's the bottom line.'

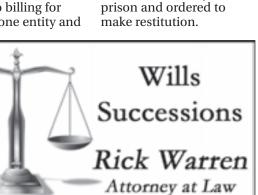
He says Lewis was working for the coroner's office and Hospice as well as other contractual agencies to do medical work and she was billing both parties for the same time. She was also billing for mileage for one entity and billing another entity for the same mileage.

"Apparently it was enough of a pattern that it showed up that it's probably going to be questionable as to whether it was unintentional or not," he

office came under intense scrutiny as one of its bookkeepers embezzled nearly \$80,000 from the office.

The thefts reportedly spanned more than a three-year period, from March 4, 2009 through June 15, 2012, according to the indictment. In November 2012, Lewis' brother Glen Guin pled guilty to felony theft and malfeasance in office. He was sentenced to one year in prison and ordered to make restitution.

# "The investigation In 2012, the coroner's



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#### BIRTHDAYS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

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### Dow Jones falls more than 1,000 points at start of trading

#### MARKET

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look at indicate that we're (not) headed for that kind of downturn," he said. "The federal reserve has been talking about signaling that they're looking at increasing the short term rates. The consensus is that if the feds start raising rates, which they will in either September or January, that it will not be huge moves, that it will be incremental. And really, that's a sign of an improving econ-

Even then, that might be put off until January 2016, instead of December.

shares were inexpensive, which led investors to believe Beijing would shore up prices if needed. Prices faltered and then plunged after an unrelated change in banking regulations in June led investors to question whether Beijing's support might be weakening. The market index fell 30 percent, prompting Beijing to intervene by barring big shareholders from selling and promising state-owned brokerages and pension funds would buy.

Pendergrass says even he says, and it's been at The Chinese bench- with the sharp drop in Chimark soared more than 150 nese markets and the drop market has seen any kind percent starting late 2014 in domestic markets (U.S.), of correction. after state media said he says it doesn't hold any But it's not all had news. bad news for home mortgages and credit cards.

> He says there are a variety of opinions on why the Chinese markets dropped, saying some believe it's due to slow growth in China.

> "Some are concerned about global growth worries," he said. "Some are worried about our domestic earnings and some are worried about the feds raising interest rates.

Typically, since 1980, the market has pulled back about 14 percent per year, least four years since the

"There are a lot of positive things going on in the economy when it comes to corporate earnings, the amount of cash that corporations have, household net worth is at an all-time high, consumer defaults (a percentage of their overall debt) is at an all-time low."

So even though China's markets are considered to be "crashing," the U.S. is just undergoing a "correc-

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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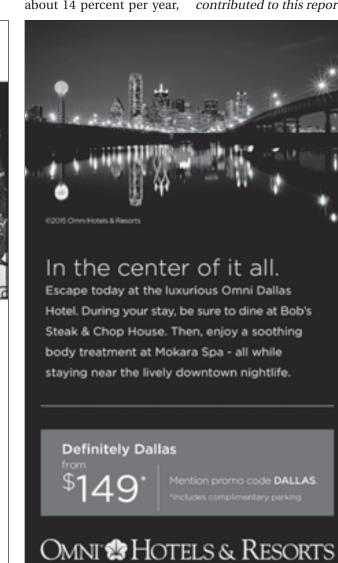
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### Voters to decide to extend bond in November

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**BOARD MEMBER** 

**JERRY LOTT** 

#### **BOARD**

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Even though he voted in favor of it, board member Jerry Lott still expressed his disappointment in the fact that the capital improvement plan does not include what will be done with the building once it's vacated.

"It seems to me that

should have been part of our package, but it's not," he "I'll support the motion, and I'm also concerned



for something to be done,

much from the public in terms of what it is we're proposing to do.'

