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CITY GOVERNMENT

Council passes \$31 million budget

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The Minden City Council passed a more than \$31 million budget Tuesday for the next fiscal year.

Mayor Tommy Davis says this budget includes a two percent longevity raise across the board for each department, including public works, the fire department and the police

department.

"Keep in mind that a lot of that (total budget) is our electrical sales, so that includes the electricity that we buy," he said. "Financially, our revenues are easy to figure out, because they've been steady for the last several years. It's expenses that are hard. We're doing our very best to not draw money out of reserves, although this year's budget does draw

some money out of reserves."

The goal, he says, is not to draw any money from reserves. With ever increasing expenses, Davis hopes expenses for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, will be correct.



DAVIS

"If we've done that, then our budget should be good," he added.

In other news, the council agreed to purchase 2.78 acres of land around the Minden Airport on Methodist Camp Road.

"We join on two sides, and it just makes sense," he said. "For long-term use, I think it will help us with our airport. It's got road frontage and it gives us better access to the air-

port, and it backs up to where we join already. It just gives us more acreage out there, and if we ever hope to expand our airport over what our current plans are, this would be good for us to have."

The property is being purchased for \$36,000, Davis said.

The council also approved a permit applica-

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DOWNTOWN

Main Street board named

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After more than five months without a Minden Main Street Board of Directors, the Minden City Council has filled six of the seven vacant seats.

Upon the recommendation of newly-hired downtown director Becky White, the Minden City Council approved the appointment of Terry Gardner, Kathy Copeland, Larry Gipson, Deborah Cooksey, Thomas Adams and Alicia Adams to the board at its September meeting.

White says the board is made up of new and experienced faces that are working for the betterment of downtown.

"They all have the best interest of downtown Minden in the forefront of what they are trying to do," White said. "I just think we made some really good choices."

White says the last position is close to being filled and expects to have a full board soon.

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WHITE

ELECTION 2015



ELECTION SEASON KICKS OFF

Qualifying began Tuesday, Sept. 8, for various elected seats of office. Clerk of Court Holli Vining qualifies to run for re-election as Webster Parish's clerk of court. She says most of the candidates running for office have already qualified, but qualifying will be open until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10. As of press time, the only seats that have no candidates are justice of the peace districts 3 and 5, constable district 1 and the two seats for Doyline aldermen. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

WEBSTER CRIME

Three arrested on att. murder charge

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Three of four suspects have been arrested in a case of alleged attempted murder.

Deravion Deshun Kinsey, 18, of the 6300 block of Highway 531 in Heflin, was arrested Sept. 2 and charged with attempted murder. Bond was set at \$200,000.

Marquette Juwan Burks, 18, of the 200 block of Central School Road in Dubberly, was arrested Sept. 2 and charged with attempted murder. Bond was set at \$200,000.

Michael Jamal Bradford, 17, of the 100 block of Oscar Moore Road in Dubberly, was arrested Sept. 7, and charged



KINSEY



BURKS



BRADFORD

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ELECTION 2015

Shelley-Sherrard seeking dist. 12 jury seat

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SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

I'm Rebecca Shelley-Sherrard, and I am a candidate for the office of Police

Juror, District 12. As a life-long resident of Doyline, I understand the issues that our community faces: road conditions and drainage problems, the protection of our natural resources in Bayou Dorcheat and Lake Bistineau, and other environmental issues.

As a graduate of Doyline High School, I realize the importance of creating

jobs for young working adults. As a mother and grandmother, I understand how necessary it is to provide services for children and youth, and expanded programs for the elderly.

After more than 25 years experience as a professional businesswoman, I know without economic growth, our community

and the services it provides will continue to decline. We must have a plan to attract new business and industry in our parish.

Along with others, I led the successful fight to stop the open burn of the M6 propellant at Camp Minden. On the Camp Minden dialogue committee, I

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Rebecca Shelley-Sherrard.
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AROUND THE STATE

141,740 Louisiana signups under Obama health insurance law

NEW ORLEANS — Federal health officials say 141,740 people in Louisiana had active health insurance under President Obama's health care law as of June 30.

Almost 91 percent of the Louisiana enrollees, 128,524, were receiving tax subsidies to help with the cost, according to Tuesday's figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The department said

Louisiana is among the 10 states with the highest number of consumers receiving tax subsidies. The average monthly subsidy in Louisiana was \$322.

The figure released Tuesday was down from 149,954 reported in March. The administration says enrollment was terminated for some people for a variety of reasons, including failing to prove immigration status.

AROUND THE STATE

SAE fraternity returns to LSU after suspension

BATON ROUGE — Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has returned to LSU's campus, lifting a 2012 suspension that was handed down amid allegations of hazing and harassment.

The group, which was also suspended in the 1990s, had been barred from seeking reinstatement until earlier this year.

LSU spokesman Ernie Ballard tells The Advocate SAE doesn't face a probationary period with its latest return.

The chapter has about 41 members currently, and the group has returned to its campus fraternity house for meetings. Ballard said there are no current residents.

WEATHER

Grace weakens as tropical depression

MIAMI — Grace is moving west across the Atlantic as a tropical depression.

The depression's maximum sustained winds Wednesday morning are near 30 mph (45 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Grace is expected to become a remnant low or open wave in the next day or two.

Also in the Atlantic, another tropical depression could become a tropical storm later in the day. The depression is centered about 220 miles (355 kilometers)

east-southeast of Bermuda and is stationary.

Meanwhile in the Pacific, Hurricane Linda is quickly weakening. The hurricane's maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 100 mph (155 kph).

Linda is centered about 405 miles (655 kilometers) west of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula and is moving northwest near 12 mph (19 kph).

BOARD

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Citing unwillingness by Minden Mayor Tommy Davis to work with the board, all members of the Downtown Development

Commission / Minden Main Street Board resigned at a March meeting.

Those members included President Catherine Hunt, Tammy Eaton, Elaine Eaton, Jeri Bloxom, Bertha Winzer, Deborah Cooksey and Bill Cook.

SOUTH WEBSTER



The Town of Sibley is combating the issue of mosquitoes within its corporate limits. The council recently agreed to the purchase of a mosquito spraying machine, and mayor Jimmy Williams says they have been spraying once a week since the machine's purchase. The cost of the machine itself is \$10,000, with one barrel of chemicals at \$3,500. The chemicals will last approximately one year, Williams said. Sibley is located in a low-lying area and tends to hold water, the mayor said. The money to make the purchase came from their sales tax fund. Pictured above are Williams, left, and public works director Chris Walker. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

RACE

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worked side by side with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, United States Army, Louisiana Department of

Environmental Quality, Louisiana Military Department, State Representatives and Senators, to find an alternative method and solution for the M6 disposal.

