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Show & Shine

Vintage Car and Bike Show revs up downtown Saturday



The 2015 Minden Vintage Car Club Car and Bike Show took place in downtown Minden Saturday. Hundreds came out to see new and old cars on display. Event organizers said the show had around 200 entries and was up from last year. A portion of the proceeds collected will be donated to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UCAP and other community projects. Bottom right, Youth Challenge Program Cadet Jaquan Brown of New Orleans dances for the crowd during the dance off. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

A community blood drive will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday in front of Orleans on Main in downtown Minden.



Charlie Greer. Courtesy Photo

ELECTION 2015

Greer announces candidacy for commissioner

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SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

BATON ROUGE - Charlie Greer is a 23-year former employee of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture

and Forestry, and he would like to announce his candidacy for Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

Although qualifying for statewide elections began September 8th, Greer has been actively campaigning statewide.

"This election is critical, especially with the future of our farmers, ranchers, pro-

ducers and landowners at stake," Greer says. Consumer protection and safety is a priority.

Greer retired in 2013 after serving as the Program Director/Forestry Enforcement Chief for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Prior to his 23 years of service to Louisiana's farmers, ranchers and landowners, Greer

worked as a Wildlife Enforcement Agent with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. He also worked as the Chief Criminal Investigator and Chief Deputy with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office.

In addition, Charlie served in an advisory capacity for the Governor Dave

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WEBSTER TOURISM

Audit top of tourism meeting

Board set to contract out social media work

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The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission will have its quarterly meeting Tuesday in Springhill.

The board is expected to hear the annual auditor's report presented by Kristine Cole of Jamieson Wise & Martin.

Lynn Dorsey, Webster Parish Tourism executive director, says a scheduling conflict could prevent Cole from presenting the audit from the board, but it's a clean audit.

"She has so many deadlines for corporate taxes right now, she said she might not make it. She is supposed to let me know Monday," she said. "We don't have any findings this year, which is about the seventh year in a row we have had a clean audit."

Dorsey says in the event Cole will be unable to attend, the board will vote to remove the item from the agenda at the meeting to place it on November's agenda.



DORSEY

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PARISH

Burn ban in effect for Webster

The Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish has placed Webster Parish under a burn ban effective Friday, Sept. 11.

All outside burning is prohibited. The ban is expected to last until significant rainfall occurs in the parish.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Centenary raises \$10M for fiscal year

SHREVEPORT — Centenary College says it raised more than \$10 million in private gifts in the budget year ended June 30, including \$7 million from the estate of late Shreveport real estate agent Newton B. Stoer.

The Methodist-affiliated college in Shreveport says it was its best fundraising year since 2009.

The Newton B. Stoer Foundation was created

by Stoer, who died in 1978. Centenary says the foundation gave equally large gifts to Shreveport's First Presbyterian Church and the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

Centenary says it will put its share of the Stoer money into its endowment and use it to support students. The college also raised \$3 million in its annual giving campaign.

AROUND THE STATE

Mansfield alderman remains in jail

MANSFIELD — A jailed alderman's trial has been delayed, meaning the city will keep paying his \$800-a-month salary.

Mansfield Alderman Roy Jones was arrested in March for fighting with police officers and refusing to leave a public building.

KTBS-TV reports Jones' trial for battery of a police officer and resisting arrest was pushed back from Monday to Oct. 26.

Jones was jailed after

the March arrest for violating probation on an earlier conviction. He pleaded guilty to four counts of misdemeanor theft for stealing \$20,000 from the parish's Council on Aging. But he broke a judge's order to stay away from the agency and failed to pay restitution.

Jones has six months' jail time remaining on the theft conviction, but can't be removed from his alderman post without a felony conviction.

AROUND THE STATE

Jury finds Monroe tax preparer guilty

MONROE — A federal jury has found a Monroe tax preparer guilty of filing multiple false tax returns.

U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley, in a news release Friday, said jurors found 38-year-old Richard Allan Scott guilty of multiple counts of aiding or subscribing a false tax return.

The jury deliberated for about an hour and a half before returning the verdict.

Evidence showed that more than 50 false tax

returns for years 2011 and 2012 were prepared. Many of the returns contained fictitious information pertaining to W-2 withholdings, dependent care expenses and tax credits. The total amount stolen during the scheme was approximately \$338,380.

Scott faces up to three years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and restitution. U.S. District Judge Robert James set sentencing for Jan. 4.

GREER

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Treen administration.

