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WEBSTER CRIME

## Drug bust yields large amount of cocaine

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A Dubberly man is now behind bars on several drug charges following a joint investigation, which allegedly revealed more than 100 grams of suspected powder cocaine at his residence.

Demario T. Miller, 36, of the 1500 block of Stuckey Road in Dubberly, was charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine) with intent to dis-

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tribute (eight grams), possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine) with intent to distribute (116 grams) and possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine) over 28 grams. Bond was set at \$80,500.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says his arrest stems from a traffic stop conducted by Officer First Class Chris Hammontree around 5:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, on Highway 531.

"During the stop, the officer made contact with the driver, identified as Mr.

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Law enforcement stand with the alleged drugs seized at the residence of Demario T. Miller. Pictured are Minden police Officer First Class Chris Hammontree, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputy Bobby Igo III, Capt. Marvin Garrett, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputy Joel Thomas and Minden police Capt. Dan Weaver. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

SOUTH WEBSTER

## Fire rating improves in south Webster districts

Cheaper insurance premiums to come for homeowners

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SIBLEY — Two south Webster fire grading districts have received better fire insurance classifications, which means residents and businesses can enjoy lower insurance premiums.

The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana issued the lower fire insurance classifications for Webster Fire District 2, which dropped from class 6 to 5, and the Sibley Fire Department, which dropped from class 4 to 3 effective Oct. 12.

"All businesses and

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## POLICE, FIREMEN TO FACE OFF TONIGHT IN BATTLE OF THE BADGES

The Minden Fire Department and the Minden Police Department will match up in a game of softball in the third annual Battle of the Badges. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Minden Recreation Complex. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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## Relay for Life set for Oct. 10

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"Louisiana Saturday Night, Giving Cancer the Boot" is the theme of this year's annual Relay for Life of Webster.

Set from 3 until 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Minden Recreation Complex football field, the event will be filled with fun, food and raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Bridget Martin, chairman, says while there will be some fun activities, such as Mr. Relay, there is also a serious side to it.

So far, 11 teams have signed up, she says, and a tent decorating contest will take place, along with activities such as making t-shirts, a performance by Minden High School's Louisi-Annes, entertainment by No Name Drive band and others.

A kiddie area will also be set up with a bounce house, face painting and other activ-

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Annual 15 under 40 dinner and gala nears

The fifth annual "15 under 40" dinner and gala will honor 15 young professionals under the age of 40 and will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Minden Civic Center.

Tickets are \$35 each and a table of eight may be purchased for \$250.

Dinner will be catered by Roma Italian Bistro.

The keynote speaker will be Zazell V. Dudley, engineer. She was born at Barksdale Air Force Base and raised in Lakeside Acres in

Shreveport. She is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. She holds an MBA from Dallas Baptist University, where she earned a 4.0 grade point average.

She serves as president and CEO of the Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce.

Dudley recently joined the North Louisiana Economic Partnership as the director of business development, a newly created position by the

Caddo Parish Commission. She was recently appointed to the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission by Shreveport mayor Ollie Tyler.

Dudley is a pioneer and change agent as she has helped steer and drive positive change. To name a few, she is the:

- First African American female to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana Tech University.
- First African American

female manager in corporate procurement for Coming Inc., in Coming, New York.

■ First female to chair the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce. Under her leadership, the membership and range of supporters were significantly increased, the chamber "purchased" its operational building (the old KOKA building), a "contract" was secured with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and

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ELECTION 2015

## Group wants next governor to raise gas tax, expand Medicaid

BATON ROUGE — A group of businessmen and executives — including many supporters of Gov. Bobby Jindal — are calling on the next governor to expand Medicaid, raise the gasoline tax and tweak TOPS, Louisiana's popular tuition-paying program.

Blueprint Louisiana, one of several groups suggesting policies for the winner of the gubernatorial elections, released its proposals Monday, the Advocate reports.

"We wanted to be honest and be real," said Dr. Phillip Rozeman, president of Cardiovascular Consultants in Shreveport and chairman of Blueprint Louisiana, adding that the state needs to correct a defective budget structure that has led to repeated deficits. "We have to work at both ends — revenues and expenditures. To ignore either one won't get us a structural fix."

In addition to expanding Medicaid, a key element in President Barack Obama's signature health care plan, the group wants the next governor to raise the gasoline tax in order to provide more funding for highways and eliminate the requirement that TOPS cover the full cost of tuition.

Blueprint applauded the state's efforts to hire private insurance companies to handle work once done by government in Medicaid, the state-federal program that pays for health care for the poor — about 1.4 million people, or a quarter of the state's population. The group also said the move toward private management of LSU charity hospitals was a breakthrough in providing greater access to quality health care.

But Blueprint also wants the state's next leaders to expand Medicaid eligibility requirements to pick up another 300,000 Louisiana working residents who make too much money to qualify but too little to buy their own insurance on the private market.

Jindal has strongly opposed Medicaid expansion, saying it would burden state taxpayers with increased costs. Republican legislators have blocked repeated efforts to do so. The Legislature, however, passed a resolution in June, which did not need Jindal's signature, outlining a procedure that could allow the expansion in April, after a new governor and Legislature take office.

"The truth of the matter

is that we don't necessarily agree with the Affordable Care Act," Rozeman said.

"We have to be realistic and look at what's best for the state," he said, adding that the state general fund could see a savings of up to \$165 million across the first five years.

Blueprint suggested that any expansion be designed to support new payment and delivery system models that focus on making it easier for patients to get health care and better outcomes from the care they receive.

"Combined with a customized approach, it seems clear-cut to us that the state should step up and accept the federal health care dollars that are rightfully Louisiana's, which not only helps patients and providers but also provides some relief to the budget," said Blueprint Louisiana Secretary Clay Allen, managing partner at the Lafayette law firm of Allen & Gooch.

Blueprint noted that Louisiana has cut general state support for higher education more than any other state over the past seven years. The pressure to train a workforce for new businesses in the state has prompted leaders to consider lowering admission standards in order to bring in more paying customers.

Blueprint opposes those efforts and suggests instead eliminating the requirement that TOPS automatically cover the full cost of university tuition. The group also suggests creating a more equitable benefit for community and technical college students. At the same time, university officials should be given the authority to more easily control expenses and more autonomy to set tuition and fees.

On transportation issues, Blueprint said the state relies almost exclusively on a tax of 20 cents per gallon of gasoline that has not been updated since 1990 and doesn't generate enough money to pay for needs. Among Blueprint's suggestions is to raise the current state tax or replace it with a better model.

Meanwhile, the administration should stop raiding the Transportation Trust Fund, which is supposed to be for transportation projects, and increase annual investment in the fund by \$1 billion. Blueprint backs dedicated vehicle sales tax dollars, and perhaps increased registration fees to the trust fund.

## B-1 bombers coming under 1 command

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE — The Eighth Air Force, headquartered at Louisiana's Barksdale Air Force Base 40 years now, will see an increase in assets and capabilities in the coming days.

The force that now com-

mands all of the Air Force's nuclear-capable bombers will draw into its fold the nation's two B-1 bomber wings, located at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. They will be part of the stable of bomber

forces already under the Eighth, the all-nuclear 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, armed with B-2 Spirit bombers, and the 2nd and 5th Bomb Wings, bases respectively at Barksdale and Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Eighth Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Clark tells The Times the historic significance of this is really bringing the bomber community back together under one command.