As your representative on the Webster Parish Police Jury, I promise that

you will have a strong, equal, and productive voice in all parish matters. I pledge my time, energy, and resources in service to you, the residents of District 12.

I humbly ask you, the voters of district 12, to join with me in helping to make

our community a better and safer place to live and raise our families.

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Rebecca Shelley-Sherard

Police Jury District 12

CITY

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tion for the Krewe of Akewa to sell beer during this year's Fasching Festival at The Courtyard on Pearl Street. Davis says the permit is much like the one

approved in 2014.

The council also approved:

- Condemned properties,

- The annexation of property belonging to James R. Tolbert and Melissa H. Tolbert in the vicinity of Fernwood Lane in District E to be zoned R-1 resi-

dential.

- The final plat for the preliminary plans for a re-subdivision of property owned by Michael Carr on Hwy. 80,

- Amendments to the 2014-15 budget,

- Engagement of auditor - Jamison, Wise and Martin for a fee, including

expenses, not to exceed \$57,000.

- Surplus property on West Street and Pershing/East Streets, and

- The Minden Police report.

The next meeting of the Minden City Council will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5.



New is the constant buzz word heard this time of year. A new school year brings new uniforms, new routines, new friends, and new opportunities. There is anticipation in the air. The coming of the season of fall brings cooler weather, football season, and holidays to spend with family. The same anticipation of change is going on at First United Methodist Church Minden. A new season of hope is stirring within our walls and in our community. Our children are busy with children's choir, puppet ministry, Sunday school, and Sunday night study. They are also awaiting completion of the children's building expansion to be completed in January. Our youth group is growing abundantly on Sunday and Wednesday nights; some have come to call FUMC Minden home. With our young families expanding, our ministry with small groups and children are thriving. The adult ministry is also abounding with fellowship opportunities and ways to serve. **On Sunday, September 13th** we invite you to join us at our open house as we celebrate this new season of hope. There will be an inspiring message, wonderful worship, followed by a catered meal and a time of fellowship. God said to Job in the Old Testament, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." FUMC is growing and we believe the best is yet to come. We invite you to unite with us in our anticipation and this new season of hope, not only for our members, but for the community as well.

We hope to see you this Sunday, September 13th at 10:30am in our Sanctuary across the street from the Minden water tower in downtown Minden.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM • Sunday Morning Sunday School - 9:15 AM
 Sunday Night Youth (in the basement) - 6-8 PM • Club 456 Sundays - 6-8 PM
 Women's Monday Bible Study - 6-8 PM • Wednesday Night Meal & Studies - 5:30-7:00 PM
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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

Memories remain of things torn down

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

I have told you of the email that we receive about the columns my son, John, and I write. This week, I received a call from Napa, Calif., from a classmate, Martha Strange Russell. She had read in my column that another classmate had died and she wanted to know who. She told me that she reads my column and John's and appreciates the memories. Last Saturday, we received an email from Sherry Gresham Gritzbaugh in Bel Air, Texas. She had gone to Doyle school with Charlie Walker and was so glad to read about him. She remembered that his nickname was "Hawk," and his wife tells me that she still calls him "Hawk." Of course, each week I receive many local calls and sometimes a letter about a memory my column has brought back.



AGAN

There are so many memories of Minden in years past, memories of people, buildings and businesses. Many of the people are now dead. There are buildings and businesses that I have observed down through the years and many of them are gone, either torn down or drug away, or even graded down. Let's go back in memory and remember a few of them.

Old buildings

One of the first that I remember is the beautiful old Sandlin home that was on the corner next to First Baptist Church. It was used as Sunday school classes for First Baptist Church for several years before it was torn down to make a black-topped parking lot. It was such a beautiful old building with the staircase and the beautiful millwork. This would have made such a wonderful museum. But it was torn down, and that is the gist of my article.

And then there was the house that had been Green-Kleinberger Funeral Home on Murrell Street. This was the home of Drury Murrell and he figured prominently in the early history of Minden. (His name was not pronounced "Mur" "rell" but it was "Murr-ell," with the accent on the second syllable. So that is the way Murrell Street should be pronounced, not like we say it. When the new funeral home was to be built, the old home was moved around on the Shepherd Street curve. Finally, it burned down, probably by hoboes seeking shelter. Another loss to Minden's history.

The parking lot of Minden Medical Center was the site of the old Rex Theater, and before it was remodeled into a movie theater, it had been the second home of First Baptist Church. It was torn down, and now there is a black-topped parking lot.

City buildings

Of course we cannot forget the old courthouse that was built in 1905, and was used as our City

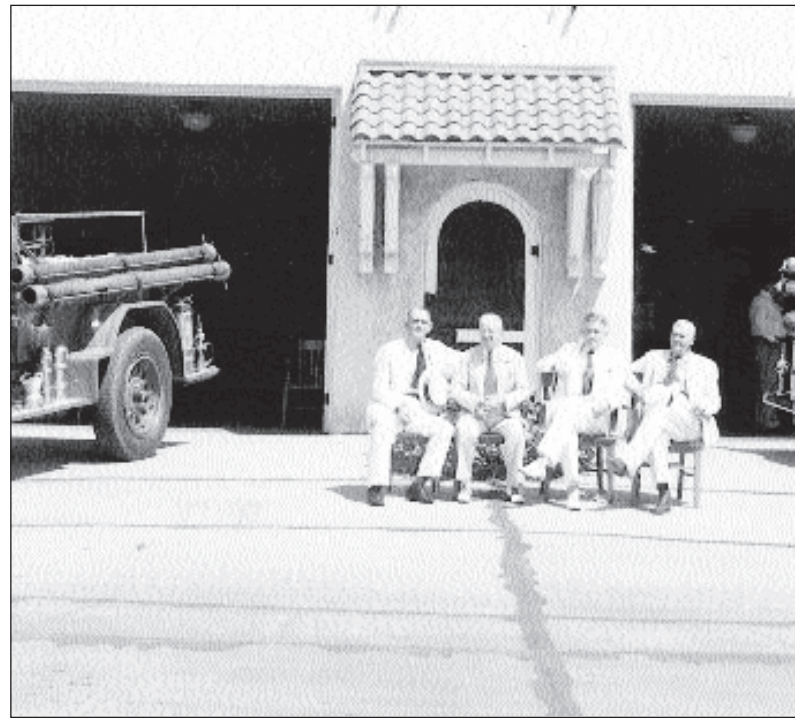
Hall from 1953 until it was torn down to extend Pearl Street. There are a good many pictures that different local artists have painted. I have one hanging in my home today. It was unique with its circular halls, and the dome that once had a clock in it. True enough, it had a distinctive odor or smell that attested to the bathrooms being old. The halls were cool even on the hottest days of summer, not because of air conditioning, but because the thick walls were insulation against the summer heat. Even though it has been gone for more than three decades, it lives on in our memory.