Greer cites a number of reasons he is vying for Louisiana's Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

"Our producers, landowners, fishermen, ranchers and farmers are feeling the effects of a lack of leadership within the agriculture and forestry sectors," said Greer. "Whether it's a flood of imported seafood, inadequate firefighting capabilities, staffing shortages within weights and measures or failed marketing campaigns, agriculture and forestry is suffering."

Charlie was born and grew up in north Evangeline Parish in the small rural town of Pine Prairie.

He attended Pine Prairie

High School where he was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA).

After attending Louisiana State University, Charlie went on to pursue a career in farming and raising cattle and quarter horses. He has also been an avid hunter and fisherman all his life.

Charlie is a current member with the Louisiana Farm Bureau, Ducks Unlimited, Quails and Pheasants Forever and the Louisiana Forestry Association. He also served as a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Brangus and American Braford Associations.

Charlie is married to Martha Russell Greer, a 37-year veteran of law enforcement with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The couple resides in Natchitoches Parish where they manage

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LENDING A HELPING HAND

Officer Terry Stephens shines light for Lt. Spencer Tippen while he changes a tire for stranded motorists on the side of Homer Road Friday night. Catherine Hunt/Courtesy Photo

No big winners in Saturday's lottery drawings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Lottery Corporation says nobody won the two major jackpots in the Louisiana Lotto and multi-

state Powerball drawings on Saturday night.

Louisiana Lotto players matching all six numbers drawn would have won or shared a \$2.6 million prize, which will rise to an estimat-

ed \$2.67 million for Wednesday.

Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$168 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated

\$185 million for Wednesday.

The Easy 5 drawing rises to an estimated \$170,000 after none of the tickets matched all five numbers drawn for Saturday's \$150,000 jackpot.

Commission to elect new secretary Tuesday

TOURISM

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"We have the (audit) books, I'm going to give them (board) a copy of the books at the meeting so we can all look through them," Dorsey said. "This will give board members a chance to read them before we have a formal presentation if she isn't there."

Social Media

A proposal to subcontract Shreveport based Harper Creative Media to handle all social media efforts for the commission will also be

voted on.

If approved, the company — led by former Natchitoches Tourism Executive Director Iris Harper and daughter Katherine Harper — will devote eight to ten hours weekly to the commission's website, Facebook page and Twitter account at a monthly cost of \$400.

"I'm just a bit spread so thin. I know there is more I could do with social media if I had the time," Dorsey said. "This way, we don't have to hire a third person."

According to the agreement, the contract will be non-binding and can be discontinued with a 30-day

notice.

Other Business

■ The board will vote to appoint Joan Farrar to fill the unexpired term of Lamar Smith, which ends Dec. 31, 2016 and Etta Jo McCullough to fill the unexpected term of Mary McKinney, which ends Dec. 31, 2017.

■ Elect a new secretary for the commission. This vacancy was opened when Mary McKinney resigned in June.

■ Vote to approve the minutes from the June 9 quarterly meeting.

■ Hear the financial report.

■ Hear the director's

report.

■ Renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the cost of \$675 per month with the Springhill-North Webster Chamber of Commerce that expires Sept. 31, 2015.

■ Vote to approve an advertising grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Ana Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation 5k Run.

■ Hear the report from Kyle Edminston, Assistant Secretary with the Louisiana Office of Tourism.

The committee will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Springhill-North Webster Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is open to the public.

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daughter and three grandchildren.

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HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS



Left and bottom left, First Baptist Church of Minden honored law enforcement officials and first responders in a special service Sunday morning. The Rev. Leland Crawford, along with the congregation, thanked them for their dedication and service to the community. During his sermon, he said faith, purpose and courage make a hero, and the men and women who serve and protect are everyday heroes. A representative of each department (fire, Minden police, Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and emergency medical services) were presented a plaque from FBC Minden in appreciation of their service. Center and right bottom, community members met at the flag pole on Main Street Friday with the purpose of showing support for law enforcement. Michelle Bates and Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



OBITUARY

Rickie Dale Miller

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiating will be the Rev. Jim Crain. Interment will follow at

Pine Grove Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Rickie was born May 31, 1951 in Minden and entered into rest Sept. 12, 2015 in Minden.

He was preceded in death by his par-

ents, Jack and Norma Miller; brother, J.H. Miller Jr.; and grandson Jarred Adams.

