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PARISH GOVERNMENT

Police jury discussing selling penal farm

Property has been vacant since opening of BDCC in 2001

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“ I JUST CAN'T SEE HOLDING ON TO SOMETHING; I DON'T THINK WE'RE DOING THE TAX-PAYER RIGHT.”

WEBSTER POLICE JUROR DANIEL THOMAS



Center at Camp Minden. Juror Daniel Thomas says holding on to the property is a disservice to the parish taxpayers.

“I can't see how we're taking care of the taxpayer by keeping something that is like this,” he said. “It

looks like to me we ought to really go over our property, whether it's fix this courthouse or fix roads and streets. I just can't see holding on to something; I don't think we're doing the

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In a committee meeting Tuesday, jurors discussed what to do with the property that has sat vacant since the opening of Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center at Camp Minden. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



Third grade students at J.L. Jones Elementary are getting a hand up as Shepherd's Hut in Minden is sponsoring the class. The idea is to follow the class until they graduate in 2025, providing for the needs of the students, such as mentors, school clothes, supplies and funds for teachers to supplement their classrooms. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Shepherding Children

Church sponsoring entire third grade class

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Shepherd's Hut in Minden is sponsoring the third grade class at J.L. Jones Elementary and will follow them through their high school career.

Pastor Sam Mims says the education system is in such a mess, the chil-

dren are not getting what they need.

“Let's help those teachers, let's help those children, let's help those schools,” he said.

“We're going to try to insure that



MIMS

those kids have what they need to get a good education.”

If a student needs a mentor, he says they will try to provide one of those; if they need school clothes or supplies, they will help try to get them what they need, Mims said.

“Not their wants, but whatever they need to

make it through school,” he added.

The idea is to follow them throughout their school career until they graduate in 2025. He says while he and his congregation want to help all the schools and all the students, it's simply not possible. So he asked his

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI checkpoint planned for Friday

Louisiana State Police will be looking for impaired drivers as the Labor Day weekend approaches. Troop G plans to conduct a DWI checkpoint on Friday, Sept. 4, from about 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at an undisclosed location in

Webster Parish. They will be looking to get impaired drivers off the roads before they can cause injury or death to themselves or others.

Each year, on Louisiana's highways, numerous people are killed or seriously injured

in automobile crashes that involve impaired drivers. In 2014, 47 percent of the fatal crashes in Troop G involved impaired drivers.

Motorists are asked to designate a sober driver before traveling to any place where alcohol will

be consumed. Drive sober or get pulled over.

To report impaired drivers, motorists are encouraged to dial *LSP (*577) from their cell phone or to contact their local law enforcement agency.

ELECTION 2015



Harper Edwards. Courtesy Photo

Harper Edwards seeking police jury seat

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SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

My name is Harper Edwards and I am seeking election as Police Juror for District 8.

I have chosen to live and to raise my family in Minden. My wife Debbie, my children, and I enjoy this peaceful, friendly community. Since graduating from Minden High School in 1990, I have been employed by Fibrebond. During the past 25 years, I have consistently worked my way up to my current position of managing over one hundred fellow employees. I am responsible for my team and to my team.

For the past 32 years, I have been a member of the Minden Presbyterian Church serving as youth director and church elder. I have been blessed with a wonderful church family that has supported me through the trials

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WEBSTER PARISH

Springhill man killed in crash

STAFF REPORTS

Louisiana State Police are investigating a single vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 371 just north of Louisiana Hwy. 528 that claimed the life of a Springhill man.

According to LSP, preliminary reports suggest a 2005 Buick Lacrosse driven by 45-year-old Terrance Gipson of Springhill was traveling on Hwy. 371 around 6 a.m. Wednesday, when for unknown reasons, the vehicle left the right

side of the roadway and crashed into a group of trees.

Police said Gipson was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash but still suffered fatal injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Webster Parish Coroner.

Authorities say impairment is not suspected to have been a factor in the wreck but a routine toxicology sample was taken and will be submitted for analysis.

The crash remains under investigation.

LOTTERY

No big winners in Wednesday's lottery

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Lottery Corporation says nobody won the two major jackpots in the Louisiana Lotto and multistate Powerball drawings on Wednesday night.

Louisiana Lotto players matching all six numbers drawn would have won or shared a \$2.375 million prize, which will rise to an estimated \$2.45 million for Saturday.

Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$120 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$133 million for Saturday.

The Easy 5 drawing rises to an estimated \$100,000 after none of the tickets matched all five numbers drawn for Wednesday's \$90,000 jackpot.

Edwards hopes to take district 8 police jury seat

EDWARDS

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of life as well as the celebration of life's miracles.

As my children grow older and approach graduation, my thoughts focus on what is required to maintain our community's character and to make it functional for the generations who follow. Responsible, experienced people from my generation are needed to step up to fill these roles.

So what does this mean to you? It means that if I am elected as your Police Juror, you will be represented by a man whose track record indicates stability, loyalty, determination, and leadership experience.

If elected, I pledge to be accessible to you and to be your voice on the Webster

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Pastor hopes to help children with education

CLASS

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congregation to participate in adopting the third grade classes to do their part.

"This is to see if it works," he said, "and if it works, then maybe some other church will adopt a class. If each church in Minden were to adopt a class, and just took care of that class, then all the schools' needs would be met."

Mims met with Jones principal Dusty Rowland last week about the idea, and she says she's excited about it.