Fire station

And the fire station that was across from the present post office is gone, and there is a parking area where it once stood. I remember that the Light and Water office was in the back on the ground floor. Earnest Almand was the one who operated that office and Mary Ellen Pugh worked there. Today, she is Mrs. Dalton Dean. We went there to pay our utility bills. The upstairs was our "city hall" back in the 30s and the 40s, where the Minden City Council met and there were offices there, too. I have a picture of the city council and the mayor sitting in front of the fire station. The picture today shows the fire station/city hall, and in front, are the council members and the mayor. The second from the left is Mayor David Thomas.

The Blacksmith Shop

Often we do not recognize



This was the old city hall/fire station before it was torn down. The current city hall sits on Broadway in downtown Minden. The old city hall/fire station was built in 1905. Courtesy Photo

how unusual and how unique an area is until it is gone. I remember looking at the old blacksmith shop behind what was at that time Al-N-Way cleaners on Pine Street just off what we called "Front Street." The blacksmith was Mr. Irby, and the shop was on the corner of Green Street and Pine Street. Today, it is just an overgrown vacant lot. Not many of today's young people have ever seen a blacksmith shop. Now I wish I had taken the time to see just how Mr. Irby did his work and notice everything about that shop. But it is gone,

Railroad depots

We had two railroad depots in two different locations. The first was the one that was at the foot of the hill by the railroad tracks on Shreveport Road. Since passenger trains no longer picked up passengers here, the depot was not needed, and so, it was torn down. Many towns have utilized their old depots as museums. Close by, Arcadia has used their old depot as a museum. We tore ours down. The other depot was

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OBITUARIES

Edward 'Ed' Mason Cupples

Funeral services for Edward "Ed" Mason Cupples will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with Pastor Andy Maddox, the Rev. Richard Methvin, and the Rev. Bill Crider officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Ed was born Aug. 26, 1921 in Clarks and entered into rest Sept. 7, 2015 in Minden. He joined the United States Marines in 1940 and retired in 1961. He was in the Pacific Theater for 28 months with the 22nd Marine Division. Ed was well known for his cooking and his bountiful garden that he shared.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Jeanette Cupples, son Paul Cupples, sisters Irene Albritton, Evonne Fiering, and brothers Robert Cupples and John Cupples.

He is survived by his sons Michael Cupples and wife Galina of Tucson, Arizona, Jeff Cupples and wife Elissa of Minden, Thomas Cupples and wife Marina of Minden, brother Doug Cupples and wife Cortez of Minden, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be C.J. Brogdon, Carl Brogdon, Tom Futch, David Ruple, Mason Cupples and Joey Lee.



CUPPLES

Honorary pallbearers will be Dale Gryder, David Cupples, and Rev. Bill Ichter.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Julianna Langheld

Julianna Langheld was known to her friends and family as Julie. She was born Sept. 5, 1966 and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sept. 7, 2015. Julie had been sick for a long time.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents Grover Oran and Ella Louise Hicks Langheld, maternal grandparents, Colvin and Zular Witaker Hicks, and paternal grandparents, Benjamin Henry and Maggie Alice Virginia Langheld.

Julie was raised by her Aunt Ethel Langheld Miller.

She was involved with the Plots and Pans Book Club and the Holly Springs Ladies Circle. Anyone who knew Julie knew she loved God first and then her family, friends, and her babies (for those who didn't know, her babies were her dogs). Julie found much joy in helping others. She worked at Homer Memorial Hospital for 18 years. She is a graduate of Homer High School and Louisiana Tech. She loved helping her daddy from cleaning deer to carpenter work to mechanic work. She found the time to work at the polls when possible and once she even served as Commissioner-in-charge.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 at Holly Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. John Campbell officiating. Julie will be laid to rest at Bethlehem Cemetery of Homer under the direc-

tion of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Holly Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, 4165 Harris Road, Homer, Louisiana 71040.

Dorothy Clyde Nelson Travis Atkinson

Dorothy Clyde Nelson Travis Atkinson passed away Aug. 31, 2015, at the age of 90. She is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Selma (Farrar) Nelson, her beloved son, Judd Travis, former husband Fred Atkinson, and brother-in-law, Rex L. Searson.



ATKINSON

She is survived by her sister Elaine Searson of Dallas, daughter Terri Travis of Minden, grandson, Jamie Hutches (Sara) of Oregon, and granddaughters, Barbie Hutches of California, Patricia Travis Piscottia (Todd), and Mandy Travis Stewart (Ryan) of Texas, and 5 great-grandchildren: Avery, Caden, Kennedy, Judson, Everett and Hannah.

Dot was born at home in Lillie Aug. 31, 1925. She was born prematurely and weighed 1lb. 3 oz. She was kept in a shoe box near the stove to keep her warm. When Dot was 18 months old, she contracted Polio, which left one leg affected. She led an active life despite numerous surgeries at Shriner's Hospital in Shreve-

port to lengthen her leg as she grew.

Dot attended Bernice High School and La. Tech University where she majored in music. She transferred to Louisiana College and earned a degree in education. She taught elementary school in Junction City, Jewella Elementary School in Shreveport, and Richardson Elementary School in Minden.

Dot raised two children, Judd and Terri. While living in Minden, she played piano for Emmanuel Baptist Church and sang in the choir at First Baptist Church. She was a member of the Young Women Jr. League and Retired Teachers Association. Dot had a beautiful soprano voice and sang for churches, recitals, many weddings, and funerals, and area nursing homes.

Dot was a wonderful mother, grandmother, daughter, musician, seamstress, homemaker and teacher. She will be remembered for her talents, endurance, love, and sense of humor.

Terri wishes to thank all the nurses, CNA's and staff at Town and Country, especially Libby Ledig for listening and caring for me and my mom. Thanks also to Gamble Hospice and BJ for caring me through the process. And thanks to my many friends and pastors that visited and prayed with her.

A memorial service will be announced. Cremation remains interment will be at Union Grove Cemetery in Lillie by family.

Terri requests donations be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3100 Samford Ave. Shreveport, La. 71103 or to First United Methodist Church in Minden. Please note in memory of Dorothy Atkinson on donation.