He is survived by his wife, Judy T. Miller of Minden; son, Jason Dale Miller of Minden; daughters, Kimberly D. Hill of Minden, Tracey Lee Swilley and husband Jeff of Minden; sisters, Jacqualine

McGuire and husband David of Minden, Linda Fomby and husband Steve of Haughton; brother, Terry Lane Miller and wife Debra of Minden; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Brian McGuire, Craig Fomby, Caleb Miller, Justin Marsalis, Blake Marsalis and Jack Adams.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A new college scorecard

Next week marks seven years since a financial crisis on Wall Street that would usher in some hard years for working families on Main Street. Soon after that, I took office. And we set out to rebuild our economy on a new foundation for growth and prosperity by investing in things that grow our middle class — things like jobs, health care, and education.

Today, our businesses have created more than 13 million new jobs over the last five and a half years. The unemployment rate is the lowest it's been in more than seven years. Another 16 million Americans have gained health insurance. Our high school graduate rate is the highest it's ever been, and more people are graduating from college than ever before. We are coming back — and stronger.

Still, in an economy that's increasingly based on knowledge and innovation, some higher education is the surest ticket to the middle class. By the end of this decade, two in three job openings will require some higher education. That's one reason why a degree from a two-year college will earn you \$10,000 more each year than someone who only finished high school. One study showed that a degree from a four-year university earns you \$1 million more over the course of a lifetime.

The country with the best-educated workforce in the world is going to win the 21st century economy. I want that to be America. But as college costs and student debt keep rising, the choices that Americans make when searching for and selecting a college have never been more important. That's why everyone should be able to find clear, reliable, open data on college affordability and value — like whether they're likely to graduate, find good jobs, and pay off their loans. Right now, however, many existing college rankings reward schools for spending more money and rejecting more students — at a time when America needs our colleges to focus on affordability and supporting all students who enroll. That doesn't make sense, and it has to change.

So, today, my Administration is launching a new College Scorecard, designed with input from those who will use it the most — students, families, and counselors. Americans will now have access to reliable data on every institution of higher education. You'll be able to see how much each school's graduates earn, how much debt they graduate with, and what percentage of a school's students can pay back their loans — which will help all of us see which schools do the best job of preparing America for success. And to reach more folks, we're working with partners in the academic, non-profit, and private sectors that will help families use this new data to navigate the complicated college process and make informed decisions.

The status quo serves some colleges and the companies that rank them just fine. But it doesn't serve our students well — and that doesn't serve any of us well. There are colleges dedicated to helping students of all backgrounds learn without saddling them with debt. We should hold everybody to that standard. Our economic future depends on it.

This work is just beginning. In the coming weeks and months, we'll continue to improve the Scorecard based on what we learn from students, parents, counselors, and colleges themselves. The goal is to help everybody who's willing to work for a higher education search for and select a college that fits their goals. Together, we can make sure that every student has the chance to get a great education and achieve their full potential.

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ANALYSIS

Candidates have 6 weeks to sell Louisiana voters

Louisiana's three-day candidate registration always provides a dose of political theater, but the latest qualifying period also offered clues about individual strategies, talking points and areas that contenders want to dodge.

With the fields set for the Oct. 24 ballot, contenders for office hope voters start paying attention amid polls showing little interest so far.

An onslaught of advertisements is on the way, with candidates hoping to grab attention, shake things up or hold their leads over the next six weeks, without giving a rival an opening for attack.

Top of the ballot are open seats for governor and lieutenant governor.

Nine candidates registered to run for governor by the close of the three-day qualifying period. But the competition is among four well-financed contenders: Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, all Republicans; and state Rep. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat.

Gov. Bobby Jindal is term-limited and cannot run for re-election.

As front-runner and fundraising winner, Vitter's trying to hold onto his lead. He's selling himself as the man with the plan, touting a 60-page document he carries with him to candidate forums and events.

"No other candidate in this race has anything similar. I think by comparison they have sort of vague politi-

cal rhetoric," the senator said.

Vitter's plan, however, is short on specifics on one of the most critical areas for the state, proposals to address the state's systemic budget problems and overhaul its tax structure. And Vitter has stuck to largely scripted forums that provide little ability to press the candidate for details.

One thing Vitter certainly wants to dodge is his prostitution scandal. A political action committee already has launched an attack ad reminding voters that the senator was linked to a Washington prostitution ring in 2007, and more such efforts are expected from Vitter critics.

Angelle, with his thick Cajun accent, is branding himself as the family man, the collaborator and the regular guy. He talks of "a brand of policy that says not only does policy matter, but people matter, too."

That approach could run into trouble with voters who expect Louisiana's governor to be the sort of strong figurehead and leader who drives ideas and shapes the course of the state.