## Joaquin forms in Atlantic; Marty moves toward Mexico

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Joaquin formed in the Atlantic on Monday, becoming the 10th named storm of the season, while Hurricane Marty ambled toward the south-central coast of Mexico in the eastern Pacific.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said that Joaquin was centered 400 miles (645 kms) northeast of the central Bahamas late Monday. It had maximum sustained winds of 40

mph (65 kph) and was moving southwest at 5 mph (7 kph). There were no coastal watches or warnings in effect, but the center said the storm was expected to strengthen during the next couple of days.

In the eastern Pacific, Hurricane Marty was moving slowly toward the south-central coast of Mexico hours after forming Monday, bringing heavy rains from Zihuatanejo to Acapulco.

Late Monday, Marty was centered about 75 miles (120 kms) southwest of Zihuatanejo and about 140 miles (225 kms) west of Acapulco. The hurricane had maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph) and was moving northeast at 3 mph (6 kph).

A hurricane watch was in effect for Tecpan de Galeana to Lazaro Cardenas. A tropical storm warning was in effect from Acapulco to east of Tecpan de Galeana, and a

tropical storm watch was in effect from west of Lazaro Cardenas to Punta San Telmo.

The Hurricane Center said Marty was expected to be just offshore of the southwestern coast of Mexico on Tuesday and Wednesday, while "only a small deviation" would bring the center onto shore. Forecasters also warned of significant coastal flooding.

## RELAY

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ities.

Teams will also be able to make Mardi Gras floats and will be able to make a "Mardi Gras lap" during the relay. Martin says entries can be made with battery-powered cars or they can make their float from a box and wear it, but asks that nothing motorized be used.

For all the food lovers, a Louisiana cook-off will take place as well. Dishes should be Louisiana-themed.

On the more serious side, she says, following the welcoming ceremony at 3 p.m., the survivors lap will begin, followed by the caregivers' lap and the subsequent laps will be when everyone joins in to walk.

A luminaria ceremony will begin at roughly 9:30 p.m., where luminarias will be lit in honor of someone with cancer or to remember someone who has lost their battle.

A survivors' luncheon will take place at 2 p.m. with gumbo and all the fixings.

Martin says she got involved a few years ago as a team member because so many in her family have suffered and died from cancer. It has also hit close to home in her husband's family as well, she said.

"Cancer has pretty much affected everybody in my family," she said. "Both of my grandparents on my dad's side passed away from cancer. My grandpa, who was pretty much like my dad, had cancer, and he died a few years ago."

She says Carlos Martin,



**During the Purple Passion for a Cure campaign, where people had to make donations to get a purple toilet with flowers out of their yard, Carlos Martin says the campaign raised about \$1,900.** Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

her husband's uncle, also suffers from cancer and serves as an inspiration to her.

"He's one of the most inspiring people I think I've ever met," she said. "I think if I could wish for my kids to be like anyone, it would probably be him. I just admire him, and he's gone through a lot with his cancer and his cancer treatments."

Carlos Martin, involved in this year's relay, says he's been treated for colon cancer since his diagnosis in May 2012.

It hits a little closer to home for him now, he said. Spending his life's career as an accountant, the relay has always taken place during tax

season, but now he carries a new appreciation for all the fundraisers.

His spirits are good, and he even went into remission for a few months, he said.

"We all have our battles," he said in a separate interview, "...this one just happens to be mine."

He says he stays physically active, which his doctors have told him plays a big part in his ability to fight the disease, and will participate in a triathlon this weekend. He will not participate in the entire event, just in the biking event.

"I feel great," he said. "I play tennis once or twice a

week, and I'm doing the triathlon."

During the Purple Passion for a Cure campaign, where people had to make donations to get a purple toilet with flowers out of their yard, Carlos Martin says the campaign raised about \$1,900.

Bridget Martin says so far all the fundraising efforts leading up to the relay has raised thousands of dollars, but the total won't be in until after the relay.

To participate or for more information, call Bridget Martin at 318-505-5167, Carlos Martin at 318-464-7851 or RJ Johnson at 318-219-4032.

## RATING

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homes in the district will now see a savings," Brent Hunt, Fire District No. 2 board chairman said. "However, residents do need to contact their insurance companies to insure they receive their rate change."

Depending on the insurance company, homeowners and businesses can see anywhere from a two to 10 percent decrease in rates.

"This is a direct correlation with the election last year," Hunt said.

In November, voters of

Webster Fire District 2 overwhelmingly passed a 10-mill ad valorem (property) tax dedicated to fire protection in the areas outside the town limits of Sibley.

Sibley Fire Chief Tommy Kelly said the lower ratings are a result of dedicated teamwork of the fire departments.

"This shows the great strides and efforts made by the firemen in the districts to help achieve the lower rating," he said.

Had the property tax failed in 2014, the fire rating could have been raised to a class 10, drastically raising insurance premiums Hunt said at the time of the election.



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POLITICS

# Republican front-runner Donald Trump proposes tax cuts for all

JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After weeks of vowing to raise taxes on "hedge fund guys" and high-income earners, Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump unveiled a tax plan Monday that would cut rates across the board and reduce the amount paid by wealthiest Americans and corporations into the U.S. Treasury.

The plan, which Trump said would "provide major tax relief for middle-income and for most other Americans," appears certain to come with a significant price tag that experts said would likely add to the national debt, despite Trump's assurances.

"There will be a major tax reduction," Trump said at a news conference at his Trump Tower skyscraper in Manhattan. "It'll simplify the tax code. It'll grow the American economy at a level that it hasn't seen for decades, and all of this does not add to our debt or our deficit."

The plan Trump unveiled proposes eliminating income taxes entirely for millions of single Americans earning

less than \$25,000 and married couples earning less than \$50,000 a year. Individuals would receive a new one-page form to send the IRS saying, "I win."

Wealthier Americans would also see large reductions in their annual tax bill. Under Trump's four-bracket plan, the highest marginal tax rate would be cut from the current 39.6 percent to 25 percent.

Businesses — from major corporations to mom-and-pop shops — would also see their rates slashed to no more than 15 percent, down from the current corporate tax rate of 35 percent. Trump also said he would eliminate the estate tax.

The billionaire real estate mogul said he plans to pay for the tax cuts by eliminating and reducing unspecified deductions and loopholes, both on the "very rich" and corporations. He also wants to eliminate the so-called carried interest loophole that allows managers of hedge funds and private equity firms to pay a lower tax rate than most individuals.

"In other words, it's going to cost me a fortune," Trump said.

Tax experts rejected that

analysis. Steve Gill, a tax and accounting professor at San Diego State University, said his quick calculation found that as a group, Americans making more than \$200,000 a year would pay \$400 billion to \$500 billion less in taxes under Trump's plan.

"This is not a serious plan," said Michael Strain, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute in Washington. "He strongly indicated in television interviews the rich wouldn't like this plan. The rich love this plan."

Kyle Pomerleau, an economist at the Tax Foundation, which advocates for lower rates, said Trump's tax cuts are far larger than those proposed by any other Republican candidate and could easily cost more than \$7 trillion over the next decade. That'd

be double the cost of the proposal from former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

"It looks mostly like Bush's plan, except it is a much, much larger tax cut," Pomerleau said. "The Trump tax cut is bigger than what we've seen so far from Republican candidates."

Trump said the changes he wants to make to the U.S. tax code would not add to the annual federal budget deficit and the overall national debt, in part because his plan would bring in new sources of revenue to the Treasury.