Wills Successions
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You are invited to a Camp Minden (formerly Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant) Superfund Site Open House and Environmental Workshop

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Louisiana Military Department (LMD) and Army National Guard Headquarters (ARNG HQ), will be holding an Open House and Environmental Workshop on historical and current Superfund activities associated with the former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant. The Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Environmental Workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This workshop will be educational in nature.

In the workshop, you will learn about historical activities such as the discovery of the contamination, how Camp Minden became an EPA National Priority List site, and Site cleanup. You will be informed on the current status of the work related to the former ammunition plant. We will discuss site ground water elements including past and present sampling, hydrogeology, and the extent of the impact to the area. This workshop is focused on ground water and historical activities at the former ammunition plant and not current Camp Minden Explo Site activities.

Representatives from the EPA, LMD and ARNG HQ will be available to discuss and answer your questions. This is not a formal meeting. You will have the opportunity to learn from and talk directly with agency representatives in an informal setting.

We welcome your participation. This meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. Should you have any specific needs or questions please contact Jason T. McKinney, U.S. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at 1-800-533-3508 (Toll-Free) or 214-665-8132 (direct line).

The Open House and Workshop will be held:
Thursday, September 17, 2015
6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Family Center
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OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Boston Herald on the Federal Reserve

The torrent of words from the annual conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, this past week, and from the satellite meetings there, throws no light on whether the Fed will raise interest rates next month. The rockiness of the stock market notwithstanding, it should.

If rates don't rise at least a bit, businesses and consumers will conclude that the Fed still expects choppy economic waters and will pull in their only recently extended horns.

Stock price declines in China, on Wall Street and around the world make headlines, but they were inevitable — sometime — after five years of suppressed interest rates that lured investors into buying shares to chase dividends, when they could earn only pitiful yields on bond investments. The stock prices' connection to the real economy is very slender. Five years of rising stock prices did far less stimulating than the Fed expected.

China's economy is not collapsing and neither is the American. The Commerce Department's routine revision of second-quarter data showed the economy rising at an annual rate of 3.7 percent, far better than the 2.3 percent of the first assessment. Unemployment has fallen to 5.3 percent.

For many months Fed members and Fed-watchers have wondered whether interest rates should or would rise. Every meeting of the policy-making Open Market Committee has shown the members deterred by weak economic data. It's just possible that some of that weakness was the result of the Fed's timidity.

A normal array of interest rates sends important signals to all economic actors, signals that have been distorted now for five years. One example: The value of many pension funds has been suppressed by their inability to earn normal long-term rates. Many elderly savers have counted on short-term savings and have had to deal with less income than they planned for.

If the economy stumbles again, it would be better to let Congress try to stimulate it than to rely on the Fed.

Share your thoughts.

Email Letters to the Editor to bruce@press-herald.com.

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PERSPECTIVE

Wasn't always this way

Academics and public intellectuals, who should know better, attempt to explain the highly visible and publicized pathology witnessed in cities such as Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, Ferguson and others as a legacy of slavery. The argument is made that the problems encountered by many black Americans are rooted in white racism, greed and income inequality. They are able to get away with these untruths because most people believe that what is seen today has always been. A bit of history would belie such a vision.



WALTER WILLIAMS

It would be foolhardy to argue that slavery has had no effect or that racial discrimination, greed and income inequality are nonexistent. The relevant question is: How much of what we see today can be explained by slavery, discrimination, greed and income inequality? The answer to this question is vital for public policy and resource allocation, a matter that I shall return to later.

Let's examine a few of the most crippling problems in the black community. Chief among them is the breakdown of the black family. Actually, "breakdown" is the wrong word; the black family doesn't form in the first place. As late as 1950, female-headed households were only 18 percent of the black population. Today it's close to 70

percent. In the late 1800s, there were only slight differences between the black family structure and those of other ethnic groups. In New York City in 1925, 85 percent of kin-related black households were two-parent households. In 1938, 11 percent of black children were born to single mothers; today it is close to 75 percent. In some cities and neighborhoods, the percentage of out-of-wedlock births is over 80.

Faced with the evidence that black families were healthier at a time when blacks were just a generation or two out of slavery, at a time when there was far greater racial discrimination and there were far fewer opportunities, how much credence can be given to the legacy-of-slavery argument to explain today's weak family structure? Does the effect of a legacy of slavery somehow skip five generations?

Female-headed households, whether black or white, are a ticket for dependency and all of its associated problems.

One of the best-kept secrets is the fact that the poverty rate among black married couples has been in single digits since 1994.

Another devastating problem for blacks is the high unemployment rate in general, but particularly among black youth. Nationally, black youth unemployment is nearly 40 percent. In some cities, it is over 60 percent. But high black youth unemployment is entirely new. In 1948, the unemployment rate for black teens was slightly less than that of their white counterparts — 9.4 percent compared with 10.2. During

that same period, black youths were either just as active in the labor force or more so than white youths. Today black teen labor force participation is a fraction of that of whites. Even during the early 1900s, black males were either just as active in the labor market as whites or more so.

So what explains the employment statistics of yesterday compared with those of today? Would one argue that the reason that black teens had a lower unemployment rate and higher labor force participation rate than whites was that there was less racial discrimination in the 1940s than there is today? Would one argue that blacks had greater skills than whites in earlier periods? Whatever explains the differences, racial discrimination is not part of the answer.

I have only addressed three major problems confronting a large segment of the black community — family structure, illegitimacy and unemployment. Which one of them can be tackled by expending resources on what white people are doing or not doing? The weak family structure and illegitimacy are devastating problems, but they are not civil rights problems and have nothing to do with racial discrimination. The black unemployment problem is different. Much of it is the result of the labor market's having been rigged by powerful vested interests aided, perhaps unwittingly, by much of the black political structure.

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PERSPECTIVE

The Providence Journal on Hurricane Katrina

Ten years ago, the nation was transfixed by the unfolding disaster that was Hurricane Katrina. Though the Category Five storm did not hit New Orleans directly, it weakened a poorly maintained system of levees, causing flooding that submerged four-fifths of the city. Several Mississippi Gulf Coast communities also met with destruction.

Few Americans will forget the thousands of people seen stranded at New Orleans's Superdome, and the many more who survived in attics and on rooftops. Although the numbers remain uncertain, conservative estimates place the death toll from the storm at more than 900.

The disaster laid bare already existing problems in New Orleans, including incompetent local officials, a federal response that was initially less than dynamic, and a racial and social divide that, to an extent, still survives. Yet, amid all the finger pointing, thousands of volunteers streamed into New Orleans, doing what they could to lend a hand. It was a heartening demonstration of what Americans can accomplish, given the right inspiration.