Dardenne, meanwhile, is positioning himself as the experienced policy wonk who has run state agencies, balanced budgets and knows the ins and outs of Louisiana's government and its finances. He can quickly get into the weeds of policy discussions and seems to embrace them.

"No one has the breadth of experience that I have at various levels of government," said Dardenne, a former state senator and former secretary of state.

Running on his long track record in state government may not play well, though, when people in Louisiana

and around the country seem interested in political outsiders rather than people with knowledge of systems that can often seem broken.

As the lone major Democratic contender, Edwards is describing himself as the anti-Jindal, seeking to tie each of his GOP opponents to the state's unpopular, current governor. He says Angelle, Dardenne and Vitter in one way or another "all represent a third Jindal term" in office.

"It's time to turn the page on the Jindal era," he said.

But while Jindal's favorability ratings in Louisiana may be dismal, the Democratic Party isn't faring much better. Democrats have been unable to win statewide office in recent years in the conservative state, and that's a high hurdle for Edwards to overcome.

Four contenders have signed up for the lieutenant governor's race: Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden, a Democrat; and state Sen. Elbert Guillory of Opelousas, former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser, and Jefferson Parish President John Young, all Republicans.

The lieutenant governor leads Louisiana's Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and serves as the figurehead for the state's \$11 billion tourism industry. With each of the candidates touting how they would promote the industry, it's hard to distinguish strong differences among them, making their greatest challenge simply getting through the clutter to voters.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Parents, not gadgets, should teach kids how to eat

It had to be a joke, a parody, I thought while reading of a new electronic gadget claiming to entice children to eat vegetables by rewarding them with video games. I've been taken in by less. But there was the Yumit being touted with a straight face on the website of the reputable Wired magazine.

The not-yet-launched Yumit can't help but harm efforts to preserve (or restore) the family dinner hour. Experts in child development are promoting family meals as a way to socialize the young and teach them healthy eating habits. A ban on personal electronics at the table (parents first) removes a barrier to the back-and-forth essential to the mission.

The Yumit works like this: A plate rests on a scale that measures each bite. As the vegetable load lightens, a strip of light-emitting diodes around the plate changes from white to green. The scale transmits the data via Bluetooth to an app, and the vegetable eater wins, say, 15 minutes of playing a video game.

The promo material for Yumit does not envision a family at all. It shows a girl all alone. She holds up a spoon containing a grape and grins like she just won the jackpot.

(Slot machines come to mind. The cherry and melon symbols date to their earliest days, when cash prizes were against the law but fruit was considered a healthy and sinless reward — though the prizes were actually fruit-flavored chewing gum.)

Anyhow, the app tells parents how long the child chewed his food and the time between bites. So parents don't even have to sit at the same table to monitor the youngster's eating habits. Come to think of it, they don't even have to be on the same continent.

But here is the "coolest thing about the Yumit," according to Wired: "Translating actual, physical energy into a virtual points system is a smart way to teach kids about why food (and healthy food, at that) is important."

What could possibly go wrong that the next generation of psychiatrists won't be able to fix?

Too much interactive screen time is already impairing young children's social and emotional development, according to a report out of the Boston University School of Medicine.

"If these devices become the predominant method to calm and distract young children," the researchers write, "will they be able to develop their own internal mechanisms of self-regulation?"

When it comes out, this device will add new lures to our growing pile of online addictions. And what could be more distracting at dinner-time than a ring of lights turning color around children's plates? The faster they gulp down their carrots the sooner they get to the video game. Throwing them on the floor would produce the same result, one supposes.

The Boston University report concluded that young kids learn best through direct human-to-human interaction.

That need not mean a return to the old-fashioned vegetable punishments — for example, "no dessert until you eat your spinach." They were tried on me with the result that I couldn't look at asparagus for the next 20 years. (Fully recovered, I now can't get enough of it.)

There must be a happy medium between cultivating good nutrition through a Vegas-type reward system and making it a nasty chore. That would be a civilized dining routine in which healthful food is also delicious food and children see grown-ups eating their peas with pleasure.

If the little ones aren't ready for steamed kale, no need to make a fuss. But let's not plug them in to monitoring devices, either.

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FROMA HARROP

Around Town

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September 18, 2015

Richland State Bank will sponsor an American Cancer Society Relay for Life Fundraiser from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hamburger plates with all the trimmings will be available with a \$7 donation. Delivery will be available.

September 26, 2015

The Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation will present a "Beauty in Pink Fashion Show" at 1 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

September 27, 2015

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church will be celebrating 146 Years of God's Grace and Mercy at 2:30pm. The Reverend Royal Scott from Greater St. Paul will act as special guest.

