



Suspects arraigned in Sibley burglary



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Three of four men arrested in connection with a Sibley arson in August have been arraigned.

William Adkins, 19, was arraigned on the charge of simple burglary. Representing Adkins is Joseph Kendra. Original charges by Sibley police include simple arson, conspiracy to commit arson,

simple burglary and conspir acy to commit burglary.

Ronald Samuel Hightower, 17, was arraigned on the charge of simple burglary. He is represented by Eric Johnson. Original charges include simple arson, conspiracy to commit arson, simple burglary, conspiracy to commit simple burglary and theft over \$500.

Shelton Layfield Jr., 24, was arraigned on the charge of simple burglary. He is rep-



resented by

Tristan Gilley. Original charges include simple arson, conspiracy to commit simple arson, burglary and conspiracy to commit burgla-

Cory Gordon, 23, was arrested in connection with the case, but no information regarding his court date was available as of press time.

Status conference for all three is set for Dec. 11, with trial set for Jan. 25, 2016. Assistant district attorney Hugo Holland will prosecute the cases.

Sibley police chief Jeremy Robinson says the Sibley Fire Department was called to a Tharpe Lane residence in reference to a fire in August. He says immediately they suspected arson as the house had been vacant for a long period of time with no electricity.

"It happened around 10:30 at night," he said at the time of their arrest. "The fire department got called out to 154 Tharpe Lane. We were

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is accused of throwing two hammers at his wife and threatening police when they arrested him. Rex Taylor, 49,





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Tomorrow's Outlook



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Mainly sunny. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

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Lt. gov. attends launching of film trail signage

self-guided tour to visitors.

Louisiana Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne spent Wednesday morning with local officials to launch the Northwest Louisiana Film Trail signage in downtown Minden.

Following a short program in front of the film sign for Blond Ambition, a meet and greet with Dardenne took place at The Courtyard.

Minden boasts more than 26 films in and around the Minden area. A free brochure, providing a list of movies and detailed maps showing movie locations, offers a

Locations are available for Premonition starring Sandra Bullock, Blond Ambition with Jessica Simpson and Willie Nelson, Harold and Kumar, Escape from Guantanamo Bay starring Kal Penn and John Cho, Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins starring Martin Lawrence, Mo'Nique, Cedrick the Entertainer and James Earl Jones, Longshots featuring Ice Cube, Keke Palmer and Tasha Smith and Olympus has

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The film trail sign depicts one area in Minden where a portion of the Blond Ambition, starring Jessica Simpson, was filmed. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

TAYLOR of Brackin Street,

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CITY OF MINDEN **Electrical** construction starts Monday

The City of Minden will be conducting electrical system construction work beginning Monday.

The city says the work is in an effort to rehabilitate the electrical infrastructure.

Areas affected by the updates will include the south side of Pecan View Drive, north side of Bay Creek Road, Bonnie Lane from the south side of Pecan View Drive to Mary Drive, Mary Drive and the south side of Virginia Avenue.

always watched him and

thought, 'Oh I wish I could

paint like you do," she said.

"He asked, 'Have you ever picked up a brush?' And I

said, 'No.' I've drawn all my

life, but I never started paint-

graphs and whatever she

likes, she photographs it and

paints from that, she said.

She paints from photo-

She paints pastels and

ing until 1992.'

ARTS IN MINDEN Plain Dealing artist to be featured at City Art Works

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Dale Farrington traded in her hairbrush for a paintbrush in the 90s to paint and hasn't looked back.

Farrington, 71, will be the featured artist at City Art Works, located at 701 Main Street, with an artist reception from 1 until 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17. Her exhibit will run through Nov. 30.

"My brother's a really watercolors; her favorite is good artist in Dallas, and I've acrylics, she said.

The wine painting was inspired by a table setting at a mother-daughter event in Colorado, Farrington says. She attended the event with her daughter, with whom she reconnected with after 50 years.