Among them: a one-time tax of 10 percent on money corporations are holding overseas that is brought back to the U.S, and the elimination of the ability of companies to defer taxes

on income earned overseas. Estimates peg the amount of money U.S. firms have over-

seas at more than \$2 trillion, although Trump said he believes the figure is far higher.

Trump also predicted his plan would "create tremendous numbers of jobs" and spark the economy to grow at least 3 percent a year, and as much as 5 or 6 percent. "We're going to have growth that will be tremendous," he said.

Most economists say such a high growth rate is unrealistic. But even under the most optimistic scenarios for growth, the size of Trump's tax cuts will keep the government from raising as much revenue as does the current tax system, said Ryan Ellis of Americans for Tax Reform, a low-tax advocacy group that Trump consulted as he developed his proposal.

"It just doesn't square up," Ellis said, even as he praised the proposal for lowering tax rates.

Gill said no amount of eliminated deductions would be able to make up for the large amounts of money top earners would no longer pay in taxes under Trump's newly lowered rates.

"You can't make that up in any way other than shifting the burden to the middle

class" or running deficits, Gill said.

In fact, he said, some isolated taxpayers could pay more. For example, if Trump eliminates the deduction for medical payments, certain households with high hospital bills could find themselves owing more money despite lower overall tax rates.

Trump said he would couple his tax plan with savings from cutting wasteful government spending, by renegotiating trade deals and demanding reimbursement from America's allies for the cost of U.S. military protection. He vowed his administration "will be balancing budgets and getting them where they should be."

The Congressional Budget Office projects this fiscal year's federal deficit will be \$426 billion, meaning Trump would need to find that much in potential spending cuts if his tax plan was revenue-neutral in order to balance the budget.

"We are reducing taxes, but at the same time if I win, if I become president, we will be able to cut so much money and have a better country," he said.

## ARREST

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Miller, and was found to have in his possession a small amount of marijuana and approximately eight grams of powder cocaine that carries a street value of \$1,000," he said. "Officers had information that Mr. Miller had just left his residence, located in the 1500 block of Stuckey

Road in Dubberly."

After the stop, Webster Parish Sheriff's narcotics agents Detectives Bobby Igo III and Joel Thomas, and Minden police detectives Capt. Daniel Weaver and Lt. Keith King Jr. went to the residence where they made contact with Miller's girlfriend.

"It was her home and he was living there," the chief said. "She gave permission to search the residence, and

inside Mr. Miller's bedroom closet, they located two large bags of suspected powder cocaine, approximately 116 grams with a street value of \$14,500."

Cropper says Miller later admitted that the powder cocaine belonged to him and he was placed under arrest on the above charges.

Weaver says Miller's arrest is the result of a two-month investigation. He says they received information

regarding illegal activity on George Street, which led to the investigation into Miller.

Miller's girlfriend was not arrested. Weaver says Miller's girlfriend was very cooperative in the case, and

through the course of the investigation, learned she had no knowledge of what was going on.

Weaver says they also seized a 1995 Chevrolet Impala and \$336 in cash.

He was transported to the Minden Police Department for booking and later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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"grants" were secured from the City of Shreveport's Neighborhood Improvement Program. All of these were "firsts" for the organization.

■ First black female president of the Strategic Action Council (SAC) of northwest Louisiana.

■ Co-chaired the MSI Stand-Up Committee for SAC. The MSI is fully operational, employs four professional staffers and is the first organization of its kind in the state of Louisiana.

■ A founding member of the Shreveport Charter Foundation, the board that governs the Magnolia School of Excellence. Magnolia is the first Type I public charter school in northwest

Louisiana, and the first public school built in Caddo Parish in over 25 years.

■ Commencement speaker at Louisiana Tech University, the first official duty of president Dr. Les Guice.

Dudley has worked in leadership for Fortune 100 companies and has a passion for entrepreneurship wherein she formed and operated a successful business enterprise. She is deeply involved in community activities and has served on a host of boards. She is strongly aligned with the National Black Chamber of Commerce and proudly serves on the Louisiana Tech University Foundation board.

Dudley is a high-energy dynamic speaker that delivers straight talk, zapped with a little wisdom and wit. She has traveled the country to address audiences for

churches, business associations, organizations, universities and nonprofits and leaves members more enlightened, motivated and ready to achieve higher heights.

She is known for her ability to work with diverse groups of people, leading change and simply put, for getting positive things done.

She attributes her accomplishments to relying on biblical principles. She is a member of Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church, where Bishop Fred A. Caldwell is pastor.

"Zell," as she is commonly called, is a lover of all cuisine, travels and live music and enjoys spending downtime with her family.

She is the daughter of Minister Dr. Hazel Dudley and the late Rev. Silas Dudley Jr.



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PERSPECTIVE

## Stay awhile

"I walked into the woods today, I saw my inner child falling leaves, the autumn breeze, I chose to stay awhile."

Those words came to me today and have been haunting my thoughts for hours. What do they mean and what am I supposed to do with them?

They definitely sound as if they should be included in a poem of some sort, but why a poem and why now? It has been years since I've written poetry and I'm not sure I could even do so if I tried. I know these words aren't going away, as it has been hours and they're still there.

Instead of trying to make poetry of them at this time, I decided I would just try to analyze why they popped up and what I should do with them.

They definitely brought back memories of childhood and roaming freely in the woods with siblings. Every season of the year was different and each one had certain treasures to be discovered. Perhaps it was the fall season that was very prominent in our youth and this is just a gentle reminder.

Or perhaps it's the cooler temperatures and the misty rain that fell for a while today that is jogging my memory,

As of now, I'll put those words aside and come back to them later. In the meantime, I'll think about why the autumn season is so special.

One reason that comes to mind is the travels we enjoyed in the past during this time of year. We made several trips to Tennessee and North Carolina with friends and camped in the apple country. We drove down the roads running near the orchards where trees were still loaded with apples of many colors and varieties.

Fruit stands were prevalent alongside the roads, offering all kinds of special treats. Apples, pumpkins, jams and jellies, apple cider and lots more. They were decorated with their corn stalks and pumpkins and were the perfect sight to draw in prospective customers. Shoppers of all ages would walk among the wares and carefully check them out, tasting the different apple varieties to find their favorite ones.

Some were especially good for baking, while others were perfect for eating out of hand. Some would travel and keep well, while some were more fragile.

At one place, one could try his hand at apple squeezing and then taste the juice that had been extracted. You simply turned a handle on the machine and the juice would flow.

In addition to the orchards, we enjoyed the colorful leaves across the mountains, but, perhaps the apple orchards were our favorite places to visit.

Recalling those times and thinking about other reasons for liking fall, always revert back to a favorite pastime, cooking, mainly baking.

When the weather gets cool I want to pull out my recipe for applesauce cake. It's a tasty, spicy cake with lots of nuts, preferably walnuts. I always think apples and walnuts go together. The fragrant aroma fills the house as it bakes and then I must cut it as soon as I take it from the oven. That first warm bite is like no other taste.

Actually, today might be a good day to break out the first cake of autumn.

Then, as it bakes, I can ponder those recurring words and plan a time when I can really walk in the woods.

And, I might choose to stay awhile.

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PERSPECTIVE

## The ultimate goal

Sometimes we can lose sight of the ultimate goal, especially when we are in the thick of the fight. The current political debate in Louisiana on government budgets and economic growth is a good example of this common mistake.