Annual Men Day program to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Guest pastor and church will be Pastor R.J. Atkins and St. Mark Baptist Church from Magnolia.

How to handle car trouble while driving

Special to the Press-Herald

Sudden car trouble is something no driver wants to experience, but many a driver has been driving down the highway only to feel his or her vehicle start to sputter. Such sputtering might indicate a car is running low on fuel, or it could be a sign of something more serious that requires motorists to think as quickly and safely as possible.

When car trouble strikes while a vehicle is on the road, the first thing many drivers do is check their fuel gauges. A car that runs out of gas is certainly inconvenient, but if you can pull over to the shoulder or make it to the nearest filling station, then this unfortunate situation can be remedied rather easily. But when a car's tank is full and it is still showing signs of trouble, drivers must take steps to protect themselves, their passengers and their vehicles. The following are a few simple tips motorists should keep in mind so they can safely handle any car trouble that may arise while they are out on the road.

- Keep a first-aid kit, spare tire and tire jack in the car at all times. Flat tires are no fun, but they are even more of a nuisance when drivers are not prepared to address them. Always keep a jack and spare tire in your car, even if the spare is a donut you can temporarily use to replace a flat tire until you make it to a filling station or automotive supply store. As an added safety measure, keep a fully stocked first aid kit in your vehicle in case you cut yourself while changing the tire or need to address another medical situation. Visit www.redcross.org for a list of items to include in your automotive emergency kit. Keep a blanket in the trunk as well so your passengers can stay warm should you experience car trouble on a cold day or night.

- Make note of your surroundings. Some car troubles can only be fixed by the professionals, so pay careful attention

to your surroundings in case an issue arises and forces you to pull over and call for help. Always pay attention to mile markers and any landmarks that might help you describe where you are. Car troubles can strike at any time and anywhere, so be sure to pay special attention to your surroundings when driving in unfamiliar areas.

- Pull over. Don't panic if an issue arises suddenly. Remain calm and pull over onto the shoulder. The right shoulder is the area for pulling over on most roads, but you may also use the left shoulder on multilane highways with medians. Try to get as far away from traffic as possible without driving off of level ground, and always use your signals when pulling onto the shoulder. If the vehicle can't make it to the median, put your emergency flashers on and get out of the car, moving away from both the vehicle and traffic. Immediately call for emergency roadside assistance, alerting the authorities if need be.

- Use flares or triangles to alert other drivers. So long as you are not risking your well-being, you can place flares and/or warning triangles behind your vehicle so oncoming traffic knows to drive around it. The popular not-for-profit motor club AAA recommends placing the first flare or triangle 10 feet directly behind the side of the vehicle that is closest to the road. The second should be placed between 30 and 60 feet (increase the distances as the posted speed limit increases) behind the middle of the bumper, while the third flare or triangle should be placed between 120 and 360 feet behind the vehicle's right side.

- Stay with the vehicle. Once you have called for help and set up flares or triangles, stay with the vehicle, though do so at a safe enough distance so you are not in harm's way.

Sudden car troubles can be scary, but drivers who approach such issues calmly and quickly can reduce their risk for accident or injury.

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SPORTS briefs

NFL

Romo's late drive saves day for Cowboys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo found Jason Witten for the winning touchdown after a series of Dallas mistakes put the New York Giants in position to beat the Cowboys in an opener for the first time.

Now the Dallas quarterback has to figure out how to make the comeback turn into more victories without All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, who will miss four to six weeks with a broken right foot.

"We'll try to reassess that and figure out where to put guys," Romo said after his 11-yard scoring toss to Witten with 7 seconds left gave the Cowboys a 27-26 win over the Giants. "No one can replace Dez Bryant, but it's my job to help that whole situation."

The Cowboys drove 72 yards in 1:27 after stopping New York at the 1 and forcing Josh Brown's fourth field goal when a touchdown would have sealed the Giants' first victory in an opener against Dallas.

Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie returned a fumble 57 yards for a touchdown, and the Giants had to go just a yard for their other TD.

The Giants tried to throw on third down from the Dallas 1 with a 23-20 lead, but the Cowboys weren't fooled by the play-action fake. Eli Manning threw the ball away instead of taking a sack, stopping the clock and giving Romo the final 1:34 to try to win.

"It was bad clock management," said Manning, who had 193 yards passing with no touchdowns after throwing for 12 TDs in his previous four games against Dallas. "It was definitely an option to take a sack and run 40 seconds off the clock and give them less time. That's 100 percent on me."