He says he's supporting the capital improvement plan to construct an additional wing onto Phillips and an additional wing onto Webster, calling it a m a j o r improvement" over what's tak-

Currently, taxpayers pay a total of 29 mill ad valorem tax that will sunset in 2029. If the proposition passes, it will be extended through 2036, board attorney Grant Schleuter

ing place now.

but I've really not heard posed would be a 20-year bond issue, which would

begin in 2016. "We would be issuing these bonds and

have the money available March of next year," Schleuter said.

Lott clarified saying it's not costing the taxpayers any more money, just an extra five years.

Before the special meeting at 6 p.m., a buildings and maintenance committee meeting as well as a finance committee meeting took place where architect Perry Watson and attorney Grant Schleuter were

on hand to answer ques-The bond issue pro- tions from board mem-

Watson answered many logistical questions about construction, the buildings themselves as well as capacity for assembly and lunchroom areas at both Phillips and Web-

He also discussed his fees, what they are and how they will be paid.

In other news, board members turned in their evaluation sheets rating the performance of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls. Board president Charles Strong told members the scores would be totaled in an executive meeting immediately following the board meeting. The results will be sent out to his fellow board members Tuesday, he said.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 14, as the first Monday in September is Labor Day. The meeting will begin at 6

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be served.

ticket sales for the public are being sold for \$20. Jerri de Pingre', Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce presi-

Sibley Road. De Pingre' says all first responders will receive a goodie bag with donations from area business and

# Chamber to honor 1st responders

Lunch scheduled for Sept. 1 at civic center; deadline to purchase tickets is Friday

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To honor first responders, Town & Country Heath & Rehab along with Minden-South Chamber of Commerce is hosting a First Responders Appreciation Lunch.

It's set for Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 11:30 a.m.

until 1 p.m., at the Minden Civic Center. Fish plates Catering will

**DE PINGRE** 

The event will be free for first responders, but

dent says tickets must be purchased by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at the chamber office located at 110

many surprises are in the works.

"We have some special

things planned," she said. "Abby Reynolds will sing the National Anthem and the Minden High School ROTC will present the colors, just to name a few."

Former Assistant Chief Sandy Davis with the Shreveport Fire Department will be the keynote speaker.

Davis retired after 27 years of service with the department. After retirement, he

served the citizens of Caddo and Bossier Parishes as the director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for nine years.

During the Deepwater Horizon - BP Oil Spill - in 2010, Davis coordinated the State of Louisiana's agencies responding to this Incident of National Significance. In that role, he served as the deputy state coordinator for the four-month period required to bring this event under control.

Sponsors for the lunch include Minden Medical Center, Jason Parker, MBL Bank, Wilson Orthopedic & Sports Medicine, U.S. Silica, Gamble Hospice, Jeanne Martin – State Farm, Walgreens Pharmacy, Aeropres Corporation and Hol-Mont Sales & Rental.



### **LAKESIDE**

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feel, to serve the district in a different role," he said. "It was certainly a job that appealed to me, because I like the challenge of being involved in the hiring process, finding and locating and interviewing good teacher prospects and supporting them, and hopefully finding people that will help our parish to continue to grow and improve."

supervisor Charlotte Dean announced her decision to retire and the position came open. Rowland told staff upfront he applied for the vacant position the first day of

He continued in his role as principal and Friday, Aug. 21, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls called him to wrap things up at the school and come to Central Office. His first day was Monday.

Rowland began at

July, personnel Lakeside as a teacher and coach in 1998. He became assistant principal in 2003, and returned in 2011 to take the helm as principal.

He says Lakeside is a good school with a strong network of teachers, coaches, parents and students.

"It was a tremendous job," he said. "I did not really get a chance to stay goodbye to the students because of the timing, but Lakeside is a good school. It's well run; they have good staff and parent support. Because of that, it will continue to run and do well."

In Monday's meeting, the school board voted to open the position and begin advertising to fill it. Michelle Finley is acting principal.

At Doyline, Maz Bursey has taken the position of assistant principal following the vacancy left when Guy Sanders took a position at Lakeside. Sanders has since moved to Central Elementary as assistant prinipal.