These days, it is very much en vogue to wail away about the budgetary challenges of state government and promise to bear hug any option thrown around to address it. Countless officials are promising anything and everything to protect government spending, regardless of whether it makes economic sense for taxpayers.

Media and political voices are demonizing most policies that put money back in the very same private sector in which it came from and glorifying those policies that instead simply keep it in the public sector.

Investments in state government and taxpayer subsidies to local government either receive no oversight whatsoever or defined as critical to survival itself, while proposals that help encourage private investment and job creation are heavily scrutinized, generally deemed reckless and forced to overcome the assumption that it is harmful to our state's prosperity.

Have we forgotten the ultimate goal we are trying to achieve? Aren't we striving to build the Louisiana we have always wanted, where an innovative and growing economy provides a good quality of life and a robust variety of employment opportunities for our people? A smart government may be a partner to make that vision become a reality, but a growing one is surely not a replacement for it.

This week, over 60 business and civic groups announced a new partnership called the Coalition for A Stronger Economy (CASE). The CASE agenda is made up of six clear and concise strategies that can help us reach our ultimate goal of making Louisiana the economic engine of the South. The full CASE

agenda and a listing of the many organizations that support it can be found online at [www.labi.org/CASE](http://www.labi.org/CASE).

The CASE urges candidates and public officials to take concrete action in six strategic areas:

1. Accelerate growth in the private sector.

Private-sector job creation and diversification of the state's economy should be advanced through proactive recruitment and retention activities that include data-driven, competitive incentives.

Government at all levels should seek to reduce regulations on the private sector, favoring limited government and a free-market approach.

2. Adopt a pro-growth tax code.

The state tax code should be nationally competitive and drive economic growth.

The tax structure and administration should be simple and efficient for businesses and citizens alike.

Local reliance on state support should be right-sized in line with best-practice states.

3. Transform state budgeting to allow for prioritization of spending.

Statutory limitations that prohibit the prioritization of state spending should be reviewed, reformed, reduced, or eliminated where appropriate.

The cost drivers in the state budget must be addressed, reducing the need for more taxpayer dollars year after year. This includes long-term changes to state retirement plans, laws that are smart on crime, risk management reforms, and others.

4. Develop Louisiana's workforce to promote individual prosperity and a healthy economy for the future.

All students in preK-12 schools should be provided with the foundation for success through high standards, accountability, and choice.

Demand and performance should drive an innovative, responsive education system from pre-K through higher education.

Louisiana's institutions of higher education should be efficient and empowered to be market-responsive.

Federal, state, and local workforce training efforts should be aligned, coordinated, and leveraged to meet the needs of

workers and industry alike.

5. Prioritize infrastructure to sustain economic growth.

Taxpayer funds intended for state transportation and infrastructure should be invested accordingly.

Areas of economic growth should be prioritized with strategic investments for urgent improvements, including large-scale capacity projects.

Infrastructure should be defined comprehensively with appropriate emphasis on multimodal solutions.

6. Improve Louisiana's legal climate to be fair, efficient, and accountable.

Frivolous lawsuits – including such litigation by public bodies – should be discouraged, preserving a fair and efficient system for real claims and real victims.

Transparency and citizen access should be hallmarks of the legal system.

In the coming weeks, many of the diverse groups within the CASE will publicly emphasize and illustrate specific proposals that align with the CASE agenda and are most relevant to their regions or stakeholders. This will be done to help educate and remind candidates and elected officials of the ultimate goal we should be pursuing: to create the strong and growing Louisiana economy our people have long coveted AND deserved.

It will take courage, conviction and even some good, old-fashioned compromise to implement the CASE agenda. Some of it will be easy to accomplish; other parts will be complex and controversial. A few items have the potential to show immediate results, while others require patience and fortitude to generate the results we need. This variety is not a weakness, but rather, a symbol of a comprehensive approach.

All of the agenda is critical to accomplishing our ultimate goal and that – rather than the current debate that has forced us to lose sight of our mission – should be our only focus.

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

PERSPECTIVE

## Government: Here to help

Government wants you to think it helps you at every turn. Every time you make a decision, a purchase, government wants to be there, looking essential.

But it's a trick. Most government "help" creates new problems.

Students once went to private banks to get college loans. Banks, since they had their own money on the line, tried to lend only to students who were likely to succeed and then pay them back. Politicians then said, "Banks don't lend enough, so we'll guarantee loans or make loans ourselves! After all, college is essential for success."

Colleges responded by raising tuition at seven times the rate of inflation. It's a spiral in which taxpayers are forced to give money to colleges — which then charge high tuition, so students graduate deep in debt, and then politicians demand that taxpayers forgive that debt.

President Obama said, sure, just pay back 10 percent or, after 20 years, nothing! Taxpayers will pay the rest, which goes to schools that employ professors who demand more government programs. It's a spiral that makes government bigger.

The same thing happened with housing. People once borrowed from private banks, which applied market discipline. If they thought you wanted to borrow more than you would likely repay, banks wouldn't lend you the money.

But now government — Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Housing Administration — guarantee nearly every loan. That helped create the last housing bubble. After it burst, and taxpayers were charged nearly \$2 billion to bail out the FHA, the politicians assured the public they would fix this to make sure it never happened again.

But they didn't. Today, once again, more than 90 percent of home loans are backed by taxpayers, and after briefly raising down-payment requirements, the FHA will again make loans to people who make down payments of as little as 3 percent.

A sensible solution would be to get government out of the home loan business, but even Republicans claim government support for homebuilding is needed.

It isn't. Canada has no Fannie, Freddie or FHA, and no housing bubble. In Canada, lenders and homeowners risk their own money, yet just as many people are able to buy homes.

Finally, Obamacare makes the same arrogant assumption about healthcare: Without government, people can't afford health care and won't make good decisions. But healthcare is bureaucratic and costly because of government.

For decades, government encouraged us to pay for health care — even routine procedures — with insurance. But insurance is designed for large, rare expenditures, like your house catching fire or a heart attack.

When everything from head colds to backaches is paid for through insurance, neither the customer nor service provider pays much attention to what anything costs. I'm on Medicare now. I'm amazed that when I go to a doctor, no one even mentions price.

If we paid for everything that way — clothing, groceries, computers — everything would cost much more. No one would know when to shop around, when they were getting a great deal, or when to say: enough.

The more we enshrine the idea that "everyone must have health insurance," the more big insurance companies can raise prices without worrying about customers fleeing. Forced government insurance steers everyone into a few big plans instead of letting individuals make decisions that foster competition. Hospitals and insurance companies are the ones really being helped.

President Eisenhower addressed a similar problem when he complained about a "military-industrial complex." Today we have a broader "government-industrial complex."

It shouldn't surprise us when big companies start out opposing regulation but then announce that they wholeheartedly support government's latest "reform."

By the time legislation is passed, the major players in the industry have had a role in writing the laws, ensuring that they are guaranteed a profit.

I don't think government makes my life easier by being around me all the time. Instead, it makes it harder and harder to imagine life without government. Perhaps that was their goal.

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



JOHN STOSSEL



## Around Town

**Oct. 1**

St. Rest Baptist Church's 150th Anniversary will be celebrated with revival services featuring evangelist the Rev. Rene' Brown at 7 p.m.

**Oct. 3**

Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. (Registration starts at 8 a.m. ) at the Capital One on Main Street. Register online at <http://www.sportspectrumusa.com/>. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

**Oct. 4**

Valley Springs Baptist Church's 111th Anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with special guest the Rev. James E. Smith.