NFL

Saints fall to Cards in opener, 31-19

GLENDALE, Ariz. — With just under two minutes to play on Sunday, the Saints had the ball fourth-and-six from their own 7-yard line and coach Sean Payton decided to punt it away, figuring they could hold Arizona and get the ball again.

On the ensuing drive, with the Saints expecting Arizona to keep it on the ground to try to run out the clock, Carson Palmer threw short to David Johnson, who scooted 55 yards for a score that clinched the win.

"Coach Arians' car doesn't have cruise control," Larry Fitzgerald said.

Arians said the play was designed for a first down, not a touchdown.

"I love playing offensive offense," Palmer said.

Payton said that considering the field position and the time remaining, punting was the logical thing to do.

"I think we had two time outs and the situation we had, two minutes, it's something we would normally do," he said. "I think most people would."

Drew Brees reluctantly went along.

"It was one of those tough ones," he said. "There was certainly a big part of me that wanted to go for it. We both agreed at the end of the day to punt."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

TIDE FALL TO BUCS

MINDEN STUMBLES LATE, LOSE TO HAUGHTON 17-10



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On a perfect night for football at The Pit, it looked like the stars were aligning and the Minden Crimson Tide were going to take the lead late in their matchup with the Haughton Buccaneers.

The Tide had started the drive at their own 10-yard line and were marching with ease near the 30-yard line going in.

That's when a Haughton defender ripped the ball away from Minden's Kolby Jackson, turning the tide, so to speak, and setting up Haughton's winning score.

The Tide couldn't answer in the two-minute drill and the game ended at 17-10, in favor of the Bucs.



"We only turned the ball over once," Minden head coach Spencer Heard said. "It turned out to be at a very critical time. I feel like we had some momentum on that last drive and had them on their heels. That's just something we're going to have to learn from as far as how important ball security can be in a game like that."

HEARD

In a matchup that has featured some great games in recent years, this was one of the best.

Haughton got on the board first on a 2-yard touchdown run by quarterback Darius Brooks, who was later replaced in the game by Pryce Curry. Haughton added a field goal in the second quarter to make it 10-0 as the Minden offense struggled to



Rodtravion Rogers led the Tide in rushing and receiving in a loss to the Bucs. Courtesy Photo/Kimako Sills

move the ball against a fast and physical Haughton defense.

Dekeltric Freelon had the answer for the Tide on the ensuing kickoff following the Haughton field goal.

Freelon fielded the kick at the 8-yard line heading left. When nothing was there, he reversed field, but only for a second as he cut on a dime back to a crease in the middle of the field and said see you later. The 92-yard return made it 10-7 at the half.

Pedro Hernandez tied the game at 10-10 early in the third quarter, as special teams kept Minden alive.

"Freelon did an awesome job on that play making guys miss," Heard said.

"He showed the speed and it really revitalized us.

I thought Pedro did a great job hitting that field goal in a pressure situation. I feel like if we could have got him an opportunity at the end of the game, he would have gave us the lead."

The Minden defense stood tall most of the night, forcing Haughton into three turnovers, two interceptions and one fumble.

Kendall Allums came up with the first turnover, an interception on a screen pass to stop a promising drive for the Bucs, and Cameron Morgan grabbed the second interception on Haughton's first drive of the second half.

"We were plus two in

the turnover battle," Heard said. "I thought our defense played great. Coach Ensminger called a great game, what it came down to was on their last drive a kid stepped up and made a play."

That kid was Josh Lister, who hauled in a 30-yard reception on third down to keep Haughton's winning drive alive.

Even after that play, the Crimson Tide defense forced Haughton into a fourth and goal from the 2-yard line, but the Bucs' Pryce Curry dove into the end zone for the score.

"Both sides played well," Heard said. "I think the big story of the game was them limiting our rushing game and field posi-

tion. It's going to hurt for a few days, but come Monday we have to forget about it and get focused on the next task, which is North Webster."

Antonio Rivette finished 10-18 passing with 118 yards.

Rodtravion Rogers led the team in rushing and receiving, carrying six times for 38 yards and catching three passes for 49 yards. Kelcy Miller caught three balls for 32 yards, Tavarius Edwards caught three for 16 yards and Jordan Becnel snagged one pass for 14 yards. Morgan and Allums finished with interceptions, and Zi'Kerrion Baker played an outstanding defensive game for the Tide.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Spartans beat Apaches at home, 39-0



Courtesy Photo/Braxton Stuckey



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The Glenbrook Apaches took on district 6AA frontrunner Prairie View Academy Friday night at Apache Stadium, coming out on the wrong end of a 39-0 decision.