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# **OPINION**

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PERSPECTIVE

# Time slips away

"Ain't it funny how time slips way." Sung by Willie Nelson and others.

This has been on my mind recently. Maybe because I turned over another year on the age spectrum. Or maybe it's something else.

Ĭ keep running into my dear students, some from first grade, and I'm sorry to say I don't recognize them every time.

A few months ago I met up with a beautifully dressed professional-looking young lady. She greeted me enthusiastically, "Hi,Mrs.Moore." I was so embarrassed because I had no idea who she was. I sheepishly admitted that I didn't recognize her. She told me her name, her married name which I also didn't recognize. She then gave me her childhood name and it clearly rang a bell.

She said, "You were my teacher

and I knew you as soon as I saw you."
Even though I knew the name I couldn't place which class she was in so when I got home I pulled out my scrapbooks and found her. She was a little blonde fourth grader I had taught many years before.
When she told me she knew who I

when she told me she knew who I was as soon as she saw me, I wondered how. With additional pounds, more age and lots of gray hair I couldn't have looked like I did back then. However, we chatted a bit and I was so happy to see her. I've seen her a couple of times since then, but now I recognize her.

At church recently I was greeting some members who are regular in attendance and there was a young woman there who looked familiar. It probably helped that she was there with her parents (the couple I was talking to) so I confidently asked, "Are you I ori?"



she said she knew me immediately. What's so unbelievable is that she is now a grandmother. How can that be? She should still be that dark-haired seventh grader from the one year I taught junior high. We visited for a few minutes and I told her how happy I was to see her.

I've run into many former students in Wal-Mart or McDonalds and would recognize the face but couldn't put a name with the face. I think this is one indication of the aging process. If they greeted me, I sometimes had to admit I couldn't pull forth a name. Or sometimes they just grin and ask if I recognize them and all too often I must admit that I don't.

I always enjoy meeting up with former students and catching up on their lives. I like to hear about their jobs and their families, even when I find it so incredible that they have adult children and even grandchildren

The most recent embarrassing face to face was with a young man who approached us in a parking lot, grinning broadly. He shook hands with Hubby and looked at me and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

I stared at a somewhat familiar face until I was ashamed and then had to admit I didn't. When he told me who he was, he grabbed me in a big ole bear hug and we were so glad to see each other.

He had someone with him who went on in the store but he had told her, "There's my first grade teacher. I'll bet she doesn't even know who I

The mischievous little blonde first grader had really grown up. He was a muscular young man, quite handsome, but the slightly receding hairline didn't say first grade.

line didn't say first grade.

We had a good visit. He told of some health issues he had gone through, much too serious for one so young. He shared that he was now in church and trying to get his life straight. Another hug and I let him know I was so proud of him and his decision to change his lifestyle.

We caught up on his family and what was going on in their lives and visited for some time there in the parking lot

parking lot.
As we were saying goodbye, we had to have another hug. It was so good to see him and I was sorry I failed to recognize him. Nevertheless, I was so happy to have a chance to visit with one of my own.

Visit with one of my own.

I could tell of many more such situations and as embarrassing as it is to not recall their names, the joy in visiting with them lets me quickly over-

come that weakness.

Instances such as these, another birthday, another wedding anniversary, and another great grandchild on the way, are constant reminders of that old song, "Ain't it funny how

time slips away."

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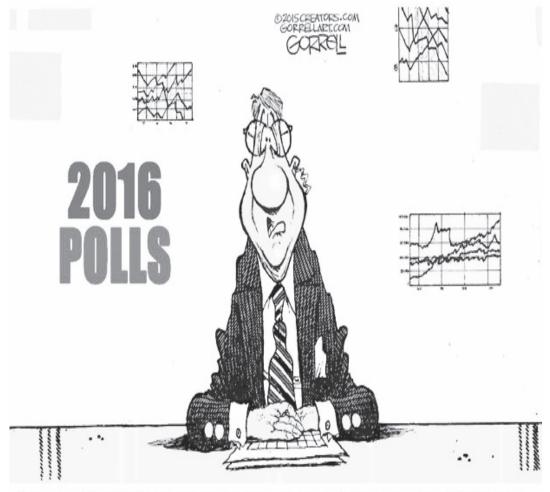
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**PERSPECTIVE** 

# Breaking the rules

Humans need rules. Rules make life more predictable. But when the rules multiply, the world needs some rulebreakers.