"I'm excited," she said. "We're always glad to get support from our community. We've been very fortunate to have a lot of community support. Anytime we ask people in the community, whether it was to sponsor our sign or our teacher appreciation, or anything like that, we always have really good support. This happened out of the blue. I know that each year, that it will probably grow."

Tikina Johnson, third grade teacher at Jones, is Mims' contact person. Rowland says the third grade teachers will meet and assess the needs of their students this week.

"I am very blessed, because I have an outstanding faculty," Rowland said. "I have outstanding teachers. My teachers are really going to look at



Third grade students at J.L. Jones Elementary work on math and language worksheets during school Wednesday. Principal Dusty Rowland says she's excited that Shepherd's Hut wants to help her students. Third grade teachers will meet this week to discuss what is needed in the classroom and for their students. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

what they think can help." Some of the challenges students are facing, she says, include the lack of funding, which hinders the manpower needed to teach students. Also challenging is the lack of funding for the arts and music, she said.

"Our schools can't offer what some of the other districts and parishes offer like enrichment for our kids," she said. "We can't offer that just because of lack of funding."

J.L. Jones is a Title I

school, and Rowland plans to use some of that money for some type of enrichment for the students. Right now, the school has library and computer lab as well as social studies enrichment.

"Research shows that arts, music, enrichment helps students do better on tests," she said. "A lot of it is because they want to come to school to do those things. They spend more time at school and not truant because they do have these activities for

them."

Mims says he also wants to see more parents involved in the parent/teacher organization as well. The PTO is more than just a fundraising arm for the schools, he said. He wants parents engaged in their children's education and schools.

"We're not going to just throw money at them," he says. "Whatever these kids need, that's what we're going to do."

Jury to discuss sale at October meeting

JURY

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taxpayer right."

While he liked the idea of the old penal farm system where inmates worked the land and farmed, it isn't practical, he said.

"The problem is the federal laws have changed so much, that it basically made the jury violate laws to keep anyone there," he said. "We didn't change, the laws changed."

Jury president Jim Bon-sall says the time to take

care of it is now. The jury will never be able to renovate it to bring it up to code, he said, adding that it was grandfathered in as long as it was open. Now that it's been closed for so long, it would cost more money to renovate it than it would be to raze it and build a new structure.

Charlie Odom made a motion, seconded by juror Bruce Blanton, to separate the house plus one and a half acres plus easement from the penal farm property and notify the tenant in the house of the jury's intent. The buildings and

grounds committee will work towards this end.

Thomas told jurors the property needed to be surveyed and platted in order to have a "good, clean transaction." Also up for discussion was proximity between the house and the prison. The idea, Odom and others say, is to document that easement so that when the property is sold,

there is no question that it is an easement. It was even suggested turning the easement into a road that connects with Penal Farm Road so that both property owners won't have to use the same easement.

The police jury will bring this up for discussion again at the next committee meeting, which will be at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6.

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Candidates seeking Iowa boost look to 99-county tour

NEWTON, Iowa — Is it a savvy strategy or a campaign gimmick? Many presidential candidates see a path to success in Iowa by visiting all 99 counties in the leadoff caucus state.

This week, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum was the first to complete the tour with a stop at Rock Rapids in the far northwest corner of the state. Santorum eked out a victory in the 2012 Iowa caucuses using this approach. In part because of that, others are now fanning out across the state to match him.

The tour is often dubbed the "full Grassley," in honor of longtime Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley's annual tour of the state. Others pursuing the goal include Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker,

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

"It's an awesome way to campaign," said Santorum, who despite his 2012 Iowa victory was the top choice of very few in a recent Des Moines Register/Bloomberg Politics Iowa poll. "You get a chance to sit around and talk to real people. You get a chance to hone your ideas."

The trek is a far cry from big rallies and flashy TV appearances. Earlier this week, Santorum sat with about 10 people in the central Iowa city of Newton, discussing taxes and education.

Getting even a footprint in each county can't easily be accomplished in a few

weekend visits. The state of about 3 million people covers about 56,000 square miles — making it roughly six times bigger than New Hampshire, the home of the first presidential primary. Getting from Des Moines to Rock Rapids, where Santorum concluded his tour, takes more than four hours.

In addition, many of the state's rural counties are sparsely populated, so leading candidates may decide to focus their attention largely on bigger cities. In 2012, Santorum won or tied for first in 65 counties. Eventual Republican nominee Mitt Rom-

ney won 16 and nearly as many caucus votes. Those results inspire some and deter others, depending on their standing in the race, when deciding whether to pile on all those miles.

Proponents say the tour honors intimate politicking and suits candidates with little money. Grassley, who has been visiting every county annually since 1981, was careful not to invest the practice with too much significance.

"In politics you never know for sure if something's going to work for you," he said. "But if there's no known negative, what's wrong with doing it, if you have time to do it?"

Walker, for one, has been finding the time.

"People want to hear and see the candidate," Walker said on an August

swing. "I'm visiting all 99 counties."

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio have spent less time in Iowa and have largely campaigned in bigger cities when here. But neither is relying as heavily on Iowa as Walker and some others are.

While Santorum's underdog victory in 2012 inspires many, there are also cautionary tales about doing the full Grassley.

In the final weeks before the 2012 GOP caucuses, then-Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., tore through a 99-county bus tour in 10 days, packing each day with events. She placed sixth in the caucuses.

The tour is a "great opportunity to meet as many Iowans as possible,

but it is no guarantee of success," said former Iowa Republican Party Chairman Matt Strawn.

Still, it shows a commitment to meeting voters.