"We had energy coming out," head coach Caleb Carmikle said. "We just failed to execute and that was really the story from start to finish. Credit Prairie View though, that's the best team in the conference."

The Apaches missed several opportunities to score offensively, with drops and missed assignments in key moments marring most of Glenbrook's possessions.

The Apaches biggest enemy offensively this season has been themselves.

"It takes a mentality of consistency," Carmikle said. "I felt like we had a chance to explode through the air this week, but it seems like we didn't have one snap where all 11 guys did their job, and that's what it takes."

Prairie View controlled most of the game on the ground.

"It's a different animal," Carmikle said. "They attacked our formation in the middle until we stopped it. By the time we stopped the dive it was too late."

At 0-4, the Apaches are desperately searching for chemistry as they near the pivotal part of their schedule. At 0-1 in district, Glenbrook needs to figure it out, and soon.

"We can't succeed until everybody buys in," Carmikle said. "Once that happens we have a chance."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lakeside defeated by Plain Dealing at home, 32-6



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SIBLEY - The Lakeside Warriors were at home for the first time this season, and played well defensively against an explosive Plain Dealing team, despite falling 32-6 in the game.

For the Warriors, it's a sign of progress for a young team breaking in some new faces and lacking depth.

"Plain Dealing has a good team," Lakeside head coach Joey Pesses said. "They had a bunch of good athletes and

fired off hard defensively."

On defense, Pesses was proud of the effort and tenacity shown by his bunch.

"We did a great job," Pesses said. "We put our defense in a bind by not generating enough offense, but our guys rallied to the ball much more aggressively this week, we didn't just stand their for Plain Dealing. The score isn't vindictive of it, because they were on the field for three quarters of the game, but we played much, much better."

Pesses said he thought all 11 members of the defensive unit played good games, but singled out the efforts of Jake Gray, Chris Brantley, Josh Prince and Frankie Chanler.

"They all played well," Pesses said. "I could single out all of them. That's what we've been looking for, of course you're never satisfied when you lose."

Early in the game

Lakeside was sharp to start the game, but the Plain Dealing defense stiffened.

"We were driving on them pretty well," Pesses said. "We missed some opportunities early, we threw a little dump pass that got tipped around before they intercepted it and took it back. That was a 14-point swing, but it was a much better team effort for us."

Chris Brantley has been a bright spot for the Warrior offense, getting into the end zone from the fullback spot last week against Ringgold, and again this week against Plain Dealing. He has 125 yards and two touchdowns on the young season.

Jake Gray finished with 10 tackles for the Warriors from his middle linebacker spot and junior Josh Prince also stepped up defensively.

Next week, the Warriors will travel to take on Grambling High School.



The Lakeside Warriors run onto the field Friday night led by Frankie Chanler carrying the American flag in honor of 9/11. Courtesy Photo/Christine Lee

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Knights cruise past Pelicans on road, 27-0



North Webster running back Devin White returns a punt for a touchdown in Friday's 27-0 win over Homer. Courtesy Photo/Lori Hughes



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HOMER - The North Webster Knights hardly broke a sweat in their 27-0 win over the Homer Pelicans.

With Homer dressing just 25 players, North Webster used their depth to their advantage and cruised after jumping out to a fast 21-0 halftime lead.

"We were average at best," North Webster head coach John Ware said. "We jumped out to that 21-0 lead and just kind of cruised the rest of the way. It wasn't as hyped up as last week's game, and this happens at

every level, but we didn't do a lot of the things I wanted us to do."

The Knights only had the ball for 23 offensive plays, as the clock seemed to run all night. Running back Devin White had just six carries on the night, but had no trouble turning two of those into touchdowns and adding another score on a punt return. Senior linebacker Keontra Gipson added the other Knights' touchdown with an interception return.

Knights' quarterback Cameron Huff played well when asked to throw, drawing praise from his head coach.

"We went into the game wanting to throw it a little bit," Ware said. "We had a few plays where we gave up a sack or Cameron held the ball a little too long, but overall it was pretty good."