**Oct. 10**

Webster Parish Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society will be from 3 until 10 p.m. at the Minden Recreation Center. There will be a car show, kids games and bouncing house, entertainment and a special ceremony supporting cancer survivors and honoring those who have been taken.

Pink Pearl Tea at Orleans on Main at noon. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

**Oct. 11**

West Lake Baptist Church homecoming will be at 10:30 a.m. with guest pastor Bro. Eddie Sowders and musical guest Aaron Watson and Friends.

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church's 120th Anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Brady L. Blade.

## Powell - Peevy united in marriage



Amanda Powell and Peyton Peevy were united in marriage on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, at four o'clock in the afternoon at First United Penecostal Church in Minden.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Jeff Ramsey. Music for the ceremony was provided by Ethan Powell, brother of the bride, Rachel Chapman, Anna Adcock and Jared Needham.

Lisa Reeves performed sign-language to "Holy Sprit, You are Welcome in this Place".

A reception catered by Party Express was held afterwards in the reception hall of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelley of Minden, and Mr. and Mrs. Brett Powell of Magnolia, Arkansas. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coy Callender of Haynesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Broughton of Minden.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Peevy of Minden. He is the grandson of the late Mr. Doug Hall and Mrs. Doug Hall of Minden and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peevy of Minden.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her step-father, Michael Kelley. The bride wore an A-line Pronovias Barcelona gown of ivory lace embodied with crystals and a chapel-length train. The bride's fingertip veil, worn by her mother in her wedding, was outlined in crystals and was complemented with a rhinestone head chain. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of peach and mango calla lilies, peach and ivory roses and baby's breath.

Miss Danielle McCann served as Maid of Honor. Mrs. Lindsey Norris, sister of the bride, served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids included Carlee Powell, sister of the bride, Emily Moore, and Jordan Gray. The flower girl was Miss Ava Norris, niece of the bride. The Maid of Honor wore a peach chiffon dress with a lace overlay and the Matron of Honor and bridesmaids wore peach chiffon dresses. Each carried a hand-tied bouquet of baby's breath.

Cody Peevy served as Best Man. Groomsmen included Brad Peevy, father of the groom,

Woody Hudson, Drew McNeal and Tyler Michaud. Layne Norris, nephew of the bride, served as Ringbearer. Ushers for the ceremony were Ryan Puckett, Gavin Hall, Garrett Hall, Roman Tolbert, and Chase Tolbert.

The bride is a graduate of Minden High School and Blue Cliff College in Shreveport, Louisiana, and works as a massage therapist at Swartz Chiropractor in Minden. The groom is a graduate of Minden High School and works as a manager at Cotton's Fried Chicken in Minden.

Following a honeymoon in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the couple will reside in Minden.

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## SPORTS briefs

### FOOTBALL This week's football contest winners

The results are in for this week's MPH football contest and this week's first place winner is Marty Fletcher of Minden with an impressive 22 correct picks. In second place was Vincen Bradford with 19 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 54. Tying for third place was Obie Jones Jr. and Ta'renzo Jones with 19 correct picks and a tiebreaker score of 50. Be sure to turn in your picks for this week.

### NFL Rodgers tosses five touchdowns in win

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers thinks his offense is just getting started.

Just imagine what he could accomplish with a full complement of healthy weapons.

Rodgers dissected another defense in painstakingly methodical fashion, throwing for 333 yards and five touchdowns in Green Bay's 38-28 win on Monday night over the Kansas City Chiefs.

"I just think we're scratching the surface a little bit," Rodgers said.

Randall Cobb, who is playing while recovering from a sprained right shoulder, had three touchdown catches. James Jones, who was signed before the season to replace injured veteran Jordy Nelson, had seven catches for 139 yards.

The Packers (3-0) have done most of their damage the last two games with wideout Davante Adams sidelined by a sprained ankle.

The offense is still churning out points.

"Aaron is a phenomenal player ... and playing great football," McCarthy said with a laugh. "I'll just keep saying it."

### MLB Papelbon gets four game suspension

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper is not quite sure what he could have done differently to avoid the dugout fight with teammate Jonathan Papelbon that resulted in the Washington Nationals suspending the closer for four games without pay.

"If you're in a bar or if you're in the dugout or if you're anywhere," Harper said Monday, a day after his scrap with Papelbon, "if someone grabs your neck, your first reaction is to do what I did, I guess."

Harper, a leading NL MVP contender, also indicated he would be OK with Papelbon returning to the Nationals in 2016.

"If Paps' can help us win a World Series next year, that's what I need. That's what this whole clubhouse needs," Harper said. "We can't be fighting or anything like that."

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL End of the road LADY APACHES END SUCCESSFUL SEASON AT SOUTH STATE



**BLAKE BRANCH**  
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LIBERTY, Mississippi - The Glenbrook Lady Apaches saw their season come to a bittersweet end at the South State Tournament after three hard-fought games.

The Lady Apaches lost their opening game of the tournament in extra innings to host Amite School Center, 3-2.

Facing elimination, Glenbrook had a tough task in taking on a Prairie View team that had gotten the better of them in their two previous meetings.

That didn't phase a young Lady Apaches team, as they came out and dismantled the

Spartans 14-1 to stay alive.

Alyssa Martin led the way in that victory, going 4-5 with four singles and three RBI. Hannah Mosley finished with a single and three RBI, Amber Lovitt had three singles and one RBI, while Carsin Spurlock, Kate Marvin, Kara Bryce and Faith Earnhardt added RBI singles.

Martin was brilliant in the circle, tossing all six innings, allowing three hits, one run and striking out six Lady Spartans.

In the final game of their season, the girls fell to Sylva Bay Academy, 8-6.

Glenbrook led most of the game before Sylva Bay mounted a comeback with a five run fifth inning.

The Lady Apaches end their season with a 20-10 record and finished third in a competitive district 6AA.



Courtesy Photo/Tiffany Lovitt

Glenbrook will say goodbye to four-year starter Carsin Spurlock who finishes her senior

season with a .312 batting average to go with 20 RBI and 11 extra-base hits.

Look for Glenbrook to be back for another run next year with eight of nine starters returning.

## LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL Results from week one of Minden Rec. football

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Little league football season got kicked off last week at the Minden Recreation Center with a busy week of games on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Here's a recap of last week's gridiron action.

**Monday  
2nd-4th Grade  
Lil' Tiders 18  
Saints 12**

The Lil' Tiders got their season started with a win, as Jacobe Rankin led the team with 24 yards and a touchdown. Brayden Britton finished with eight yards and a touchdown, Al Edwards Jr. had 10 yards and a score and Isaiah Browning led the team in yards with 30. Brody Bower had an impressive game as well, rushing for 27 yards.

Maurice Rabb was the star of the game for the Saints, finishing with 74

yards and two touchdowns. Jakobe Jackson had a good game with 49 yards, Jekoye Knowles had 33 yards and Iverson Colbert added 19 tough yards.

**Cooper Tire 30  
Punishers 0**

Landyn Huddleston led Cooper Tire to the win with 95 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Right behind him was Brennan Benton with 81 yards and a pair of scores. Victor Gipson Jr. finished with 62 yards and a touchdown, Keithri Kimble added 27 yards and Isaviyon Emerson added five yards and a fumble recovery.

Damarion McClendon ran for 56 yards to lead the Punishers, followed by Darnell Morris with four yards. Hunter Perrin, Johnathan Bryant and Jacksyn Moore led the Punishers on defense.