"It's not about putting a thumb tack in every county in the map" as much as it is about "shaking hands in every county," said Huckabee spokeswoman Alice Stewart. Huckabee did the full Grassley in advance of his 2008 caucus victory.

And Santorum's tour made something of an impact. "I had no intention of supporting him," Chris Barton, 41, who owns a company that makes wooden pallets. But after hearing him talk in Newton, "I am more inclined to than I was."



JINDAL

ELECTION 2015

La. Gubernatorial candidates discuss various issues

Student panelists quizzed three gubernatorial candidates at the Northshore Gubernatorial Forum Wednesday night on the state-sponsored scholarship program TOPS, needs-based aid, job growth, crime, coastal erosion and voter apathy.

The Northshore Legislative Alliance held the forum that focused on students' perspective on the state's future and featured state Rep. John Bel Edwards, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle. A spokesman for U.S. Sen. David Vitter said he was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

The forum was the first televised from the Columbia Theatre in Hammond.

Among notable officials in attendance were mayors Pete Panepinto of Hammond and Buddy Bel of Amite and Tangipahoa Parish President Gordon Burgess. Sheriff Daniel Edwards and Independence Police Chief Frank Edwards III, brothers of candidate John Bel Edwards, were present as were Tangipahoa Parish Councilman David Vial, former Hammond City Council member Bobby Martin and Ponchatoula attorney Parker Layrisson.

Each candidate had one and a half minute to

respond to questions and later just a minute.

With about 30 percent of Southeastern Louisiana University students depending on the TOPS program while it faces funding problems, panelist Alexis Quackenbush asked "what will this program look like" under the candidates' leadership.

Angelle said he would protect the program in the budget by cutting down on tax incentives and similar programs, as was done during the past session.

Edwards said the problem with the program is tuition increases and as governor he would end the practice of increasing tuition.

"That's what's running up the cost," he said.

He said if TOPS was decoupled from tuition, meaning its funding does not automatically rise with tuition, it would still be a generous program for students.

Dardenne said the state needs to cap the program to keep it manageable.

Panelist Crystal Jones asked if state-sponsored scholarships should be needs-based or merit-based. Each candidate said both kinds of state aid are vital for the state's well-being.

Panelist Aaron Johnson asked about economic growth. The candidates

responded they would work hard to create more job opportunities.

Dardenne said it is the job of the government to create an "atmosphere" for job growth, Angelle said the state needs to update its "antiquated" tax code to create jobs, and Edwards stressed preparing students for in-demand fields.

Quackenbush asked about the candidates' plans for crime prevention.

Angelle said, as governor, he would help law enforcement get the resources they need to "play offense."

Candidates agreed the state has funds to fight coastal erosion, when asked by Jones if she should expect to pay with tax money for coastal protection.

The state has recently received funds to fight coastal erosion, Edwards said.

Dardenne said the state needs to begin enforcing the "master plan" recently approved by legislators that involve dredging and diversion of rivers.

Angelle said he would ensure that funds appropriated for coastal erosion go toward that purpose.

Regarding a question from Johnson about encouraging young people to vote, Edwards said it is important to engage them to let them know voting

really does make a difference.

Dardenne said he has spoken to several young leadership groups where he stresses "the importance of voting."

Angelle said as a father, he understands college students and he would use the governor's position to talk with students about civic duty.

Jones asked what they would do to ensure funding for road maintenance, to which Dardenne said infrastructure is the state's

greatest need and the capital outlay process is broken and needs fixing.

Angelle said we need to "put the trust back into the transportation trust fund." He said the state needs to invest more in road infrastructure and to do that the state should decentralize the DOTD.

Edwards said money in the fund should go more to highways, rather than giving some of the money to state police. He also committed to more funding for the state capital outlay

program by 25 percent.

Which candidate will they support for U.S. president? Edwards said "not Jindal." Angelle and Dardenne said they are undecided.

Asked if they would support legislation to protect LGBT rights in the workplace, Angelle said no while Edwards and Dardenne said yes.

The three candidates also took questions from students via video, which touched again on TOPS.

OBITUARIES

Bobby Edward Flournoy

Funeral services for Bobby Edward Flournoy of Dubberly will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 at Mt. Calm Missionary Baptist Church in Minden. Interment will follow at Sheppard Street Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 at Benevolent Funeral Home in Minden.



FLOURNOY

Bobby passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dessie Mae Crow Banks, his father, Esselie Lee Flournoy and his goddaughter Tan Wardlow.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Gloria Flournoy, step-mother Maria Flournoy of Los Angeles; mother and father-in-law Richard and Lorene Cobb; sibling Edmond Flournoy of Norwalk, California, Marvin Ray Banks, Shellee Jean Banks Davis (Lloyd) and Gewanda Banks Wright (Charles), Minden, and Geraldine Banks, Shreveport.

Surviving children are Aeneas Ford (LaQuinsey), Debra Flournoy, and Devin Flournoy all of Mesquite, Texas; brother-in-law Richard Cobb Jr (Latrell) Houston; sister-in-law

Charlotte Cobb Kirk (Bruce) Harvey. Bobby also leaves behind six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Verna Morgan

Verna Morgan, 86, of Minden, passed away on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015. She is survived by her spouse, Walter Morgan Sr., sons Walter Morgan Jr. (Brenda), Ricky Lott of Minden, Junious Morgan (Sarah), Lake Charles, Donald Morgan, Baton Rouge, Larry Lott, Syracuse, New York, one daughter Alma Morgan, Harvest, Alabama, and one sister Beatrice Mozell Johnson, Las Vegas. Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 at Mt. Calm Baptist Church. Visitation is from 2 until 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 at Miller-Pioneer Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Fellowship/Home Civic League Cemetery in Dubberly under the direction of Miller-Pioneer Funeral Home.