"That was just one of the things they had set up against a wall," she said of See **ARTIST**, Page 3



Dale Farrington prepares to hang one of her art pieces Wednesday at City Art Works. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the purple silhouettes are a stark reminder of the lives lost due to domestic violence. Domestic violence awareness is a part of Project Celebration's push to advocate awareness and help families in domestic violence situations. Bridgette Salsberry, of the Webster Parish division of PCI, says it's important to know the signs of domestic abuse. An average of four women are murdered by an intimate partner each day. One out of every four American women report they have been physically abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Spending reaches \$13.5M by candidates for governor

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana's four major candidates for governor have spent \$13.5 million on the race, with Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter's campaign shelling out \$6.2 million of that on its own.

The latest fundraising reports were due to the state ethics office Wednesday, showing contributions and expenses from Sept. 15 through Oct. 4. The pace of spending has grown as the Oct. 24 election nears.

VITTER'S SPENDING

In the most recent 20-day period, Vitter spent \$2.8 million as he filled the airwaves with TV spots, sought to combat slipping poll numbers and launched attacks against two Republican competitors, Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle and Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne.

The senator continues to outperform Angelle and Dardenne in the polls, though he's fallen behind the lone major Democrat in the race, state Rep. John Bel Edwards, as the GOP candidates split support.

Vitter has \$1.4 million in the bank of the \$7.6 million he's raised for the campaign.

VITTER'S RIVALS After Vitter, Edwards was

After vitter, Edwards was sitting on the heftiest campaign account, reporting \$1.2 million in the bank after spending the least among the four contenders in the latest period, \$451,000. He's raised the least among the four major candidates, but he's also been among the most frugal, shelling out less than \$1.2 million so far

than \$1.3 million so far. Dardenne spent \$1.1 million in the 20-day period and had \$700,000 left in his campaign account for the final days ahead of the primary. He's poured \$2.6 million of campaign cash into the race.

Angelle spent \$756,000 in

the new reporting period, but he's been a high spender overall, with his campaign shelling out \$3.4 million. He had \$569,000 remaining cash on hand heading into the last stretch.

Louisiana's open primary places all candidates, regardless of party, in an election against each other. If no one receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters advance to a Nov. 21 runoff. Edwards, with his solid base of Democratic support, appears assured a spot in that runoff. **OUTSIDE GROUPS**

Several political action committees also have sizable bank accounts to support or oppose candidates leading into Election Day, according to fundraising reports.

The biggest account still belongs to a super PAC supporting Vitter's candidacy, called the Fund for Louisiana's Future, which has been running attack ads against Dardenne and Angelle. The PAC reported nearly \$1.6 million in the bank.

An organization supporting Edwards, calling itself Louisiana Families First, reported \$376,000. And a group backing Angelle, called Louisiana Rising PAC, had \$276,000 remaining on hand.

Meanwhile, the Louisiana Water Coalition — a PAC seeking to elect anyone but Vitter and running ads attacking the senator for his 2007 prostitution scandal had \$466,000 in the bank. The PAC has one donor: Talbot Carmouche & Marcello, a law firm that has filed lawsuits against oil and gas companies for coastal wetlands damage. Vitter opposes the lawsuits.

OBITUARY

Byretha Hamilton

Funeral services for Byretha Hamilton will be at 11 a.m Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at St. Rest Baptist Church. The body will lie in state from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Byretha Hamilton, a resident of Minden, passed away at her home on Oct. 13, 2015. Byretha was known around the community for her famous "Bye's Peanut & Pecan Brittle," which she handmade every winter and sold to people near and far.



She is preceded in death by her late husband, C.L. Hamilton. She is survived by her sisters, Nancy Kenny, Estelle Jones, and Patsy Turner; and her children, Wanda Bradford, Elena Black, Donald "Ray" Hamilton (Rita, deceased), Janice Hamilton-Crawford (Perry), and Dedri Lewis (Kelvin). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to St. Rest Baptist Church, where Byretha served and was a faithful member for nearly 60 years.