The creator of the underground website Silk Road, Ross Ulbricht, was sentenced to life in prison for creating an online space that allowed people to use bitcoins to buy and sell things. Some used Silk Road (named after Marco Polo's trading route from China) to sell illegal drugs. People do that anyway, even without Silk Road; since the site's closing, numerous similar websites have taken its place.

The prosecution implied (but never really argued) that

Ulbricht planned murders. That would certainly be breaking a basic rule of civilization, but Ulbricht claims that wasn't what he was up to — he just wanted to let other



wanted to
let other
people engage in peaceful

transactions.

If Ulbricht was telling the truth, then the world that rule-breakers like him envision is less creepy and dangerous than the governmentrun world in which we live now. Government enforces its rules with guns, and government force keeps increas-

ing.
So I'm glad that today
there are Rule Breaker
Awards, sponsored by sponsored by Sage, Nextiva and
Infusionsoft, given to entrepreneurs who make the

world a better place by breaking rules.

Mike Michalowicz cohosted the awards. Inspired by a pumpkin farmer who dedicated his life solely to growing giant pumpkins, Mike wrote a book called

"The Pumpkin Plan" in which he discourages people from assuming that the way everyone else does something must be the best way.

One of this year's Rule
Breaker Award recipients is
Alex Esposito, whose Free
Ride shuttle service offers
exactly that — free rides in
New York State, Florida, San
Diego and elsewhere, made
possible by the low operating
cost of Esposito's little electric buses and by local businesses advertising on the
vehicles.

I assumed offering free rides would not be a sustainable business, but I guess I just think in conventional terms. Apparently, the opportunity to advertise makes all sorts of neat services profitable — including TV, of course.

Esposito's Free Ride idea seems so simple in retrospect it's hard to believe no one else was doing it. It takes a rule-breaker to notice a different way to do things.

Government, with its recourse to guns and jails, imposes the worst rules. But corporate culture can be dumb, too. Ricardo Semler is a CEO who decided to break the usual rules of corporate decorum.

At age 21, he took over Semco, a family business in Brazil. Semler promptly threw out all sorts of rules

threw out all sorts of rules.
There would be no dress
code. No one would check

expenses. "Spend what you

need to, and the company trusts you." There would be no storeroom padlocks or audits of petty-cash accounts for veteran employees — people who'd grown to be trusted by Semco. Workers would come and go according to their own schedules. They would even choose their salaries and their own supervisors!

supervisors! This makes no sense to me, and I'm sure control freaks in human resources departments (Semco has no HR department) had heart attacks. Ricardo's ideas sounded absurd by normal business standards, but it was a big boost to morale, and the company has done well. Even during Brazil's recession, profits increased 500 percent. Sales grew from a few million dollars per year to more than a billion dollars.

to more than a billion dollars.
Business people and government regulators often
make the mistake of assuming that the world we live in
is one in which the best practices have been pretty much
figured out. Better not rock
the boat — or it might all fall
apart.

Then, along come some totally new ways of doing things. FedEx turned out to be much better than the U.S. Postal Service, teens ignore Hollywood and become rich and famous on YouTube, people skip hotels and find rooms via Airbnb and so on. Who knows what discoveries await if we don't let tired old rules get in the way?

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

EDITORIAL ROUND UP

# Trump's appeal to Minnesota voters

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Trump's appeal to Minnesota votersImages of a helicopter emblazoned with one large name — TRUMP — descending on the Iowa State Fair last week reminded us of another political showman at another summer extravaganza, Jesse Ventura at the 1998 Minnesota State Fair. The big crowds Ventura attracted then provided discerning State Fair watchers with an early inkling that the pro wrester/talk radio host would go on to win the governorship two months later.