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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Alexandria Daily Town Talk on hurricane preparedness app

As we mark the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and with two named storms popping up in the Atlantic in the past few days, this seems like a good opportunity to remind readers of the need to take the proper hurricane planning steps in order to be ready should a hurricane impact Louisiana.

Granted, hurricane season started nearly three months ago, and preparations should have started then. But, human nature being what it is, we suspect most people put off prepping until the last minute. Besides, hurricane season doesn't really ramp up until late August or September. Well, guess what — it's late August now.

Apparently the penchant for procrastination when it comes to hurricane planning extends down to Baton Rouge and our state's Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, which is pretty much the last place that should take a relaxed approach to hurricane planning.

Our original thought was to check their website to gather some updated planning tips to share with readers.

When we opened their page, getagameplan.org, we found a link at the top of the page for a mobile app. We thought that was a great idea, and we eagerly downloaded the iPhone version of the app.

As expected, it had checklists and other general safety information. Then there were links to all sorts of useful looking things, like evacuation shelter information, emergency alerts, road closures and satellite imagery. It looked great.

The problem was, when you tried the links, we got an error message on several of them. Thinking we had accidentally downloaded an older version and missed the update, we called to ask for app support. We were told the app that is currently available for download is out of date and they are working on an updated version.

When asked for a timetable, we were told they didn't have a hard date, but "it should be ready soon." At this point, we're doubtful it will be in time to be of any use this hurricane season.

To be fair, from talking with other officials in the office, the main website was recently upgraded and the linking address for some of the information changed. We can understand that as we've been through website upgrades ourselves. It's hard to check every link. That said, it still needs to be done. The site upgrade was weeks ago, and our call seems to be the first they knew about these app links not working.

New technologies are great, and an emergency app from the state's emergency preparedness office could save lives, but only if it is properly maintained.

This time it appears the state dropped the ball. We hope they get things fixed quickly, preferably before a disaster strikes.

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PERSPECTIVE

Get to know Elbert Guillory

Leave it to Elbert Guillory to add a little spice to what's been one of the most boring election years in Louisiana in two decades.

If you aren't familiar with Guillory, you've been missing out. It would behoove you to do a little research on him, but in the meantime, I'll take this opportunity to give you a brief overview about who Guillory is and why he's become so controversial in some corners.

A state senator from Opelousas, Guillory, 71, is an attorney by trade. He's black, and he's a Republican. As we all know, there aren't too many black Republican elected officials anywhere in the country, especially in the Deep South. Guillory is a candidate for lieutenant governor. He's running against two other Republicans, Jefferson Parish President John Young and former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser. Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden, a black Democrat, is in the race, too. Needless to say, Young and Nungesser are white.

Guillory first made waves in a somewhat grand fashion when he changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican. On his way out of the Democrat fold, Guillory took to social media to

explain why he switched. He posted a video to YouTube in which he didn't mince words, including accusing Democrats of using and abusing blacks for political purposes since the dawn of the modern political age in America, or at least since FDR ushered the New Deal onto the scene some 80 years ago.

Without a doubt, there's some truth to Guillory's argument.

Guillory put to rest any questions about his commitment to the conservative movement last year during the U.S. Senate race when Mary Landrieu was seeking a fourth term in office. Obviously not happy with how Landrieu had treated the black community, Guillory took to social media again, this time taking Landrieu, a Democrat, to task in one of the most forthright YouTube videos I've ever seen. It was a brutally honest posting, which, as you might suspect, wasn't well received by Landrieu and her allies on the Left.

Liberals mocked him. Rumors were spread about him, but Guillory didn't back up from his allegation that Landrieu had taken blacks for granted since her election to the Senate in 1996, which was made possible solely because of the strength of the black vote in Orleans Parish.

The topper of it all, though, surfaced in recent weeks when Guillory released another video on YouTube that dealt with the most controversial topic of my generation. That would be race relations in America. Specifically,

Guillory talked about the N-word, including an explanation about its many uses and many meanings in the English language.

Only a black man can get away with talking about the N-word. It's taboo in the white community.

Yet, Guillory broached the subject in a somewhat humorous fashion, making light of the many uses of the N-word while inviting his viewers to join him in a serious discussion about race relations.

It's doubtful Guillory's invitation will be taken seriously beyond his circle of friends and supporters. After all, he's a Republican. He belongs to the party of rich, fat white guys. Right?

It's fruitless to speculate how Guillory's diatribe would be received if he were a Democrat. Think about it. The Democrat Party isn't interested in inclusion, nor is it interested in ending decades of distrust between blacks and whites. The discord has served Democrats well.

Still, Guillory should be commended. For what, you might ask? For exhibiting the courage to speak so openly about the silent barrier that's separated the races, so to speak, some 50 years since the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by a president from Texas who used the N-word liberally.

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PERSPECTIVE

Why build a national monument to a union-busting robber baron?

Occasionally, I see something that is so bizarre, so out of place, so wrong that I have to assume I'm hallucinating. For example, I could have sworn I was delusional when I heard about the National Park Service's Pullman National Monument in Chicago.

George Pullman? My mind boggled! Our tax dollars are being spent to build a national park in tribute to a narcissistic, paternalistic, brutalistic 19th-century robber baron? Incredibly, yes. Pullman, a notorious union buster and exploiter of working families, is having his history mythologized by today's Powers That Be, portraying him as a model of the corporate order's historic virtue. At the Feb. 19 official consecration of Pullman's park, Chicago's thoroughly corporatized mayor, Rahm Emanuel, even gushed: "This will be a monument ... to Pullman's role in building the American dream."