In the decade since, the federal government and numerous private entities have poured billions of dollars into rebuilding. New Orleans became a laboratory for rethinking urban problems, and scored notable improvements as a result. The school system was extensively overhauled, and now consists largely of a network of charter schools; a modern medical complex was erected; public housing projects were replaced with attractive mixed-income units.

More than 100,000 people were able to rebuild dwellings through the Road Home program, cumbersome and ill-designed though it proved to be. And a vibrant new entrepreneurial class has brought a fresh can-do spirit to the city.

Yet, while New Orleans is in a much better position to address longstanding problems, it remains a work in progress. Poverty rates, previously high, remain about the same, and violent crime is a persistent problem. For many people, housing is unaffordable; sizable income disparities remain alive and well. Blacks, on average, continue to struggle much more than whites. By 2013, the city contained about 100,000 fewer black residents than it did before Katrina. The white population has declined slightly but is much wealthier than before.

The challenges ahead are much like those that face other medium-sized cities, including Providence. Among them are shifting away from a history of political corruption, reducing unemployment and diversifying an economy too reliant on tourism and other low-wage industries. Ten years from now, it would be nice to be able to say that New Orleans has not just survived; it has shown other cities how to thrive.

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Around Town

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, miniatures 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.

The Longspring COGIC, will celebrate Choir Day at 6:00 PM. All Churches and Church Choirs are invited. For more information contact Shyerikia Thompson at 318-458-5292.

September 13, 2015

Annual Youth Day to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 pm. Special guest choir will be House of Peace Ministries from Minden. All churches are invited.

How to avoid risk factors and reduce your cancer risk

Special to the Press-Herald

No one is immune to cancer, a disease so prevalent the World Health Organization estimates it will claim more than eight million lives across the globe in 2015 alone. While even the healthiest man, woman or child can get cancer, there are steps everyone can take to lower their risk of developing the disease.

According to the National Cancer Institute, reducing your exposure to avoidable risk factors may lower your risk for certain cancers. Some risk factors for cancer, such as age, cannot be avoided. However, the following are some risk factors that you have control over, and avoiding these might help you lower your risk for developing certain cancers.

The NCI notes that drinking alcohol can increase your risk of developing cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, larynx, liver, and breast. The more alcohol a person consumes, the greater that person's risk of developing cancer becomes. And that risk only increases when alcohol consumption is combined with tobacco use. When consuming alcohol, follow the Dietary Guidelines for

Americans established by the federal government. These guidelines define moderate alcohol consumption as one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

Maintaining a healthy weight and taking steps to avoid obesity can help people reduce their risk for several cancers. According to the NCI, people who are obese have an increased risk for cancers of the breast (among women who have been through menopause), colon, rectum, endometrium, esophagus, kidney, pancreas, and gallbladder. An added benefit to avoiding obesity is that the steps you take to do so, such as eating healthy and being physically active, can reduce your risk for illnesses like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

Limiting time spent in the sun, particularly between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., can reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Exposure to UV radiation, whether its source is the sun or tanning beds, can cause early aging of the skin and skin damage that can lead to skin cancer. When spending time in the sun, the NCI advises that adults and children wear long sleeves, pants, hats with

wide brims, and sunglasses that absorb UV radiation. Sunscreen, especially products with a minimum sun protection factor of 15, can reduce one's skin cancer risk. But applying such products is still not as effective as staying out of the sun and wearing protective clothing.

Tobacco is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths. Tobacco products and secondhand smoke contain chemicals that damage DNA, increasing a person's risk for cancers of the lung, larynx, mouth, esophagus, throat, bladder, kidney, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon and rectum, and cervix. Unlike alcohol, which can be consumed in moderation, tobacco use is unhealthy no matter the level of a person's use. Upon quitting smoking, a smoker's life expectancy increases considerably compared to those who continue smoking. In addition, quitting smoking at the time of a cancer diagnosis reduces a cancer patient's risk of death.

Anyone can get cancer, but men and women can take proactive approaches to reducing their risk by avoiding several cancer risk factors.

Fair Princess Pageant

The Minden Civitan Club 2015 Fair Princess Pageant will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Minden High School.

Age divisions are: 0-12 mo; 13-23mo, 2-3 years; 4-6 years; 7-9 years; 10-12 years; 13-15 years, and 16-18 years.

Entry fee is \$45 and \$10 for photogenic competition (optional division). Photos must be turned in by Sept. 16. There is also a people's choice division. Each contestant will receive a trophy

on stage to honor their beauty. For more information contact Lela Lemoine at 268-2553 or Janis Bryan at 426-1619 or wstevbry@aol.com. Entry forms may be received via email or picked up at Belle of the Ball and Steve's Clockworks.

Winners in each division will receive a crown, sash and trophy. They will form the Fair Court with the Webster Parish Fair Queen and will ride in the 2015 Fair Parade.

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SPORTS briefs

TENNIS

Serena tops Venus at U.S. Open tourney

NEW YORK — For stretches of the 27th edition of Williams vs. Williams, Venus gave Serena all she could handle.

And when Serena took control down the stretch to emerge with a 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 victory in a well-played U.S. Open quarterfinal, allowing her to continue pursuing the first calendar-year Grand Slam in more than a quarter-century, a smiling Venus wrapped both arms around her little sister for a warm hug at the net and whispered, "So happy for you."

"Obviously we are very, very tough competitors on the court," Serena said later, "but once the match is over, the second it's done, you know, we're sisters, we're roommates, and we're all that."

Serena called their unique sibling rivalry "the greatest story in tennis," and who would argue? A couple of kids taught by their dad on cement courts in Compton, California, making it all the way to the top.

With two more match wins, the No. 1-ranked Serena would become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to collect all four Grand Slam titles in a single season. Plus, if she can win what would be her fourth U.S. Open in a row, and seventh overall, she would equal Graf with 22 major championships, the most in the professional era and second-most ever behind Margaret Court's 24.

NCAAF

SEC puts record 10 teams in top 25

The Southeastern Conference has a record 10 teams ranked in the first Associated Press college football poll of the regular season.

Ohio State remained a unanimous No. 1 after pulling away 42-24 at Virginia Tech on Monday night.

The SEC already held the record for most teams from one conference in the Top 25 with eight, a mark it matched in the preseason. After the conference went 12-1 to open the season, No. 16 Texas A&M and No. 25 Mississippi State moved into the poll to go with the eight teams already there.

Alabama moved up a spot to No. 2. The rest of the SEC roll call is: No. 6 Auburn, No. 10 Georgia, No. 14 LSU, No. 17 Mississippi, No. 18 Arkansas, No. 20 Missouri and No. 23 Tennessee.