We're far from the first to note a parallel between Ventura and Donald Trump. And we're confident we won't be the last if the business mogul/reality TV star persists in leading GOP presidential polls in first-to-caucus Iowa and around the country. Minnesotans who remember 1998 and Ventura's single term as a third-party governor may soon qualify as expert commentators on the appeal of an outspoken entertainer-cum-candidate and the consequences of electing one.

Ventura himself invited the comparison last week when he revealed that he's rooting for Trump to win the GOP nomination and stands willing to join a Trump-led ticket as a vice presidential candidate.

That professed interest in Trump's campaign may have seemed odd coming from someone who had previously announced support for left-leaning Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders and had criticized Trump for speaking ill of Mexican immigrants. But we suspect both Ventura and Trump would counter that only losers hew to a consistent political course.

In flirting with both Sanders and Trump — both anti-establishment candidates — Ventura illustrates something about today's American electorate that ought not be dismissed. Disillusionment with both the Republican and Democratic establishment is running strong. It's fueling both the Sanders and the Trump candidacies

In 2015 — as in 1998 — the nation's economy has rebounded from a nasty recession but the incomes and living standards of a majority of working people have not. The result is anger and a willingness to take a flier on an unconventional candidate who touts a simplistic slogan (in 1998, Ventura's was "give it all back") and promises to jolt the status

Political rookie Trump is no Sanders, who has spent more than three decades in elective office and offers a detailed array of policy prescriptions for what ails America's working class. By comparison, Trump's website touts only one policy position, an immigration plan rolled out last weekend that panders to America's xenophobic tendencies. Yet the difference between Sanders and Trump may be lost on fed-up voters seeking a candidate they deem most forceful - and entertaining — in demanding change.

The message from Minnesota circa 1998 and from the latest opinion polls is that unhappy voters are also unafraid to take risks. Loyalty to party establishments does not run deep in today's citizenry. Increasingly, what does is a sense that the nation is headed in the wrong direction for working people, and that must change.

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### **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 24 - 27, 2015

Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will have a Christian Leadership School at 6:00 until 8:45 p.m. nightly. Refreshments will be served.

#### **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 29, 2015

Northwest 14th District Laymen's present Boys to Men Career Day from 9 until 12 p.m. For more information call 318-990-9463.

#### **August 30, 2015**

West Lake Baptist Church (2587 Highway 163, Doyline) 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.

# Tips for a healthy school year

#### **SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD**

Students are most likely to get sick when school starts because being at school put children's immune systems to the test, offers The Mayo Clinic. Young children who are in close proximity to others in large groups tend to spread organisms like bacteria and viruses that cause illness. Breaking the cycle can take some work, but it's possible to make this a healthy school year.

#### **Encourage handwashing**

Frequent handwashing is a great way to prevent illness. Handwashing habits are essential for school-aged children and should be taught as soon as possible. Children should wash their hands after they use the bathroom and before they eat. If they've been playing outside or have interacted with children who are sick, handwashing can help remove some of the germs lingering on their hands. Antibacterial wipes are another option, but they may not be as effective as washing hands with warm, soapy water.

#### Stop (some) sharing

Sharing develops good manners and can foster new friendships. But children should be discouraged from sharing food, drinks and other personal items. Once the item has been placed in a child's mouth, it should not be shared.

#### Take a sick day

Rare is the student who will never come down with an illness. When kids get sick, keep them at home. Schools may have guidelines indicating when it is acceptable for children to return to school, and it's important that parents adhere to those guidelines so illnesses cannot spread around the school.

#### Promote adequate sleep and nutrition

While adults may need between seven and nine hours of sleep a night, children often require more. The National Sleep Foundation recommends eight to 13 hours of sleep a night for school-aged children. Begin adjusting sleep schedules during the latter part of summer vacation so that children can readjust to their regular sleep schedules. Parents also should feed kids nutritious diets consisting of a variety of foods. Avoid high-calorie junk foods, reserving such items only as special treats every so often.