**Tuesday  
5th-6th Grade  
Ducks 26**

**Mohawks 20**

Darryl Thomas led the Ducks with 197 yards and three touchdowns, followed by Khyrese Taylor with 80 yards and one touchdown. Keegan Bryan, Christian Lane Dillon, and James Colbert starred on defense for the Ducks.

Cade Boley led the Mohawks with 137 yards and one touchdown. Kameron Talley was second on the team in yards with 77 to go with one touchdown. Andrew Cooper and Ethan Vise added touchdowns for the Mohawks, while Nicholas Shifflet and Ja'colby Snell led the defense.

**Punishers 32  
Lil' Tiders 19**

D'Angelo Garner finished with 125 yards and three scores, followed by Dexter Smith with 59 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the Punishers. Kamryn Lewis ran for 45 yards and a two-point conversion to



round out the offense.

Javis Moore led the Tiders with 126 yards and two scores, followed by Ty'Darrium Green with six yards and a touchdown. Daylen Robinson finished with 29 yards and Elliot Sheppard had 24 yards for the Lil' Tiders.

**Thursday  
Lil' Tiders 6**

**Titans 0**

Javis Moore le the Tiders to victory with 104 yards and a touchdown. Jake Wilkins added 25 yards in support and Chris Redding had 11 yards.

Kataurio Grigsby had five yards for the Titans, while Jamaria Clark and Jacob Whitehead each finished with seven yards.

## LOUISIANA OUTDOORS The unlikely tale of a sailor and a son

He was a son of the south, a brother to a dozen other siblings. After graduating high school in the late 1920s with the Great Depression taking away the ability to make a living for virtually everybody, he decided to join the Navy knowing at least he'd have a paycheck coming in.

He was assigned to the USS Utah, a battleship built by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation that was "laid down" in March 1909, ironically the month and year of the young sailor's birth. Incidentally, the Utah is one of the ships now lying in a watery grave at Pearl Harbor, sunk by Japanese war planes.

Part of his tour of duty was in Cuba and at one point around the late summer of 1929, the USS Utah pulled into port in New York

giving the sailors on board a much-awaited couple of days of shore leave.

This southern sailor, barely out of his teens, had to have felt a freedom like he'd never known back on the farm back home. New York with all the glitz and glamour also provided temptations he'd never encountered before. There he met a young woman and they spent an evening on the town. After a night out with her, it was time to board ship and take to the seas once again.

What the young sailor never knew was that the lady became pregnant and on May 22, 1930, she gave birth to a tiny baby boy and in a possible attempt to make things more accept-

able, she named him after two Bible characters; she named him Paul David.

It soon became apparent that Paul's mother was ill-equipped to take care of a newborn. Complicating her inexperience was the fact she was practically blind, so thankfully, she decided to do what was best for Paul; she placed him in foster care.

However, his life bouncing from one foster home to another was not without complications. "My mother created all kinds of problems for me. Every time I got close to a foster family, she'd pull me away because she didn't want competition," Paul said.

He joined the Navy in 1948, served for four years

and afterward, attended and graduated in electrical engineering from Clarkson College in New York and while there, met and married JoAnne. The couple were parents to three children, a daughter and two sons.

He spent the majority of his career with Grumman Aerospace Corporation, retiring after 30 years and moving from New York to Florida in 1990.

What became of Paul's dad, the young sailor? After his hitch with the Navy was up, he returned home and worked at a variety of jobs. His gift of gab enabled him to do fairly well selling Watkins Products.

Sometimes the purchaser didn't have money to pay so he had attached a wire cage to the front of his car to hold the chicken or two he received in payment. He

was also an outdoorsman to the hilt and taught his youngsters how to hunt and fish.

He married in 1935 and in 1937, a baby boy was born. After several years of being a bit of a rough and rowdy young fellow, he was converted to Christianity in 1938 and for the rest of his life, he was a model husband and father to his three children, two sons and a daughter.

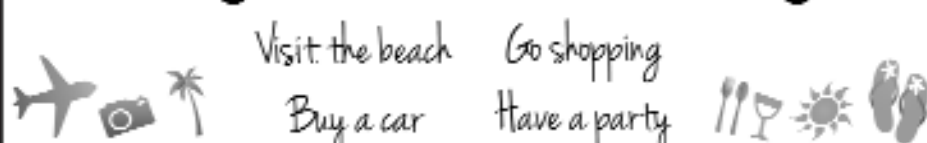
Paul always wanted to know about his father and his daughter sought the services of Ancestry.com. After a four-year search, DNA tests eventually pointed to that young sailor.

I'm assuming you're wondering about the identity of the sailor. His name is Thomas Ernest. His nickname is "Doc". His last name is Harris. He's my dad.



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# ‘The Walk’ a big-screen balancing act in a lost art

NEW YORK — Robert Zemeckis' big, cinematic tale of Philippe Petit's audacious 1974 World Trade Center high-wire stunt is itself a bold balancing act in a lost art.

Mixing big-screen spectacle and an original story about real-life human beings is not the usual recipe in today's reboot-crazed Hollywood. "The Walk," which boasts some of the best 3-D the medium has seen, would be out of place amid the superheroes of summer, just as it stands out among the dour dramas of the fall.

"I so subscribe to the Francois Truffaut quote that a successful movie artistically is a movie that's a perfect blend of truth and spectacle," Zemeckis said in a recent interview. "I do think that's what we go to movies to see."

"The Walk," which opens nationwide Friday, stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Petit and recounts the French high-wire artist's famous caper: sneaking to the top of the just-completed Twin Towers to hoist a wire and tiptoe between them.

But the film is also an argument for the magic of movies to ascend to greater heights than a comic-book factory. It's not hard to see "The Walk" as a metaphor for Zemeckis' movies altogether: the story of an individual elevated to dreamy heights of the clouds.

"If you're going to do an original movie that isn't a sequel, you've got to really supply a big cinematic experience," says Tom Rothman, who produced "The Walk" while reviving TriStar Pictures before becoming chairman of the Sony Pictures Entertainment motion picture group.

"Everyone knows there's so much great stuff on television and blah, blah, blah," adds Rothman. "You've got to really give people a reason to get out of their house and go to the cinema and see it on



the big screen with a capital B. And that's what this is."

The film has for years been a passion project for the 63-year-old Zemeckis ("Back to the Future," "Forrest Gump"), one of Hollywood's great illusionists. He spent a decade in digitally animated movies ("The Polar Express," "A Christmas Carol") before returning to live-action with 2012's "Flight," a character study of an alcoholic pilot (Denzel Washington) that enticed moviegoers with an extraordinary plane crash set-piece — a carrot of special-effects dazzle.

In the time since Zemeckis began developing "The Walk," Petit's stunt was retold in James Marsh's Oscar-winning documentary "Man on Wire." But while

Zemeckis grants it's a very good documentary, he notes it's missing one essential thing: Petit's walk.

That's because when Petit made his early morning stroll with a handful of collaborators, it was photographed but not videotaped.

"Philippe was on the wire for 45 minutes and in all of Manhattan, no one could scramble a movie camera in 45 minutes," chuckles Zemeckis. "How times have changed."

The central feat of "The Walk" is its digital recreation of the Towers, along with the vertigo-inducing 3-D sensation of being 110 stories in the air. The dizzying effect — made within a budget of just \$35 million — sent some moviegoers rushing to the

restroom at the film's New York Film Festival premiere on Saturday.