The SEC has been dominating the AP poll in recent years and has had eight ranked teams six times in the regular season and three times in the preseason.

The Big Ten and the Atlantic Coast conference have each had a high of seven teams ranked in the AP Top 25. The Big Ten has done it five times. The ACC has had seven twice.

The Pac-12's high for ranked teams is six, including in this season's preseason poll and last season's final rankings. The most ranked teams the Big 12 has ever had in the AP Top 25 is six, which happened for three weeks in 2011.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

JUST GETTING STARTED



KNIGHTS STAYING HUMBLE AFTER WIN AT HAYNESVILLE



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SPRINGHILL - Coming off one of the biggest wins in school history, North Webster Knights head coach John Ware pushed his team harder than usual in their Monday practice.

"We pushed real hard yesterday," Ware said. "Just to make sure they understand it's not over with. I want them to know it's just getting started."

Veteran coaches like Ware know complacency can ruin a season, but he feels the Knights are doing a good job of preparing for opponent, this week's Homer.



WARE

"Homer has a good football team," Ware said. "They have athletes on the field and a couple big guys. They like to line up and run downhill and they have guys who can break the big one. Their numbers are just down."

That should be something the Knights can expose this Friday, as North Webster enjoys good depth.

Week one that depth was on display as North Webster rotated bodies in and out of the game, wearing down Haynesville by the time the fourth quarter rolled around.

North Webster tailback Devin White said the Knights could feel the fatigue from

the Golden Tornado side last week.

"We just keep fighting and keep beating people up," White said. "In the second half, the holes just keep getting bigger and bigger."

To stop the Pelicans offense, look to the middle where the Homer had success last week against Bossier.

"Sometimes football games are about matchups," Ware said. "I feel good about how we matchup there. I wasn't surprised to see our defense play like that. But we still have a lot to improve upon and get better at, and we will. We're not even close to what I hope we're going to

be."

Speaking of improvement, Knight fans probably noticed it at the quarterback spot, as junior Cameron Huff made a handful of impressive throws against a talented Tors defense last week.

Look for North Webster to continue giving their signal caller opportunities to shine as the season progresses, including Friday against the Pels.

"I thought Cameron played a great game," Ware said. "Their will be times where we can't run the ball and we're going to need him to make throws under duress."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lady Apaches fall at home to Lady Raiders



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The Glenbrook Lady Apaches came out on the wrong end of a 6-4 decision against the Riverfield Lady Raiders at home.

The Lady Apaches led most of the game at 2-1 behind excellent pitching and defense, but the Lady Raiders strung together sev-

eral hits in the sixth inning and Glenbrook fell victim to a couple fielding errors in the process.

The Lady Apaches had eight hits in the game, but holes were hard to find in a stout Lady Raider defense.

Carsin Spurlock singled, and was honored before the game for senior night. Spurlock has been a three-year starter for the Lady Apaches. She is Glenbrook's only senior.

Kate Marvin went 2-4 with a pair of clutch singles, while Faith Earnhardt and Megan Sims added RBI singles. Earnhardt finished with

two RBI. Hannah Mosley, Aubrie Dickson, Amber Lovitt and Alyssa Martin all added singles for the Glenbrook offense in the loss.

Alyssa Martin pitched valiantly for the Lady Apaches, but had some trouble finding the strike zone late in the game.

The loss moves Glenbrook's record to 17-6, but doesn't effect their district record, which still stands at 4-3.

The Lady Apaches will travel to Tallulah Academy on Thursday for an important district game.



YOUTH FOOTBALL

Glenbrook tops Claiborne in pair of games

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**3rd/4th Grade
Glenbrook 26
Claiborne 0**

A team effort helped the Apaches shutout the Rebels.

Landry Powell completed four passes for 87 yards and two passing touch-

downs, while rushing for 50 yards and two more touchdowns.

Easton Sanders led the way for the Apache receivers, catching two passes for 65 yards and one touchdown, while Garrett Brown turned his one catch into a 10-yard touchdown.

Reagan Coyle rushed for 87 yards and a two-point conversion, and defensively,

Garrett Brown and Landry Powell tied for the team lead in tackles with eight. Cade Herron added five tackles and Grayson Williams had four tackles.

**5th/6th Grade
Glenbrook 26
Claiborne 0**

Peyton Wells passed for a whopping 170 yards and one touchdown to lead the Apaches over

Claiborne in the fifth and sixth grade game. Maddox Mandino had a monster game from the running back spot, carrying seven times for 80 yards, hauling in one catch for 70 yards and recovering a fumble for a touchdown. Mandino finished with three touchdowns and was all over the field. Cooper Chase led the

receivers with 70 receiving yards, while Dayton Sims and Cason Clemons added catches.

C.J. Watts stood out as the defensive player of the game, totaling 13 tackles on the night and recovering two fumbles. Kendall Flournoy, Chase Tolbert, Nick Mercer and Mandino all had multiple tackles for the Apaches.

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ELECTION 2015

Major candidates for governor sign up for race

BATON ROUGE — Republican candidate David Vitter is sitting on more money in the Louisiana governor's race than all other contenders combined, but his three main rivals Tuesday dismissed the financial disparities, saying they have the resources they need to compete with the U.S. senator.

"This is an election and not an auction," said Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, a GOP candidate from Breaux Bridge on the opening day of the election sign-up period. "I'm confident we'll have the right message and enough money."

All four major candidates in the governor's race filled out their paperwork and paid their registration fees in the first hours of the three-day qualifying period for the Oct. 24 ballot. Qualifying runs through Thursday.

Jay Dardenne, the Republican lieutenant governor seeking to edge up to the state's top job,

said he never expected to eclipse Vitter in fundraising. He described the senator as having "zillions of dollars" built from leaning on people from his position in Washington.

In the last round of campaign finance reports, Vitter had \$5 million in his campaign account, compared to nearly \$1.9 million for Dardenne, nearly \$1.1 million for state Rep. John Bel Edwards and just over \$1 million for Angelle. A separate political action committee supporting Vitter reported \$4.4 million, far more than PACs supporting other contenders.

"I knew I would be outspent. I've been outspent two to one or three to one in every one of my statewide races," said Dardenne, a former secretary of state from Baton Rouge. "We're very used to running campaigns that are lean and efficient and that are not based on having the most money."

While both Angelle and Vitter have been

advertising, Dardenne has yet to run a TV ad but said he'll be up on the air shortly.

Edwards launched his first 30-second television spot in some markets on Labor Day.