#### Donate cleaning supplies

Some schools may be underfunded and may not have enough supplies to keep all of the classrooms and surfaces clean. Parents can help by donating cleaning wipes and sprays so that students and teachers can thrive in clean, healthy environments.

### ATTENTION ARTISTS

Minden City Artworks is calling all practicing artists to get together to talk art.

The group is in search of artists who draw, paint, sculpt, stain glass and poetry to help promote visual arts in Minden. The first meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26 at City Art Works located at 701 Main St.

For more information, contact Jeanne Mason at 318-364-0928, Bill Cook at 318-540-3324 or Steve Wilson at 318-505-2009.

# ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

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

istrar 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

Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4 - Reg-

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 Registar of Voters office at 377-2972

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SPORTS briefs

#### Winston sharp in

#### home debut

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -Bay's Jameis Winston is making strides as an NFL quarterback. Now he has a home victory to build on.

Monday night's 25-11 preseason victory over the Cincinnati Bengals may not count in the standings, but it was welcomed by a team trying to change the culture of a franchise that hadn't posted a win - exhibition or regular season - at Raymond James Stadium since 2013.

"Obviously people are going to look at this as a preseason game but in that locker room, our team morale, we are going to look at it as we get a win," said Winston, the first overall pick in this year's draft.

Winston was nearly flawless on Tampa Bay's first possession, going 3-for-3 passing and scoring on a 1yard touchdown run to finish an 80-yard drive that set the tone for a tough night for the Bengals (1-1), who yielded 52 yards rushing to Doug Martin along the way.

Winston limped off the field, done for the night, two plays after appearing to tweak his right ankle when he was sacked by Geno Atkins and Wallace Gilberry early in the second quarter.

"It was a tough fall, but it was just a coach's decision. I thought we saw enough from him," said coach Lovie Smith, who had been 0-10 at home with the Buccaneers (1-1). "He did some good things. I felt like it was the perfect time to take him out. If we had needed him to play, he would have gone back in the game on the next series."

#### RACING

#### Wilson dies from

#### head injuries

IndyCar driver Justin Wilson died Monday night from a head injury suffered when a piece of debris struck him at Pocono Raceway. He was 37.

IndyCar made the announcement Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Wilson, a British driver who lived outside Denver in Longmont, Colorado, was hit in the head during Sunday's race by piece of debris that had broken off another car. Wilson's car veered into an interior wall at the track, and he was swiftly taken by helicopter to a hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

"Can't even begin to describe the loss I feel right now. He was my Brother, my best friend, my role model and mentor. He was a champion!" his younger brother, Stefan, also an IndyCar driver, tweeted. Stefan Wilson said his brother's organs would be donated.

The last IndyCar driver to die from an on-track incident was Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon, who was killed in the 2011 season finale at Las Vegas after his head hit a post in the fence when his car went airHIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Pineland Jamboree



The Minden Crimson Tide will play the second game of the Pineland Jamboree Friday night in The Pit.

The opponent for the Tide will be perennial 1A power program Haynesville. The Golden Tornado return plenty of talent and experience from last year's state championship team and should give the Tide a physical test heading into the regular season schedule. Haynesville went 13-1 last

season and Minden finished 7-4 in Class 4A.

Advanced tickets are \$7 and directly benefit the football program.





The North Webster Knights will kick things off at the Pineland Jamboree at 7 p.m. against Rayville High

The Hornets won nine games a year ago and were one play away from taking out No. 1 overall seed Livonia. They have plenty of experience back and should be fun to watch.

The Knight counter with a strong team of their own, led by running back/linebacker Devin White and running back Jalen Smith.

This matchup of semi-finalists should start things off with a bang.

#### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

### Lady Apaches top Lady Trojans at home



Alyssa Martin delivers a pitch over the weekend in the River Oaks Tournament. Martin had two RBI and tossed a complete game against Tallulah Academy. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch



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

Carsin Spurlock had a big day at the plate and Alyssa Martin tossed a complete game to propel the Glenbrook Lady Apaches past Tallulah Academy 8-4 on Monday at Glenbrook.

The Lady Apaches led from start to finish, jumping out to an early lead and holding off a Lady Trojan rally attempt in the seventh inning to preserve the win.

Aubrie Dickson scored Kate Marvin on a groundout in the first inning to get Glenbrook on the scoreboard followed by an RBI single from Carsin Spurlock, scoring Amber Lovitt.

Alyssa Martin made quick work of Tallulah in the first, before coming up to the plate

in the second and helped her own cause with an RBI single to score Faith Earnhardt.

In the fourth, Spurlock came up with two runners on base and a chance to break the game open, which she did with a towering triple to the wall, scoring both runners. Tallulah started to mount a

comeback in their final at bat,

pushing three runs across, but Alyssa Martin induced backto-back grounders to finish the game and move the Lady Apaches into a four-way tie for first place in district 6AA. Carsin Spurlock finished 2-4 with a triple, single and three

RBI. Alyssa Martin finished 2-4 with a pair of singles and two RBI. Aubrie Dickson finished 2-3 with two singles and Megan Sims went 1-3 with a Martin struck out five bat-

ters and allowed five hits in a complete game effort. Glenbrook moves their

record to 14-3 with the win.

The Lady Apaches are back in action today as they travel to Coushatta to take on the Riverdale Academy Rebels.

#### LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

### Harris receives Arthur Van Pelt Award

Glynn Harris, long-time outdoor writer/broadcaster from Ruston received the prestigious Arthur Van Pelt Achievement Lifetime Award at the annual conference of the Louisiana Outdoor Writer's Association (LOWA) held recently in Morgan City.

The award, named after Arthur Van Pelt who began his journalistic career as an outdoor writer for The Chicago Tribune. In 1913, after moving to New Orleans, he began writing a column for the Item and, later, The Times Democrat in 1914 thru 1916. This paper was the predecessor of The Times Picayune.

He left the New Orleans paper for a position as secretary of the Houma Louisiana Chamber of Commerce for a very short time, but journalism was in his blood. He was eventually appointed sports editor of The Times Picayune, and held this post for the last 17 years of his life. He had an abiding interest in all

aspects of conservation and was a visionary, far ahead

of his time. "LOWA does not present the award very often but when it does, the recipient is certainly most deserving," said Chris President of Holmes, LOWA.

Harris has been a longtime member of LOWA, receiving his BS degree from Northwestern State University and graduate degree from Louisiana State University. He is married, has three daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Harris began his outdoor writing career as a side-line in 1972 with articles in the Homer Guardian Journal. He currently writes for 10 newspapers and broadcasts four outdoor radio programs weekly on Ruston stations, KXKZ and ESPN earning more than 50 Excellence in Craft Awards from LOWA and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA).



Glynn Harris, long-time outdoor writer/broadcaster from Ruston, received the prestigious Arthur Van Pelt Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual conference of the Louisiana Outdoor Writer's Association. Courtesy Photo/Glynn Harris

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# Dominating TV, Donald Trump a ratings draw

NEW YORK — Opinion polls are one thing, but Nielsen numbers speak more loudly to television executives: Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump's ability to pull in viewers makes him catnip for news programs and wins a level of coverage that feeds on itself.

NBC's "Meet the Press' had its biggest audience in more than a year for its Trump interview on Aug. 16, leading that show's biggest competitors — ABC's "This Week" and CBS' "Face the Nation" to feature phone interviews with the New York businessman this past

After CNN turned Jake Tapper's interview with Trump into a prime-time special last week and earned its best ratings at that hour in a month, the network repeated it two nights later. Two Trump interviews on Sean Hannity's Fox News Channel show this month both brought in around 2.2 million viewers, well above his typical audience.