"My cameraman and my visual effects supervisor and I, we studied what the best way would be to evoke that feeling of vertigo," says Zemeckis. "We really paid attention to where we put the camera, what lenses we used, how we moved the camera, what gave us the most dramatic sensation of height."

Gordon-Levitt spent several days at Petit's home in the Catskills training with the still passionate 66-year-old Frenchman. Armed with an extensive, minute-by-minute lesson plan, Petit swore Gordon-Levitt would be walking unassisted on a wire within a week — and he was.

The best way Gordon-Levitt could relate to the extreme pressure of a wire-walker was his experience as host of "Saturday Night Live" in 2009, a performance that included a backflip, all live and without a net.

He calls "The Walk" the quintessential Zemeckis film.

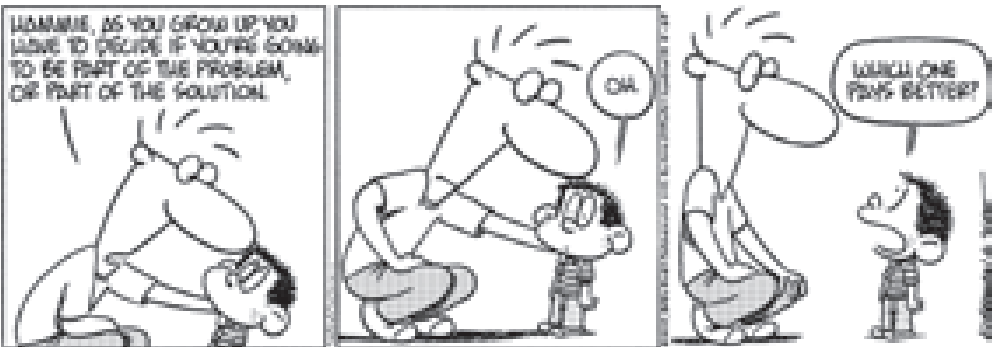
"Most of the big spectacular movies that come out of Hollywood, the characters can be a little one dimensional," says Gordon-Levitt, whom Zemeckis urged to watch films about brilliant, near-crazy icons like "Amadeus" and "Patton." "So it was a rare treat to get to be in a movie that has such incredible, spectacular visuals, but also has at its core a really intriguing and nuanced human drama."

For Rothman, the challenge of running Sony will be in making big, all-audience originals like "The Walk" — provided, fingers crossed, they succeed.

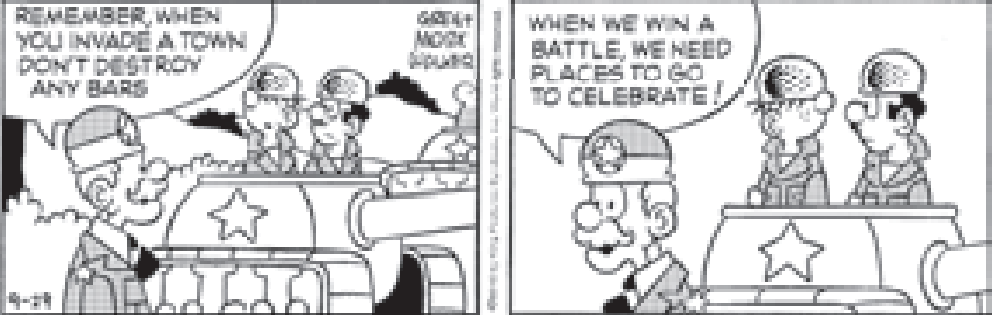
"It's an endangered species," says Rothman. "An original film that's made for a broad audience with spectacle but isn't based on a comic book and isn't a sequel — there aren't any of those. The business has a terrible time making them now. You can only do it if you really believe the movie's going to turn out really well.

"You need somebody who's as gifted at it as Bob is."

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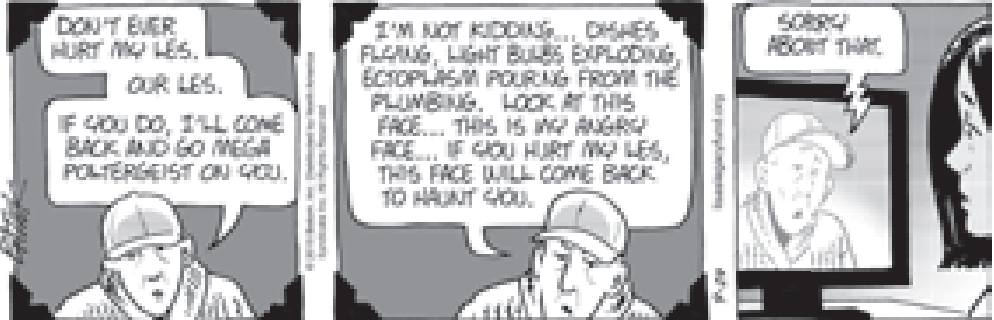
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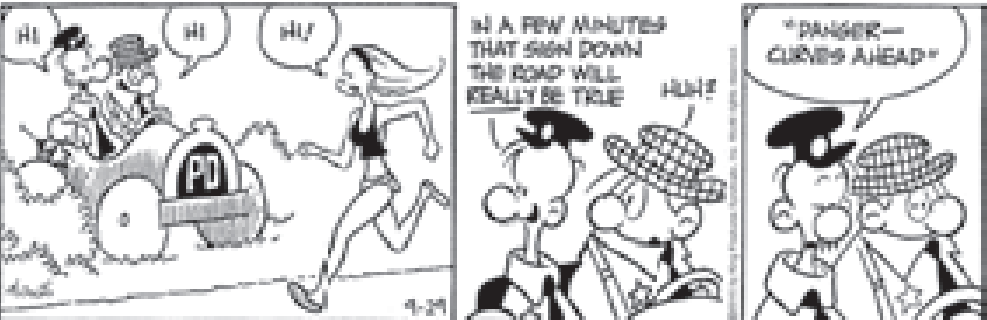
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### PROPOSITION ( B O N D )

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## ‘Jackass’ star charged after climbing crane in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — "Jackass" star Steve-O will face five criminal charges after he climbed a crane in Hollywood to protest SeaWorld and drew dozens of emergency responders to a construction site earlier this month.

The city of Los Angeles will also seek financial restitution for the cost of the police and fire response, said Frank Mateljan, spokesman for the City Attorney's Office.