"I'm very comfortable I have the money necessary to spread the message that I want to spread," said Edwards, a Democrat from Tangipahoa Parish.

Gov. Bobby Jindal, seeking the GOP presidential nomination, is term-limited and can't run for re-election. That creates the first wide-open race for the seat in eight years.

As the three Republican gubernatorial candidates signed up for their race at the Secretary of State's office in Baton Rouge, a few protesters showed up Tuesday to criticize them.

A shirtless man wearing a fake diaper referenced Vitter's prostitution scandal. Two others objected to Dardenne's international travel as lieutenant governor and two people demonstrat-

ed in objection to a lucrative board position with energy company Sunoco that is held by Angelle, a former natural resources secretary.

Also jumping in the governor's race were two lesser-known candidates who have done little fundraising:

Cary Deaton, a lawyer and Democrat, and Beryl Billiot, an independent who works for an oil field equipment company.

With Dardenne seeking to move up to the governor's mansion, that also creates a heated competition for the state's No. 2 job. Three Republicans have paid their fees to be on the ballot for lieutenant governor: state Sen. Elbert Guillory; former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser; and Jefferson Parish President John Young.

Incumbents in most of the other five statewide offices signed up for their races, including Attorney General Buddy Caldwell, Treasurer John Kennedy, Insurance Commissioner Jim

Donelon and Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain. All the men are Republicans, and each drew opponents Tuesday, though only some have well-financed challengers.

The attorney general's race is expected to be a tight contest with Caldwell facing a challenge from former GOP Congressman Jeff Landry.

Caldwell described the race as "about qualifications, experience and integrity." He's criticized Landry as having no courtroom background and being too inexperienced for the attorney general's job.

Landry touted himself as the race's only conservative candidate and said he'd bring "honesty and integrity to the attorney general's office." He said Caldwell has bloated the agency's budget and handed too much legal work to his campaign contributors.

Also in the race is attorney Marty Maley, another Republican.

MURDER

Continued from page 1

with criminal conspiracy to commit murder. Bond was set at \$200,000.

Maj. Dustin Reynolds, with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, says four suspects approached the victim's residence on Oscar Moore Road and attempted to get him to come out and fight. The victim was outside and he ran into the house, he said.

"As he was going into the house, a series of four or five shots were fired," Reynolds said. "They ran down to their vehicle on Oscar Moore Road and took off. The victim filed a report and the sheriff's office began looking into it."

Two of the three arrested turned themselves in, according to police reports. Kinsey came to the patrol office where he was questioned about the incident and subsequently placed under arrest. Burks made arrangements to turn himself in. He was taken into custody and transported to the criminal investigation division and questioned. A warrant was served on him.

Bradford was arrested at his grandfather's residence.

All three were transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking on the above charges.

CAMEOS

Continued from page 1

down Sibley Road behind what was the Texaco Station. There was a little road that went down to the depot by the tracks. It, too, is gone. So many things that we could have treasured are gone, long gone.

Dairies

Also gone are the little dairies that we had here within the City of Minden. We would go out to buy milk and we could watch the working of a small dairy, the cows being milked, strained and bottled or, in my case, poured into a gallon fruit jar. I doubt if many of today's young people have ever seen a cow milked. But those days of seeing such a simple thing as cows being milked is not on their agenda.

Gardens

So many things are new to

today's young people. I remember in 1989, my husband had planted a garden and my middle grandson, who was eight, had watched as green beans were picked. He knew his Granddaddy had potatoes planted and it was time to gather them. He came over and announced that he had come to watch Granddaddy "pick" the potatoes. He was astounded as he watched my husband dig deep and turn over the dirt and exposed the potatoes. He was happy to grabble in the dirt with Granddaddy as he searched for the potatoes. This was just a few days before my husband's death.

The flowers

From time to time I have called your attention to the little yellow flowers that bloom behind the service station on the corner of Sibley Road and Industrial Drive. These were the little bulbs that Mrs. E.H. Lumpkin planted in the spring of 1923. And now, no more will the little bulbs

bloom. The lot has been graded down to street level and the dirt that contained the little bulbs hauled away. Stakes have been driven for a commercial building to be erected there.

Minden High School

And soon, probably in the next couple of years, the 1924 High School building will be razed as part of the expansion and the new construction of a Minden High School complex. That building is referred to as the "old" building, but to those of my generation it is "our" school and is a treasure to us. I realize that the building is old, and worn out, and it would be too costly to try to bring it up to a condition that would be safe and useful.

Old Memories

There is such a kaleidoscope of memories associated with that building. Many of other generations also remember with love and appreciation the years we spent there, not only the classes but especially the teachers who

were dedicated educators. The salaries were pitiful, and those who taught really loved teaching and loved to impart knowledge to the young people. I remember the hot days of autumn and of late spring when we had all the windows open hoping for just a breath of cool air. Across the street in the old building (which was the elementary grades) the piano teacher had her classroom. We could hear the piano teacher, Miss Ponder as she had the children practice and play the piece that they probably would use at her piano recital. Each day the same notes would drift out their windows and into our classrooms. I think the tune was "Humoresque" that the children practiced each day. This was especially the class right after lunch during our "Thirty Minute" period, which was a quiet time when we thought about our afternoon classes and gathered the books we would need.

And so, when our old high school building is gone, all we will have will be memories, and we will keep those memories in a special place in our hearts, and we will remember. Oh yes, we will remember! Because nothing will tear them down, or drag them off, or grade them down!!!!

My daughter's Valedictory speech in the spring of 1970 had the lines "Nothing is constant but change." And it is a sign of old age when we think of what used to be there and is no more, and there is a lonesome spot in our hearts, but we do have our memories. (So far!!)