Trump is generally considered the biggest reason why Fox reached a startling 24 million people for the first GOP presidential debate earlier this month the most watched program in Fox News history. That instantly made him a big "get" for TV producers, and the media savvy exreality show host has eagerly played along.

Keenly aware of his drawing power, Trump suggested in a Time magazine interview that he could ask CNN to pay \$10 million to charity for his participation in the next GOP debate.

"He's getting a lot of attention that he should get because he's doing so well in the polls and he's getting a lot of attention because he's Donald Trump, and you never know what he's going to say," said David Bohrman, a television consultant and former CNN Washington hureau chief

"It's not negligence to cover him," he said.



Presidential candidate Donald Trump talks CNN's Chris Cuomo about immigration issues with Mexico and how he plans to make Mexico pay for a wall along the border. Courtesy Photo

Aware of that drawing power, cable news outlets cover Trump events with an intensity the other 16 Republican candidates can only envy. A town hall meeting in New Hampshire last week drew live coverage. CNN and Fox News both cast aside regular programming Friday to pick up Trump speaking at a rally in Alabama.

Trump's unpredictability is a bonus. His critical comments about Fox's Megyn Kelly for her debate questions, made during an interview with CNN's Don Lemon on what would normally be a sleepy August Friday night, put that show in headlines for the entire weekend.

Viewership during the ven call-in interview that Trump has given to MSNBC's "Morning Joe'

since June 18 rose 22 percent from what the talk show averaged 10 minutes prior to his call, the Nielsen company said. On July 24, the size of the audience jumped 47 percent in only a few minutes when Trump spoke.

Danny Shea, editorial director of The Huffington Post, compared the attention news networks are giving to Trump to CNN's non-stop coverage of the missing Malaysian airliner last year. He was on "Morning Joe" last week to defend HuffPo's declaration that it would only cover Trump's candidacy in its entertainment section, a decision that grows harder to defend with

"There's an open secret at (Trump's campaign) is a joke and a spectacle, Shea said, "and by going

each new poll.

wall-to-wall on it you're just legitimizing it."

Morning Joe co-host, Joe Scarborough, rejected the argument that Trump had more ratings than news value. During offthe-air meetings, "nobody ever says, 'OK, Donald Trump is great for ratings. What we say is, 'what the hell is going on? Can you believe this? What is happening?' He is a very real story, and the longer he stays in front, the more of a story he's going to be."

In past campaigns, the media's "invisible primary" gave bursts of early attention to candidates before voters settled things, to which Gary Hart, Howard Dean, John McCain, Jimmy Carter can attest. None matched Trump for attention, sai Thomas Patterson, acting director of the Ioan

Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Only two months ago the GOP had a shapeless field of candidates, and now the non-Trumps are so starved for attention that some will struggle to survive until voting begins. Bohrman said Trump is getting a level of attention he normally doesn't see until spring of an election year, when nominations

are all but decided. 'It's kind of a 'no time for losers' policy in the newsroom," Patterson said.

Trump frequently mixes it up with the media, often through Twitter. Sometimes he's playful, like suggesting that "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski be paid

more than Scarborough. Often he's quite serious, and his reaction to Fox's Kelly struck some who heard it as offensive.

At the Alabama rally, Trump asked the audience what they thought of cable networks. Fox got cheers and MSNBC boos, making the latter network's decision not to televise the speech live fortunate.

At this point, it's hard to tell how much attention Trump is receiving because he's a frontrunner, and how much is because producers know he'll provide a reliable ratings bump.

'At the end, does it really matter if both are valid reasons for covering him?" Bohrman said. "There's not a lot of other compelling stuff on television now. It's the reality show of the season.'

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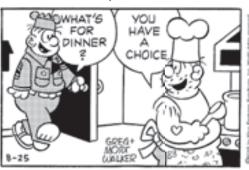








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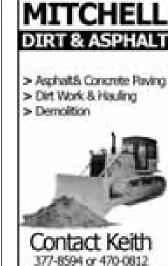




















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