"History," as the old adage goes, "is written by the winners," even when they're losers as human beings. Pullman was most certainly a loser as a human being for this "dream," as Rahm refers to it, was a nightmare to Pullman's workers. They toiled in his factories making rail cars, including the luxury "Palace" sleeper for elite train travel. Pullman considered himself a

beneficent employer, having built a 600-acre town for the workforce and vaingloriously naming the new home-place for himself. Pullman-Town included houses he rented to his workers, churches, schools, a bank, library, and parks — all owned by his company. Indeed, when officials announced this year that Pullman's town was becoming an honored part of America's park system, officials attested to his generosity by hailing the town as a place he created "to provide his employees a good life."

The workers in the town of Pullman, however, were less charmed, for he ruled the burg as autocratically as he did his factories.

No saloons or "agitators" were allowed, nor did he allow any public speeches, town meetings, independent newspapers or even open discussions. In a letter residents wrote to the American Railway Union, they offered an example of Pullman's greed and exploitation of his workers: "Water which Pullman buys from the city at 8 cents a thousand gallons he retails to us at 500 percent advance ... Gas which sells at 75 cents per thousand feet in Hyde Park, just north of us, he sells for \$2.25."

The resentful residents created a little ditty that summed up the surreal feel of the place: "We are born in a Pullman house, fed from the Pullman shops, taught in the Pullman schools, catechized in the Pullman Church, and when we die, we shall go to Pullman hell."

In 1894, the workers got Pullman's hell on Earth. Not only did he drastically cut his workers' (he referred to his workers condescendingly as his "children") wages five times, he also refused to lower their rent. He had guaranteed a 6-percent return to the wealthy investors who financed the town, he explained — and the investors' needs came first. What a dysfunctional father! The suffering imposed by this feudal lord on his workers led to the historic Pullman Strike that quickly spread nationwide, led by union icon Eugene Debs.

This uprising was not a problem for Lord George, though. He and other railroad royals rushed to the White House and got President Grover Cleveland to dispatch the U.S. Army to join police and militia forces to crush the labor rebellion. Thirty workers were killed, Debs was arrested on a trumped-up conspiracy charge and all laborers who'd joined the strike were fired and blacklisted.

Now, 120 years later, we taxpayers are financing a monument to this loser's greed. The only way that Pullman National Monument can have any legitimacy is for the grounds to be strewn with sculptures of the 30 dead workers he killed.



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Around Town

September 6, 2015

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church will honor Pastor George and First Lady Ora Rice on their 14th anniversary at 3 p.m. Pastor Billy Joe Hawkins will act as special guest. All are invited.

September 11 and 12, 2015

The Heritage Quilt Guild of Jonesboro will be presenting "Quilting in the Pines," a two day quilt show from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the North Hodge Assembly of God Church, 5254 Quitman Hwy, North Hodge, Louisiana. Over 100 quilts, wall hangings, minatures and quilts from the past will be on display. The Country Store will feature handmade items and there will be vendors and door prizes. Quilters will be displaying the art of hand quilting during the entire show. Lunches will be on sale by the Women's Ministries.

September 12, 2015

The 17th annual Haynesville Celebration of Butterflies kicks off at 8 a.m. with a 5K fun run at the Claiborne Parish Fairgrounds. This years speakers include Charles Allen, Mickey Lowe, Lee Faulk, Dennis Demcheck and Victoria Lefevers. Throughout the day there will be an antique tractor show, quilt show, tours of the Dogtrot House and the Butterfly Gardens, Vocal and Dance groups performing, and a horseshoe pitching tournament. Children will enjoy a scavenger hunt, bounce house and a chalk art competition. For more information contact Loice Kendrick-Lacy at 318-624-1929 or 870-234-5910, email loicelacy@suddenlink.net or visit haynesvillela.org.

St. James Baptist Church will be honoring Pastor Marandalous Holland for 11 years of pastoral service. Starting at 11 a.m. guest speaker will be Pastor David Hoey of Rhema Word Ministry of Shreveport, followed by Dr. Jimmy Mahoney of Springfield Baptist Church of Shreveport at 3 p.m.

Scenes from first responders luncheon



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SPORTS briefs

MLB

Rangers walk-off against Padres

SAN DIEGO - It's not the most exciting way in baseball to secure a walk-off win, but it counts just the same. So the Texas Rangers are totally fine with the walk-off walk they used to beat the Seattle Mariners 4-3 on Monday night.

With the score tied 3-3 and one out in the bottom of the ninth, Adrian Beltre worked a bases-loaded walk against M's closer Fernando Rodney to bring home the winning run. Beltre was mobbed mildly at first base by his teammates, who splashed water on him. Gotta celebrate somehow, right?

The Rangers (60-57) actually have a lot to feel good about lately. It was their fifth straight win and it puts them three games behind the first-place Houston Astros in the AL West. They're just a game back from a wild-card spot too, which is a big change from just a few weeks ago. On Aug. 1, the Rangers were 50-53 and eight games behind the Astros.

"In that situation I'm trying to do anything to come through, a walk, fly ball, anything," Beltre said. "We are playing with a lot more confidence. We're doing better in our situational hitting, and our pitching has been great. We've got to keep it up."

Beltre himself was the star Monday night. The walk-off walk was his third RBI of the night. He also had RBI doubles in the first and third innings. Cole Hamels struck out eight and allowed three runs on seven hits.