The Knights' defense did what was expected of them, pitching a shutout and look-

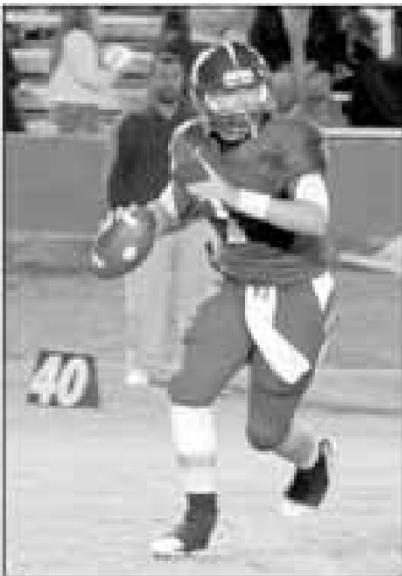
ing good while doing so.

The Knights were pleased with the easy win, but the Ware gave his team an important message after the game.

"I told them we have to keep getting better," Ware said. "Our mental focus wasn't there and that's got to be there every week or you're going to have a let down. I know it's easy to get ready to play in big games, but you've got to learn how to do it every week and take care of business. We love winning and everything, but we like to win a certain way, that's the mark of a good program."

White led the team in rushing with 57 yards and three touchdowns and Jalen Smith rushed for 52 yards and added a 6-yard touchdown catch.

Huff was 7-8 for 41 yards passing, with four of those completions going to Wesley Franklin for 40 yards receiving.



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ENTERTAINMENT

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Miss Georgia Betty Cantrell wins Miss America pageant

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Miss Georgia Betty Cantrell is the new Miss America, but her crowning moment was nearly overshadowed by a three-decade old pageant scandal, and a still-ravaged debate over whether the NFL's reigning champions cheated on their way to a Super Bowl victory.

Cantrell rode an opera performance to the title in Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall Sunday night, besting 51 other competitors in the nationally televised pageant. She won a preliminary competition earlier in the week, also with an opera performance.

"I'm still so overwhelmed, I don't know what to say other than thank you!" Cantrell told reporters moments after being crowned Miss America.

The pageant also marked the return of Miss America 1984 Vanessa Williams, who was back for the first time after resigning the crown following a nude photo scandal. Pageant executive chairman Sam Haskell apologized to Williams on behalf of the pageant.

"I want to apologize for anything that was said or done," Haskell told Williams as they stood on the stage and the audience bathed her in applause. "Vanessa: Welcome back!"

Cantrell was asked during the question and answer portion of the pageant whether New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady cheated



en route to his team's run to a Super Bowl title last season. A league-imposed four-game suspension of Brady was recently overturned by a federal judge.

During the pageant, Cantrell said, "I'm not sure" when asked if Brady cheated. "I'd have to see the ball and

feel it" she said, before adding, "If there's any question, then yes, he cheated."

Asked by The Associated Press to clarify her remarks

afterward, Cantrell said, "It was kind of a funky question to ask me if Tom Brady cheated. If there was any question as to whether or not

he cheated and somebody else felt the ball and decided that it was deflated, then yes, I guess he did cheat."

Miss Georgia's win ended New York's dominance at the Miss America pageant. Last year's Miss America, Kira Kazantsev, was the third consecutive Miss New York to win the title.

"I can't believe it's been a year since I was backstage getting ready to compete, just as the contestants are right now," Kazantsev said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon in Boardwalk Hall.

Preliminary competition in talent, interviews, evening wear and swimsuit competition ran through Thursday.

On Saturday, the Miss America contestants hit the Atlantic City Boardwalk for the annual "Show Us Your Shoes" parade.

Most of the shoes had designs specific to the contestant's home states. New Jersey, for instance, had dice and Monopoly money on her shoes in a nod to the pageant's Atlantic City history. Miss Idaho had a potato.

Contestants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico were vying for the crown. The U.S. Virgin islands, which competed last year, could not field the required minimum number of entrants this year, pageant officials said. It is eligible for future competitions.

Caitlyn Jenner unveils new home decor: All white and fluffy

LOS ANGELES — Caitlyn Jenner is feeling all white these days. Just ask her interior designer.

The reality-show star redecorated the Malibu man-

sion where "I Am Cait" is filmed, unveiling the home's new look on Sunday's episode.

Jenner's living room and bedroom have been made

over entirely in white.

Designer Lori Margolis helped bring the former Olympian's decorating dreams to life. Margolis tells Architectural Digest maga-

zine that Jenner wanted her home to reflect both her style and her journey as a transgender woman.

"She wanted something soft and feminine but also

something that has strength," the designer said.

Jenner said the decorative changes at home go along with all the other changes she's been making in her life.

"I think what this transition has done for me," she

said, "is that for the first time in my life I am able to express myself."

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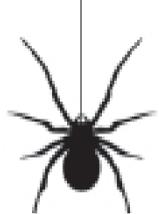
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