AROUND THE STATE Man convicted of swindling Louisiana film tax credit program

BATON ROUGE — A federal jury has convicted a $_{38}$ -year-old Pineville man of swindling money from Louisiana's film tax incentive program

Chief U.S. District Judge Brian A. Jackson sentence J. Matthew Keith Tuesday to six months in federal prison.

U.S. Attorney Walt Green said in a news release that Jackson also ordered Keith to pay \$1.2 million in restitution to the state.

The new conviction

AROUND THE STATE No big winners in Wednesday's lottery drawings

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

the \$70 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$80 million for Saturday.

comes two weeks after

Keith's co-conspirator, 38-

vear-old filmmaker Daniel

Garcia, was given a similar

sentence for creating false documentation to fraudu-

lently obtain close to \$1 million in film tax credits.

film tax plan point to these

cases, among a dozen crim-

inal matters related to the

incentive policy, as exam-

ples of weak spots in the

purported economy-boost-

ing program that could

allow thieves to steal tax-

payer dollars.

Critics of Louisiana's

The Easy 5 drawing rises to an estimated \$60,000 after none of the tickets

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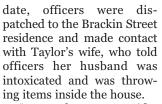
was arrested Thursday, Oct. 8 and charged with domestic abuse battery by aggravated assault, public drunkenness and resisting an officer by force or violence. Bond was set at \$75,500.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says on the above

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Fallen starring Gerard Butler, Ashley Judd and Dylan McDermott.



"Once she ran outside, Mr. Taylor came out and threw two hammers at her," he said. "He then fled the residence. He was located walking the streets, and he was highly intoxicated with

Just completed, the new signs for the film trail have been installed in downtown Minden. Each of the new signs identifies a numbered location of a movie corresponding to the map in the brochure. Each location gives

slurred speech and a strong odor of alcoholic beverage."

He was taken into custody on Center Street at Goode Avenue, and once in custody, the chief says he refused to get into the patrol car.

"He was placed into the unit and began screaming, and apparently got into one of the officer's face," he said. "He slid forward in what appeared to be an attempt to kick an officer. He's been

a brief write up about the movie and will have a QR code. When scanned, a film clip will be downloaded to your mobile phone showing the movie trailer and a scene from the movie filmed at that location. known to kick officers in the past. He kicked his wife the night before, but she refused to pursue charges."

According to the police report, Taylor was subdued and as he was being transported to the Minden Police Department, he made intimidating remarks to police.

He was booked at the police station and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Free brochures are available at the Webster Parish tourism office. To see the film clips go to www.visitwebster.net and under attractions, click Northwest Louisiana Film Trail. Wednesday night.

Louisiana Lotto players matching all six numbers drawn would have won or shared a \$250,000 prize, which will rise to an estimated \$275,000 for Satur-

day. Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared matched all five numbers drawn for Wednesday's \$50,000 jackpot.

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday were:

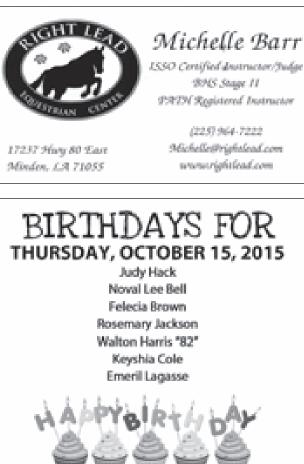
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ELECTION 2015

Governor's race accounts for two-thirds of TV political ads

BATON ROUGE – Spending on TV advertising for Louisiana's Oct. 24 election grew by more than 32 percent over the last week, as candidates and outside groups pour millions into last-minute ads they hope can sway voters.