COLLEGE FB

Harbaugh set for Michigan debut

SALT LAKE CITY — After eight months of living in the spotlight as college football's latest rock star, Jim Harbaugh is ready to move past the hype and get gritty on the football field.

Michigan travels to Utah on Thursday night for their season opener, a game that has to some degree, been overshadowed by the hype surrounding Harbaugh's return to the college ranks. Not that all the interesting stuff will be on the sideline.

Both teams opened fall camp with questions about their quarterbacks and only one has given fans a definitive answer.

Harbaugh refused to publicly name a starter, but says the players know who it is. Junior Shane Morris is the lone QB to return to Michigan's roster with starting experience — two games. Senior Jake Rudock transferred from Iowa with 25 starts under his belt. He threw for 2,436 yards with 16 touchdowns and five interceptions in 2014.

"I want both of them going into this game with the mindset that they're one play away or they're starting," Harbaugh said. "It's the mindset I always want our quarterback and backup quarterback going into the game with."

"If (keeping Utah in the dark) is a byproduct of it, we'll take that as well."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

KNIGHTS READY FOR TORS



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SPRINGHILL - The North Webster Knights and Haynesville Golden Tornado are very familiar with one another.

Both schools know the other boasts a talented roster, both enjoy pounding opponents with their ground game and hard-nosed defense and both enter the 2015 season as serious state championship contenders.

A large crowd is expected in Haynesville to watch the two schools kickoff a season full of promise.

Even North Webster head coach John Ware,

usually one to deflect any expectations or spotlight, acknowledged that Friday night is a big one.

"It's big because it's the first game of the year," Ware said. "Of course, it's a rivalry with them. The excitement and build-up for these kids and the communities is always fun and our guys are ready to play in a significant game."

Ware, who was born and raised in Haynesville,



Courtesy Photo/Douglas Blow

played for the Golden Tornado. While playing center for the Tors in the early 90's, Ware was on two state championship teams that run the exact same system he'll see Friday night. Even though he is well aware of what Haynesville will try to do against him offensively, that doesn't make the task of stopping the Tors any easier.

"We've got to be disciplined," Ware said. "If you're disciplined you

have a good chance. If you're not watching what you're supposed to watch and you get fixated on the wrong guy, they'll bust you. They're going through a great run right now."

Against the Haynesville defense, Ware has had a hard time finding cracks in the armor, prompting him to preach patience this week at practice.

"They're big up front,

they're athletic and they can run you down," Ware said. "They are always where they're supposed to be, so you have to be patient playing them and take what they give you. Our teams are a lot alike."

Special teams have played a big role in previous meetings between the Knights and Golden Tornado. Last year, a muffed punt robbed the Knights of a shot to drive

the field and win the game.

"A guy like Conroe McMullan could be huge in this game," Ware said. "Last year there were two big special teams plays that swung the momentum to Haynesville. Special teams is certainly going to be critical and I feel like we have an advantage with Conroe."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Haynesville.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saints secondary depleted



NEW ORLEANS - At some point this season the New Orleans Saints' secondary will be on the field together. When that point comes remains a mystery.

New Orleans took another hit this week with cornerback Keenan Lewis undergoing hip surgery. According to the NFL Network, he's expected to miss at least four weeks.

Lewis has been the linchpin of the Saints' secondary and serves as the No. 1 cornerback. Without him, the team will likely turn to first-year player and Canadian Football League import Delvin Breaux to fill in. Brandon Browner, who signed this offseason, will be the other starter.

Lewis battled an injury earlier in camp and tried to play in last week's game against the Houston Texans.

The secondary was supposed to be the strength of this defense, but it has been decimated by injuries this offseason. Safety Jairus

Byrd has not practiced since organized team activities, as he's out with an undisclosed injury.

Strong safety Kenny Vaccaro is fighting an injury that kept him out of action against the Houston Texans, and Browner suffered a knee injury in the first week of the preseason and has not played since. Both players are expected to be back sooner than later.

For Byrd, the timetable for his return remains a mystery. The team, however, continues to downplay the situation.

"I think we have a pretty good idea in regards to when those guys will be back, and we'll plan accordingly," coach Sean Payton said. "Some of that you can't control, and it is not just unique to our team. It's pretty common in the league."

The members of the defense have been steadfast in saying the group will eventually come together despite not playing with one another during training camp.

"I think we pride ourselves on having a good second line," defensive tackle Kevin Williams said. "Most teams look at as you're only as good as your backups anyway. If the guy in front of him goes down those guys

got to step up. We thing we have a good group of guys that can handle it."

Still, not playing together was one of the issues often cited last season for the defense regressing to become one of the worst units in the league after finishing in the top five the previous year.

Last year, Byrd missed most of the offseason program and did not get back on the field until late in training camp. It took him several weeks to get up to speed and then he missed the rest of the season after suffering a knee injury in Week 4.

Lewis won't have those issues when he returns. He's familiar with the system and is a proven commodity, but the current group could have issues getting on the same page and getting used to one another early in the season.

The potential saving grace here is that, unlike last season, the Saints appear to have quality depth at cornerback this season. Breaux, who was also injured for a period of time this preseason, has appeared capable in practices, while Browner and rookie Damian Swann has also played well. Stanley Jean-Baptiste and Kyle Wilson fill out the cornerback depth. Brian Dixon is also in the mix.