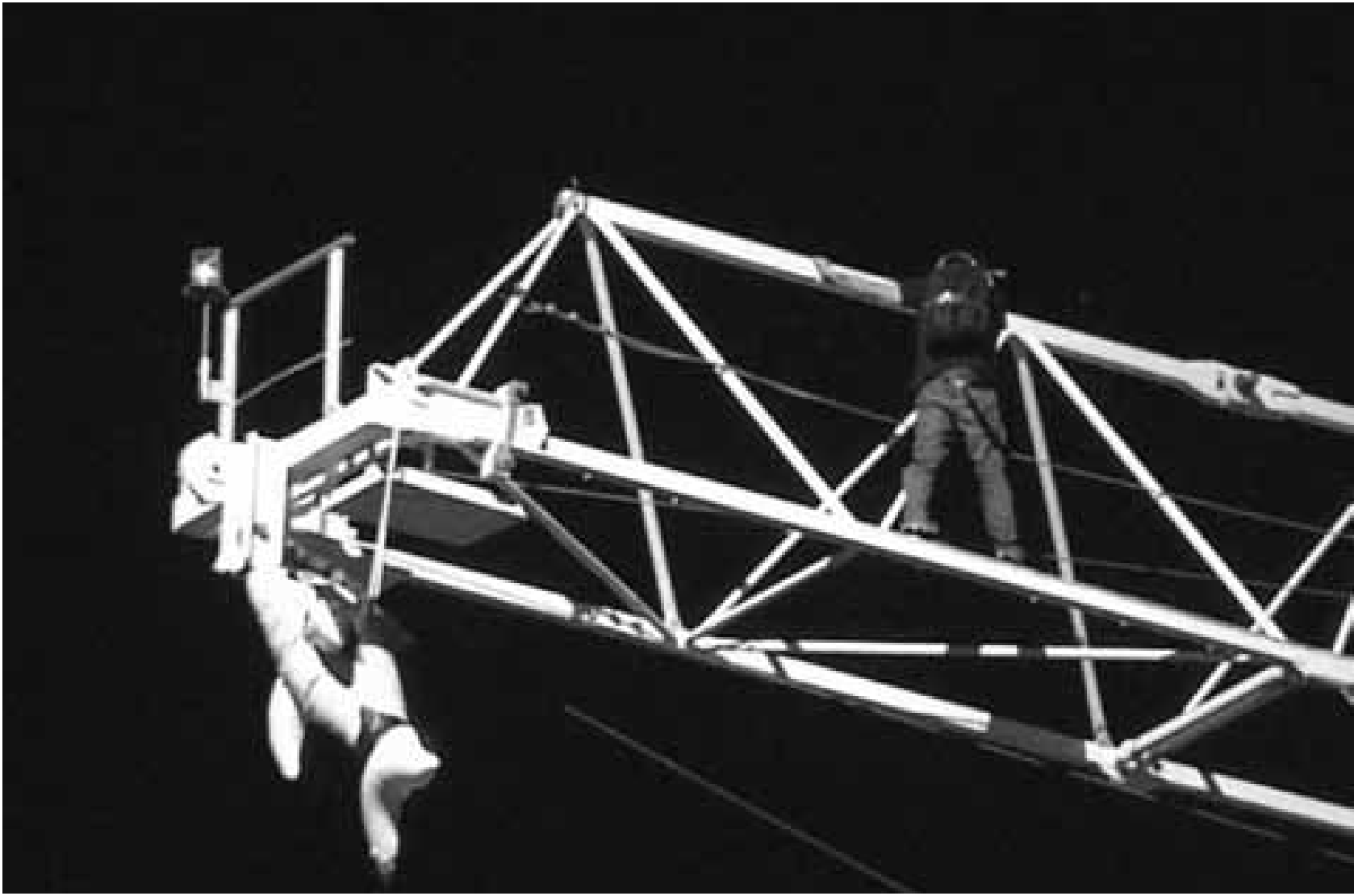
Steve-O, whose legal name is Stephen Glover, was charged Monday with one count each of creating a false emergency, use of unregistered fireworks, storing fireworks without a permit, possession of fireworks without a permit, and trespassing, Mateljan said.

The charges stem from the Aug. 9 incident and a subsequent search of Glover's house, he said.

Glover's representative didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 41-year-old scrambled up a crane at least 100 feet high on Sunset Boulevard, inflating a large killer whale balloon emblazoned with "SeaWorld Sucks" and lighting fireworks when he reached the top, police said.

Glover, known for his outlandish stunts in the



"Jackass" TV show and movies, later climbed down and was taken into custody.

Because the first responders were not sure whether he needed to be rescued, five ambulances,

a helicopter and more than 80 firefighters went to the scene, Fire Department spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said the next day.

She said resources were stretched thin because

firefighters were called around the same time to rescue the operator of a harbor crane who was stricken with a medical emergency.

Prosecutors are working with police and fire

department officials to determine how much restitution will be sought, Mateljan said Tuesday.

Glover's arraignment was set for Aug. 31.

The performer was cited last year for another

protest against the theme park. Glover said his demonstrations are in response to controversy over the 2103 documentary "Blackfish," which criticized SeaWorld's treatment of killer whales.

## Review: ‘Until Dawn’ adds clever twists to teen horror genre

Years of horror movies have taught us the proper response to an invitation to spend a weekend at a cabin in the woods: No thanks.

If anyone followed that advice, we wouldn't have "Friday the 13th," "The Evil Dead" or, well, "The Cabin in the Woods." But the kids in "Until Dawn" (Sony, for the PlayStation 4, \$59.95) have even more reason to stay home: The last time they went, two of their friends vanished.

A year later, eight teenagers decide to return to the site to try and get

some closure on the tragedy. Of course, in this genre, "closure" means running around half-naked while an axe-wielding maniac chases you. "Until Dawn" steers right into the clichés, so you know that as soon as two of the teens start making out, at least one of them will end up on the wrong end of something pointy.

And yet, the story (co-written by horror vet Larry Fessenden) introduces some clever twists on those hoary genre tropes, then throws in a bunch more to keep you off bal-

ance. There's a creepy psychiatrist. There's an ancient Native American curse. There's an abandoned sanitarium, and a 50-year-old tragedy that may explain all the mayhem. Don't get too comfortable once you think you've pegged the psycho killer, because there are still many hours to go before sun-up.

"Until Dawn" benefits from a game, appealing young cast, led by Hayden Panettiere of "Nashville" and Rami Malek of "Mr. Robot." Peter Stormare — from " Fargo" and too

many other movies to list — also shows up to deliver his special brand of sublime creepiness.

The motion-captured performances and animation are solid throughout, and the lighting and sound designers at the British studio Supermassive Games have done a terrific job capturing the ambience of classic teen horror movies.

The gameplay is more reminiscent of "Choose Your Own Adventure" than action-heavy horror games like "Resident Evil" and "Silent Hill." At times,

the game presents a decision — say, between firing off a flare gun or saving it for later — that may seem innocuous but could have fatal consequences hours later. There's much chatter about the "butterfly effect," and there are so many decision points that you'll want to replay some scenarios to see how things might have turned out differently.

There are also occasional sequences where, in order to survive, you need to press buttons in synch with onscreen prompts. There's no room for error:

Mess up and you're dead, and the perspective shifts to one of the other teenagers. Suffice to say that not everyone here gets out alive.

More trigger-happy gamers will find fault with the limited control you have over the characters, and there are scenes where all you can do is yell at the screen while the kids do something dumb. But isn't that the same way you felt watching "Friday the 13th"? Three stars out of four.

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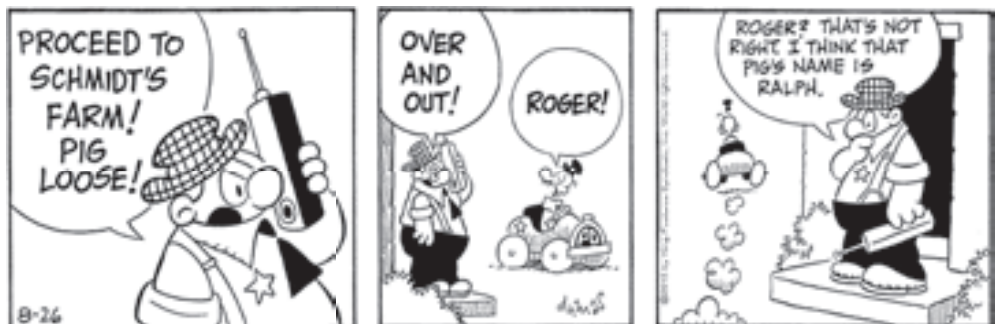
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