More than \$12.4 million has been pumped into TV ads through Monday, up more than \$3 million from a week earlier, according to an analysis of ad spending by the Center for Public Integrity. Here's a closer look at the advertising spending:

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR Two-thirds of all television spending, about \$8.3 million, was paid to promote or attack candidates for the open governor's seat.

Of that money, 59 percent was spent by the campaigns of the four major contenders in the race: Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards and Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter.

The remaining 41 percent, or \$3.4 million, was spent by political action committees trying to influence the race, largely through attack ads against candidates. The latest entrant is the Republican Governors Association, which launched its first TV ad in the governor's race over the last week, striking at Edwards and linking him to President Barack Obama.

Still, Vitter and the super PAC supporting him, the Fund for Louisiana's Future, remain the top spenders among candidates and outside groups, with more than \$3.7M poured into TV advertising between them. **OTHER RACES**



The nearly \$1.3 million in spending on TV spots for the lieutenant governor's race remains a two-man battle in the four-candidate race.

Republican John Young, president of Jefferson Parish, has aired \$866,000 in TV spots. Spending by GOP candidate Billy Nungesser, former president of Plaquemines Parish, has reached nearly \$395,000. Neither Democrat Kip Holden, mayor of Baton Rouge, nor Republican state Sen. Elbert Guillory has done any TV advertising, according to the data.

Similarly, the two main Republican rivals for attorney general account for all recent TV ad spending. Incumbent Buddy Caldwell has used \$270,000 of his campaign cash for television spots so far, while former Congressman Jeff Landry's

spending on TV tops \$321,000. **THE DATA**

The Center for Public Integrity analyzed data about political advertising on broadcast television from Kantar Media/CMAG, a media tracking firm that monitors 211 media markets around the country and offers a widely accepted estimate of the money spent to air each spot.

These figures cover ads aired between Jan. 1, 2014, and Oct. 12, 2015, yet represent only part of the money spent on political advertising. They do not include ads for radio, online, direct mail or TV ads that aired on local cable systems. The estimates also do not include the cost of making the ads.

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investigating some shoplifting at Dollar General and got some information on the same individuals that we were looking for on the shoplifting may be responsible for the house fire and also another break-in and vandalism of a residence." four admitted to all three incidents.

They admitted to being responsible for a break-in and vandalism of a home on SE 1st Street, he said.

"They admitted to vandalizing it by spray-painting cabinets and countertops and the refrigerator," he said. "They were also responsible for the house fire." "Three of them were living together at one time," Robinson said. "They broke into the house across the street and then went and set the house (on Tharpe Lane) on fire."

Hightower, Layfield and Adkins were arrested Monday, Aug. 17, and Gordon was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 18. All four were arrested at the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office following questioning on the incidents.



During interviews at the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, Robinson says the

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the painting. "I loved it, so I took a picture of it and painted it."

Another painting that will be on display is one from her family's photo collection.

"That was painted from my grandmother's house," she said. "It was an older photograph my family had taken. That was in Texas."

She studied under Rocky Ferris in Florida, who taught her how to hone her tech-



He says they admitted to breaking into the house across the street from where they were living, which was for sale.

nique.

"I had painted everything but the faces, and I said I need to learn how to paint," she recalls. "I painted my brother's face four different times before I got it like I wanted it."

She came upon City Art Works when her daughter came to visit her, she said. They came through Minden,

upon the art center. "We walked in, and she told Bill (Cook), 'My mother's an artist too,' and they invited me to bring some of my work," she said. "They looked at it, they accepted me and I love it."

went out to eat and happened

All of her paintings will be for sale throughout the exhibit, she said.

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Sham debates and no voters

Secretary of State Tom Schedler indicated some 45 percent to 50 per-cent of Louisiana's registered voters will vote in the Oct. 24 primary.

That's an improvement over four years ago when Gov. Bobby Jindal was re-elected. In 2011, only 37 percent of registered voters bothered to go to the polls in one of the most boring races for governor of my lifetime.