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ALONG THE WAY

Proverbs for today's living

Our grandparents had 'old sayings' that would be considered 'nuggets of wisdom'. "A penny saved is a penny earned; Pink in the morning, sailor take warning; Birds-of-a-feather flock together; A stitch in time saves nine, etc." Many of them planted crops and gardens 'by the calendar or almanac'. The moon and stars also were watched closely for special signs that would dictate farming habits; the tide movement announced good fishing times. We still hold many of these to heart, applying them to our daily living.

Proverbs 3 (the Proverb for Sept 3) offers many nuggets of wisdom that serves as a guide to

show us the pathway through today; tomorrow, the future. Proverbs 4 will give us wisdom for Sept 4, etc. Let's pinpoint some of these nuggets and consider them as 'good doses of strong medicine, curing what ails us.'



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Wisdom is speaking: (1-2) Young man, don't forget what I am teaching you; keep it locked in your heart. It will provide a meaningful existence and bring richness in life. (3-4) Bind love and faithfulness around your neck, write them on your heart – this wins favor and a good name with God and man. (5-6) Always trust God with all your heart, lean on Him and not your own wisdom.

Always seek to acknowledge Him to direct you down life's pathway. (7-8) Don't be conceited, relying on your own wisdom, but turn your back on evil and always trust in the Lord. If you do this, your health and vitality will be renewed.

(9-10) Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income and He will reward you with barns full of grain and vats overflowing with new wine, (11-12) Don't resent the Lord when He chastens and corrects you; His punishment is proof that He loves you. Just like your earthly father punishes you for he delights in your good behavior; even so, the Lord does the same with you. (13-15) The wise man is blessed and gains much understanding which is very profitable in life. It is more valuable than silver or gold, or any other precious stones. Nothing

can compare with wisdom. (16-18) Wisdom gives: a long good life, riches, honor, pleasure, and peace; She is the tree of life to all who eat her fruit; Happy is he who keeps on eating it.

(19-20) The Lord's wisdom founded the earth; His understanding established all of the universe and space. His knowledge broke open the deep foundations of the earth; The skies opened and through the clouds poured down the rain. (21-26) Son, have two goals in life: wisdom and common sense. Don't let them slip through your fingers, but allow them to fill you with 'living energy'...wear them as a feather in your cap. These two companions will protect you along life's pathway. They will guard you when you sleep and protect you from all fear. Yes, the Lord will protect you. (27-32) Don't withhold your

debts, pay them in full and on time. Treat your neighbor with respect and honor, avoiding needless quarrels. Beware of violent men – keep away from them. They dishonor God and are not His friends. (33-35) The Lord's curse is on the wicked man's house; but He blesses the home of the upright and gives grace to the humble. The wise man will inherit honor, but the foolish will only experience shame.

Proverbs to live by! Wow! Consider reading Proverbs each month, a chapter a day, outlining verses that 'speak to your heart'. After several months, you will begin to acquire some of the nuggets of wisdom" hidden among these verses.

THE UPWARD LOOK



MAX HUTTO

Light and Strength

"LORD, You light my lamp; my God illuminates my darkness. With You I can attack a barrier, and with my God I can leap over a wall." Psalm 18:28-29 HCSB

Remembering when he was in the darkness fighting against his enemies, David acknowledged that God

had provided hope, guidance, and strength that he needed to persevere through the battle. Not knowing where to turn and what to do in the darkest hours of the struggle, God illuminated his way. For those who trust in God, no matter what the struggles and battles, God can provide

the light, the direction, and the hope needed for the fight. With God's strength, David was able to attack the enemies going over the wall as well as the obstacles that lay in the way.

Lord Jesus, I need Your light and understanding to persevere through

trials I face this day. You alone are my hope and my strength, the keeper and sustainer of my life.

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"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
— James 5:16

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Gibney presents Steve Jobs' darker side in new docu

Was Steve Jobs a brilliant visionary whose singular mind, capable of blending art, technology and commerce as never before, inspired the world to "think different" and changed the way we live?

Or was he a ruthless businessman who treated co-workers callously, took credit for the work of others, and often acted out of jealousy and spite?

Documentarian Alex Gibney is known for pulling no punches when it comes to his subjects, most famously Scientology in his recent "Going Clear." And so it should come as little surprise that in "Steve Jobs: The Man in the Machine," he comes down heavily on that second, darker image of the Apple CEO. Even if you haven't read much of the copious material out there on Jobs, who died in 2011, you'll know some of this, especially his early attempt to dispute paternity of his first child, Lisa, even as he was raking in millions. But though Gibney doesn't seem to come up with anything truly groundbreaking, there's surely more negative stuff here — and lots more detail — than you've encountered before.

With this, Gibney, a skilled filmmaker, has little trouble holding our attention for more than two hours. But he raises another tantalizing question, and then doesn't really do enough to answer it: What does our collective adulation of Jobs and his creations say about US? Perhaps it was all too much for one movie.

The film begins, wisely, with the stunning reaction to Jobs' death of pancreatic cancer, similar to the grief that erupted with the passing of John Lennon — only



expressed in 2011 technology. We see the makeshift shrines outside Apple stores, and the ubiquitous hashtag #iSad. A young boy explains, incredulously: "He made EVERYTHING!" On the news, Diane Sawyer speaks of "a global wake."

How to explain this impact? Gibney gathers footage both of the brash young Jobs with long hair, proclaiming how the computer, once bulky and scary, will change people's lives, and famously giving the finger to IBM, and the older Jobs, in his second stint with Apple, pacing the stage in his black turtle-

neck and delighting fans at those much-awaited product launches.