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

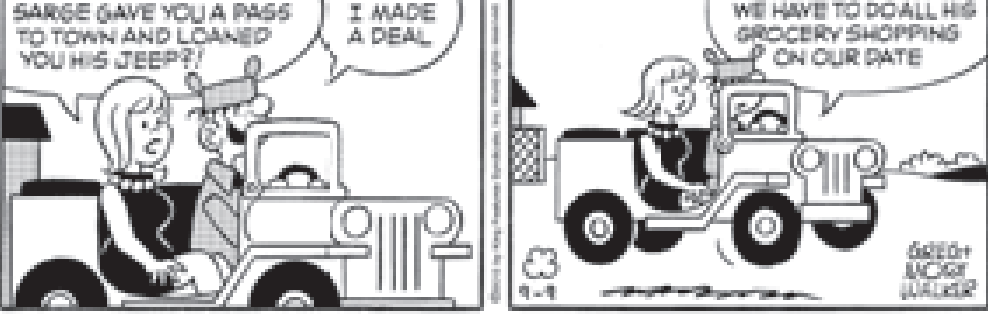
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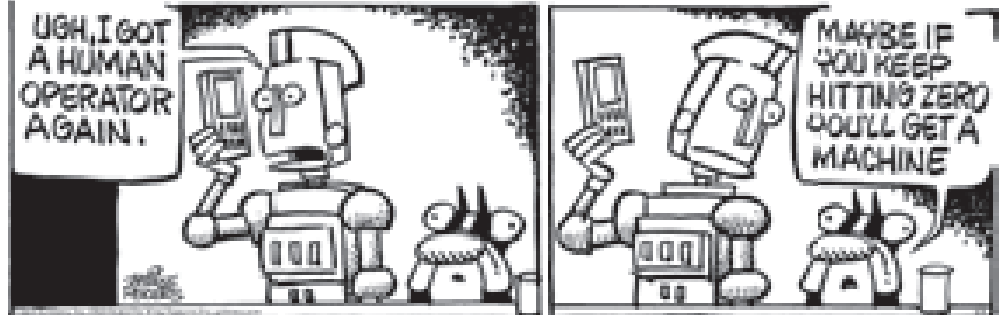
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Building, 341 Methodist Camp Road, Minden, LA 71055. Representatives from the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Although the meeting is not mandatory, bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

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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.

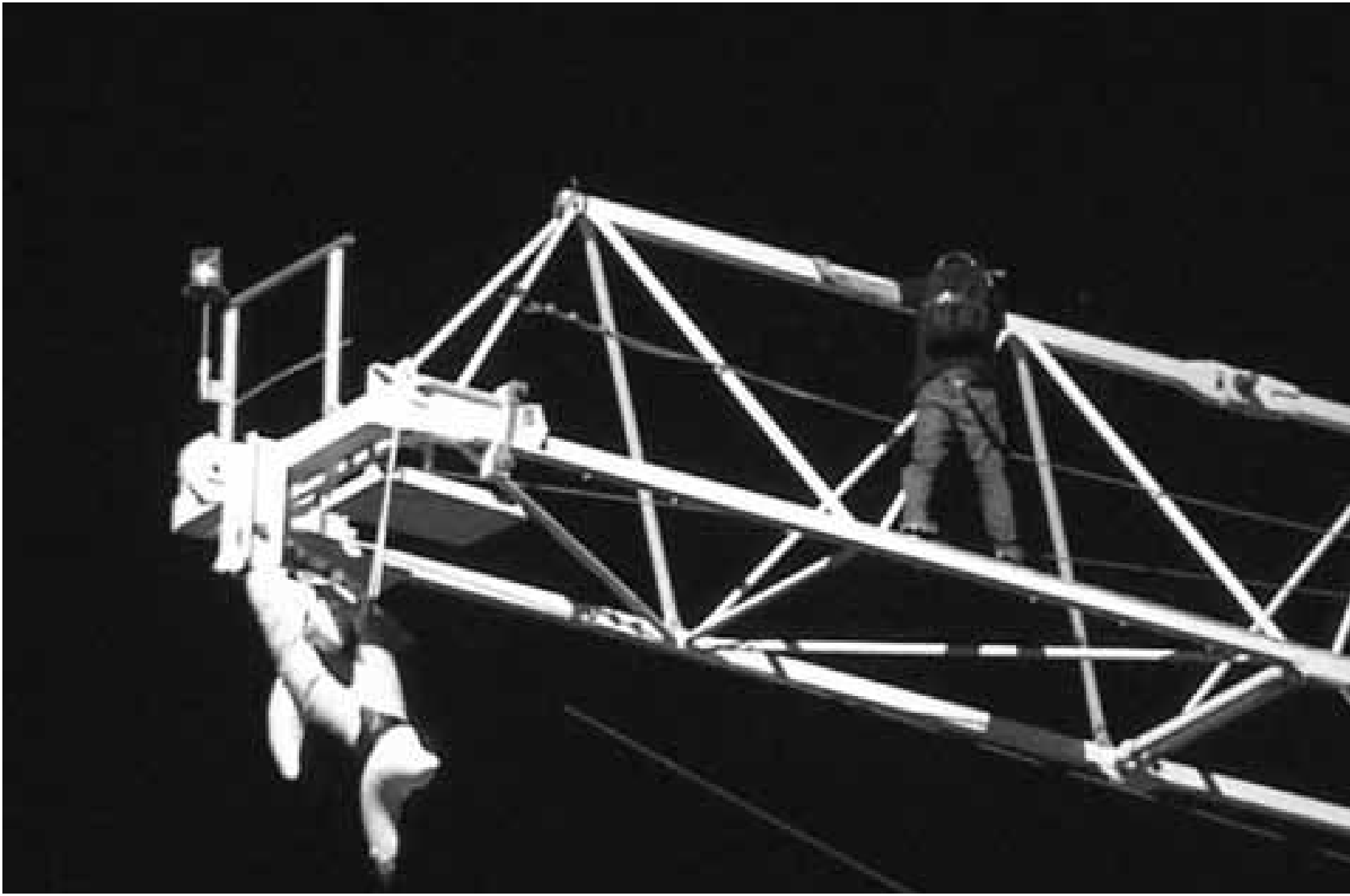
Steve-O, whose legal name is Stephen Glover, was charged Monday with one count each of creating a false emergency, use of unregistered fireworks, storing fireworks without a permit, possession of fireworks without a permit, and trespassing, Mateljan said.

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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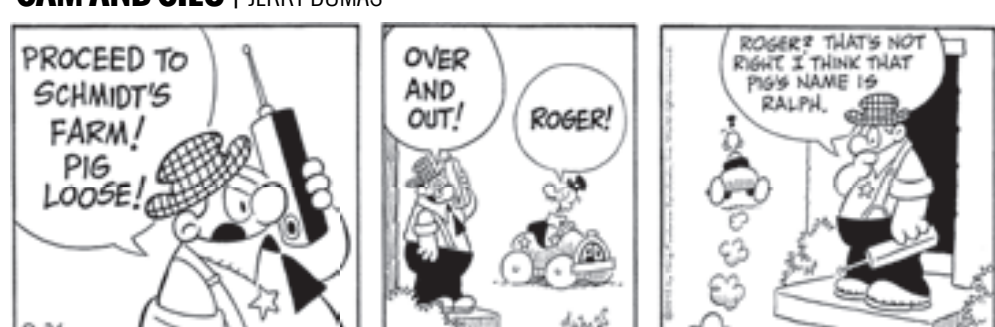
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