We'll probably never witness voter turnout as high as it was in 1991 when Edwin Edwards was elected to a fourth term in a landslide against David Duke. That year, a hyper turnout among black voters helped drive overall turnout to 70 percent. Having a former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan on the ballot will do that.

Still, a turnout of 45 percent to 50 percent, historically speaking, is the norm though it's abysmal if you ask me. It's especially disappointing in light of the vast problems facing Louisiana as well as the man who will take office in early January.

Why, you might ask, are voters so uninterested in

elections as important as the ones that will appear on the ballot in a week and a half, such as governor, attorney general, sheriff, state Senate and so on?

That's the big mystery among politicos of all stripes and colors. The genius who figures out how to

convince voters that participating in elections is vitally important to the overall wellbeing of the Republic will become a rich man. Or woman. Don't hold your breath.

Even today, after some \$10 million has already been spent in the governor's race, I don't get the impression too many people are concerned about it. Few people talk about it and even fewer volunteer the name of their favorite candidate. What does

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PERSPECTIVE Far from short and obscure

Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "A Constitution should be short and obscure."

If he were alive today and able to read our current long and substantive Louisiana Constitution now, he would likely not be pleased. Our first state Constitution was Intermodal Connector Program designed to tie together various modes of transportation such as airports, ports and rail facilities.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 will not change current provisions regarding the cap, the deposit of

decreasing, or repealing a fee; dedi-cating revenue; legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislating with regard to the issuance of bonds

PERSPECTIVE



The negotiations and the sales push behind Washington's latest (and biggest) "free trade" agreement amounts to Kabuki theater. What theater? Kabuki. It's a 17th-contury form of Japanese drama

century form of Japanese drama, featuring elaborate sets and costuming, rhythmic dialogue and stylized acting and dancing. That does, indeed, nicely sum up the White House's production of the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Its negotiations have been set in luxury resorts around the world, covered by elaborate secrecy; insiders wear the cos-tumes of global corporate power; trade officials parrot rhythmic dia-logue about high standards and incredible benefits for all. And the president himself is the main actor, president himself is the main actor, dramatically proclaiming that TPP is "the most progressive" trade deal ever, and now he's doing a stylized political dance in hopes of winning congressional approval. What a phenomenal show! But it doesn't seem to be selling. Recent polls show broad public opposition to any more of these

opposition to any more of these same old trade schemes, not only among Democrats, but independents and Republicans, too. Ten of the 2016 presidential candidates are

against the deal. The counter movement is led by Democratic contender Bernie Sanders, who calls it flat-out 'disastrous," and by GOP frontrunner Donnie Trump who dubs it "a horrible deal." Even cor-porate darling Carly Fiorina is "very uncomfort-



HIGHTOWER

"very uncomfort-able with this deal." Congressional opposition is strong, and even Ford Motor Com-pany — which was one of the corpo-rate giants allowed inside the negoti-ations — has blasted it, calling on Congress to vote no. Inexplicably, Obama views pas-sage of this democracy-strangling corporate boondoggle as his "legacy-making" achievement, even though