And there are much less flattering elements, in interviews with people who worked with (or loved) Jobs: for example, Bob Belleville, who came over from Xerox in the '80s. "How bad could this be?" Belleville recounts thinking beforehand. "I didn't realize how bad it could be." The memories cause him to weep.

We hear how Steve Wozniak, the eventual Apple co-founder who began his journey with Jobs in a garage, did much of the

work on a video game the duo sold to Atari, but was iced out of most of the money by his friend. And there's school buddy and Apple employee Daniel Kottke, wondering succinctly: "How much of an asshole do you have to be to be successful?"

Chrisann Brennan, mother of Lisa Brennan Jobs (Jobs' daughter did not cooperate with the film; nor did his widow, Laurene Powell, or Apple itself), describes telling Jobs she was pregnant and watching him clench his jaw and slam the door.

There's also sobering

detail on working conditions (and suicide rates) at the Chinese factories where Apple products are made; on a scandal involving Apple stock options; and on Jobs' zealous pursuit of the tech bloggers who wrote about an iPhone 4 prototype accidentally left in a bar. We're also told how, contrary to Bill Gates and his huge philanthropy, Jobs ended Apple's charitable gifts.

Yet there's admiration, too, for Jobs' creative mind, specifically the crucial connection he was able to make between a piece of machinery and the

human experience it could provide. As the film says of the iPod: "It wasn't a machine FOR you. It was you."

And it's Gibney himself who best describes the lure of a shiny Apple phone.

"I had to have an iPhone," he says. "My hand was drawn to it like Frodo's hand to the ring."

"Steve Jobs: The Man in the Machine," a Magnolia release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "some language." Running time: 127 minutes. Three stars out of four.

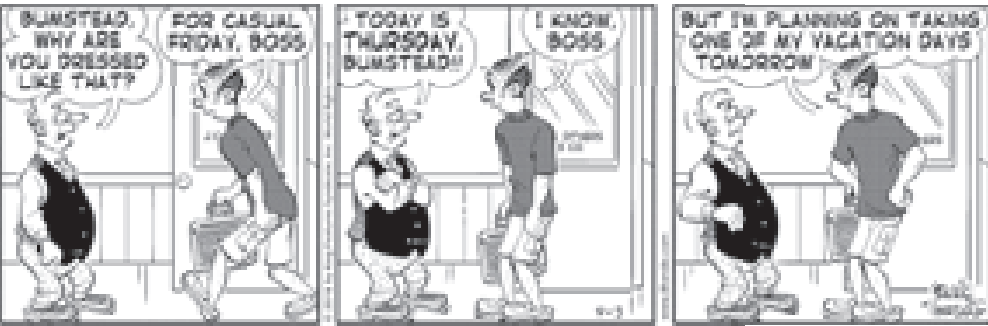
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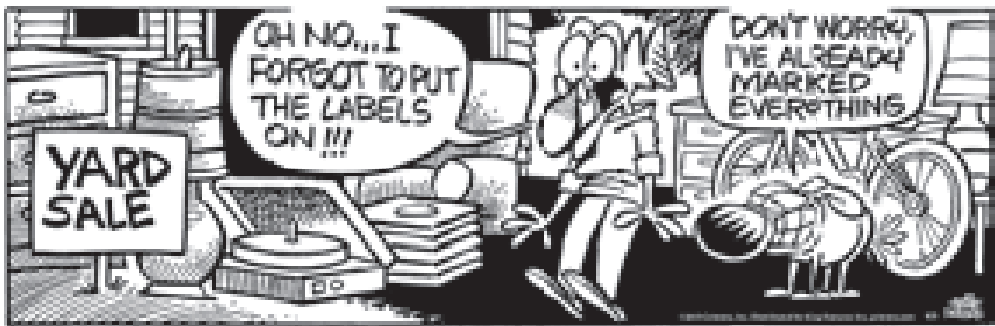
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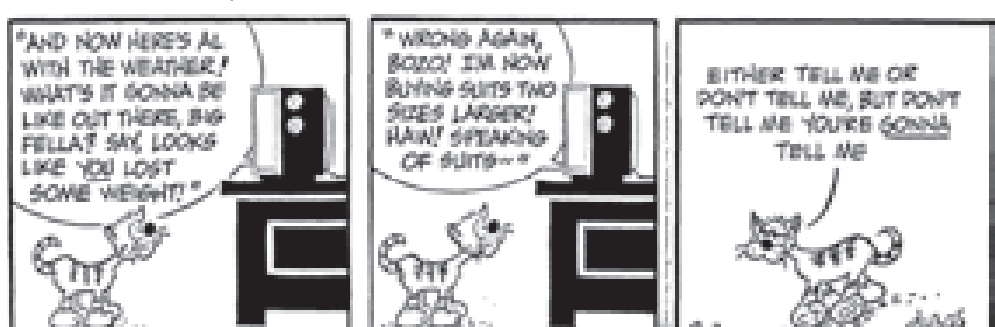
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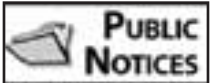
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SECTION VI. Notwithstanding the terms and provisions of Ordinance 6-7A the speed limit on Roy Hale Drive be and the same is hereby established at 15 miles per hour and no person shall operate or drive any vehicle upon Roy Hale Drive within the village limits for the Village of Doyline in excess of 15 miles per hour. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the day on which it shall be published in the official journal of the Village of Doyline.

This Ordinance was read and considered in parts and by the whole and on motion of Steven Bridwell, seconded by Billy Reeves, was passed and adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 3
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/s/ Gary T. Cater, Mayor

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