making" achievement, even though the only real support he has for it are Republican congressional leaders and the global corporate establishment. That's not just Kabuki; it's kooky. As the old aphorism puts it: 'Tell me with whom you walk, and I'll tell you who you are.' In Obama's pitch to get the public and Congress to swallow the glob of global corporate greed known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the President has resorted to a tacky bit of China bashing. He recently crowed that, "Under this agreement we, rather than countries like China, are writing the rules for the global economy." This bizarre backhanded slap at a major trading partner is meant to tell us that Big Bad China would've written global trade rules to hurt the American people. Gosh, Americans don't need enemies like China when we've got 'protectors" like Obama. Aside from the fact that we and our allies would never agree to such biased rules, even if the Chinese were stupid enough to propose them, Obama's deceitful assertion contains two selfdestructive bombshells, both tucked inside the word "we." First, if OK'd by Congress, this TPP scam would offshore a whole new round of America's middleclass jobs, hold down or even lower U.S. wages, flood our market with unsafe imported food, free Wall Street banksters from oversight and empower global corporations to use private "trade tribunals" of corporate lawyers to usurp our people's sovereignty. In fact, only six of the 30 chapters of this so-called trade agreement even deal with trade. How embarrassing that our own president would claim credit for doing such explosive damage to the American people! I'm guessing that even China would not have done worse. Secondly, Obama's entire TPP theater is blown to bits by his assertion that "we ... are writing the rules." Who's "we"? Were you consulted? Did you even know that a tiny group of unelected people have been meeting in secret for seven years to write "rules" for you, me and 330 million other Americans? In fact, only about 600 corporate executives and lobbyists were allowed to be at the table, writing rules to bene fit themselves at our expense. It's a disgrace that Obama is acting and even lying for these selfserving kleptocratic corporate powers. To keep track of the TPP and get involved, go to www.citizen.org/trade/.





SAM HANNA JR.

that tell us?

It could indicate a growing number of voters simply feel their votes don't matter. It could be a voter is reluctant to speak openly and honestly about politics out of fear of being ridiculed. The visceral tone in politics today drives the latter.

Without a doubt, the absence of televised debates in which all candidates for governor were on hand has played a role in the failure of the electorate to engage this year's governor's race. Only once have we witnessed all four major candidates on the same stage for a televised debate, and that one, some two weeks ago at WDSU in New Orleans, was a sham. The questions were ridiculously light and off target. Whoever is responsible for putting that debate together should be fired and if it was possible, indicted for malfeasance.

Even Louisiana Public Broadcasting's "big" debate this week won't attract every candidate. Sen. David Vitter won't be there. He had a scheduling conflict.

That's a shame.

But Vitter will be on hand Thursday, along with Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and state Rep. John Bel Edwards, for a televised debate hosted by KTBS at La. Tech in Ruston.

It's a debate, alright, if you want to call it that.

Each candidate was supposed to receive the questions in advance. The candidates will appear before a panel of reporters selected by someone who's nameless and members of the press who want to cover the event for their respective employers will be sequestered in another room in another area of the building in which the debate will be held. They will watch the debate on TV like the rest of us. So will the students at Tech, who are barred from attending the debate, too.

And no candidate is obligated to meet with the press following the debate to answer any follow-up questions.

Does that appear to be a debate to you? It's another sham, if you ask me. And we wonder why a 50 percent voter turnout for any election is considered a success.

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written in 1812, largely rewritten at least 10 times since then and has been amended in bits and pieces numerous times throughout the years. The last wholesale re-write was pushed by then-governor Edwin Edwards in 1974 during the Constitutional Convention of that year. All of the current candidates for governor have said they will propose additional amendments to this document next year.

Our state Constitution has constantly evolved over time and will

continue to do so in the years ahead. In fact, four proposed amendments await voters as they head out to vote in two weeks. The Louisiana Association of

Industry

Business and STEPHEN (LABI) has WAGUESPACK taken an official position

on two of the four Constitutional Amendments below.

CA No. 1 – Budget and Trans-portation Stabilization Trust

LABI takes no position on Con-stitutional Amendment No. 1, but did work closely with the Legislature in the recent session to remove our concerns with the originally proposed language. The Louisiana Constitution pro-

vides for a Budget Stabilization Fund, which is often referred to as the "rainy day fund," since a portion of it can be applied toward offsetting a budget deficit when certain circumstances arise. The source of monies for the fund includes nonrecurring revenues and a portion of mineral revenues. Deposits into the fund cease once it reaches 4 percent of the prior year's state rev-enues. The cap for FY 2014-15 was \$811.4 million and the current balance in the fund is approaching \$515 million.

This proposed Constitutional Amendment renames the fund the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust and creates two subfunds within it. Mineral revenues are to be deposited into the Budget Stabilization Sub-fund until its balance reaches \$500 million. Then, up to \$500 million of mineral revenues are deposited into the Transportation Stabilization Sub-fund. The Transportation Stabilization Subfund is to be used for the state highway program, but at least 20 percent is to be used for the Louisiana

non-recurring revenues, or conditions regarding the use of monies in the fund. The proposed Constitutional Amendment interrupts the mandatory deposit of mineral revenues into the trust in the same year, and in the fiscal year after, when funds are used from the trust to offset a budget deficit.

Finally, under the present Louisiana Constitution, there is a determination of a mineral rev-enues "base." Mineral revenues above the base amount are deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund. Any increase in the base amount decreases the amount deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund. The proposed Constitutional Amendment allows the base to be increased every five years instead of every 10 years. However, increases in the base will still require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and remain limited to 50 percent of the growth in the con-sumer price index for the preceding 10 years

CA No. 2 – State Infrastructure Bank

LABI supports Constitutional Amendment No. 2.

The Louisiana Constitution prohibits the state's funds, credit, or property or any of its political subdivisions from being loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private. However, there are a dozen specific exceptions to this prohibition.

Constitutional Amendment No. 2 would add another exception to this list by authorizing the investment of public funds to capitalize a state infrastructure bank to be used solely for transportation projects. Act 431 of the 2015 Regular Session established the Louisiana State Transportation Infrastructure Bank. If the Constitutional Amendment is adopted, public funds invested in this bank can be used to assist in financing eligible public transportation projects in the state. Considering the tremendous challenge we face with our infrastructure, this is a productive proposal. CA No. 3 – Matters Considered

During Fiscal Sessions

LABI takes no position on Constitutional Amendment No. 3.

The Louisiana Constitution provides that during any session convening in an odd-numbered year, commonly known as a "fiscal session," the Legislature cannot consider a bill unless it is for the purpose of enacting the General Appropriation Bill or the capital outlay budget; making an appropriation; levying or authorizing a new tax; increasing an existing tax; levying, authorizing, increasing,

Constitutional Amendment No. 3 would replace the phrase "dedicate revenue" with the broader phrase "legislate with regard to the dedication of revenue." It would also replace the phrases "levy or authorize a new tax; increase an existing tax" and "legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits" with the broader phrase "legislate with regard to taxes." Finally, the proposed Constitutional Amendment would specifically add legislating "with regard to rebates" to the subject matters that can be considered during a fiscal session.

CA No. 4 - Ad Valorem Tax Application for Public Entities in Other States

LABI opposes Constitutional Amendment No. 4.

The Louisiana Constitution authorizes the imposition of ad valorem property taxes by the state and its local governments but provides an exception for "public property held for a public purpose.

Recently, there was a court decision that the city of Memphis, Tennessee, in storing natural gas owned by the city of Memphis in a storage facility located near Epps, La., fit that exception, resulting in a loss of ad valorem tax collection in excess of \$400,000 to the parish of West Carroll.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment would specify that the "public property" exception does not apply to land or property owned by other states or their political subdivisions. LABI does not oppose this concept. However, the proposed amendment fails to extend this same exception to property owned by foreign countries. In addition, poor wording of the amendment language could have the unintended consequence of other states or their local governments - that would be required to pay property tax if the amendment passed – beginning to use Louisiana's inventory tax credit, increasing the cost of the credit to the state.

These four amendments are not the first ones to be proposed to our Constitution, and they surely will not be the last. Whether they are approved and end up making our Constitution even less short and obscure - much to Napoleon Bonaparte's chagrin - is entirely up to you.

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



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WEBSTERLIFE

Brown Upper Elementary Students of the Month



September students of the month (and the instructors who chose them) are Jennifer Scott (Burns), Tatiyana Mason (Crews), Dylan Layton (Harris), Alechonia Williams (Iverson), Byruss Burns (Walker), Claire Grant (Downs), Isabella Sylvia (Edens), Theresa Ngo (Kerry), Jordan Moore (Roy), Jack Adams (Burford), Hannah Huckabay (Cardwell), Tatyana Donnell (Fields).

"These are great examples of students that work hard to go above and beyond the everyday requirements of school." 5th grade teacher Shawn Fields said. "During class they actively participate by having their work completed on time, explaining their answers, and participating in group discussions. They show their leadership skills by helping others. Thank each of you for all of your hard work and effort here at Brown Upper Elementary School; we are proud of all of you."

Students of the month is sponsored by Deputy Jerry Moore of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office. Courtesy Photo

Glenbrook students donate to school library



The second graders of Glenbrook School were all smiles Friday as they presented Mrs. Michelle West, school librarian, with money they raised for the school's library. Together students raised \$100 to help buy books for library. The class are under the direction of Margaret Hales and Jennifer Mosley. Courtesy Photo Share your events with the community. Send your events to community@press-herald.com, fax them to 377-1866, over the phone by calling 377-1866 or in person at our offices located at 203 Gleason St. in Minden.

Around Town

Oct. 13-31

First United Methodist's "Pumpkin Patch" featuring 1,500 pumpkins will be open throughout the month. "Football in the patch" will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Oct. 17, The LSU game will be shown via projector. There will also be games and food. Attendees should bring own chairs. "Pumpkin Shine" will be Oct. 24 from 3 until 5 p.m. with food and carnival games. For more information contact First United Methodist's main office. Evangelist will be Evangelist Mary Davis.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate "Pink Sunday", a celebration of life intended to increase awareness and hope, at 8 a.m. Guest speaker will be Brenda Lewis.



Oct. 17

University Health, David Raines Clinic and the Central Community Association will sponsor a "Free Health Fair" from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m at the Central Community Center. Free screenings include screenings for cholesterol and glucose, dental and vision and blood pressure. There will also be presentations by a registered dietitian and information about emergency preparedness. Flu shots will be available (free with insurance card, small fee without). Door prizes will be given away. For more information contact Sharon Wallace at 318-840-1165 or Jeanette Williams at 318-227-1062 or 318-840-3488.

Cancer Survivor Pageant at 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 119 Pine Street in Minden. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

A Sarepta High School Reunion will take place at 11 a.m. at the Sarepta Community Center. For more information call 318-847-4109 or 318-847-4559.

Oct. 18

A Love Day Celebration honoring First Lady Annie Shelton will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Guest Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church's 146th anniversary will be celebrated at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Reggie Lofton Sr.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church's congregation will celebrate Pastor Billy Jay Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins' 33rd pastoral anniversary at 3 p.m. Special guest will be the Rev. James C. Smith and Galilee Baptist Church.

Oct. 19

The Webster Parish School Board personnel committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the board room at Central Office, located at 1442 Sheappard Street, to discuss the contract of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls and any other personnel matters.

Oct. 22

An auction of Chief T.C. Bloxom's personal gun collection will be at 6 p.m. at 100 Willow Creek Drive. \$25 ticket must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets may be purchased at Carey Real Estate, First United Methodist Church, and TG's Garden and Gifts.

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SPORTS briefs

MLB

Blue Jays advance in wild game five TORONTO – Jose

Bautista wiped out the need for protests or umpire reviews with the Toronto Blue Jays' biggest home run since Joe Carter's historic shot.

Toronto earned its first trip to the American League Championship Series since Carter's World Series-ending drive in 1993, overcoming one of the craziest plays in playoff history when Bautista hit a three-run homer after three Texas Rangers errors for a 6-3 victory Wednesday in the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series.

"It's the most emotionally charged game that I've ever played," Bautista said.

The Blue Jays became the third team to win a best-of-five series after losing the first two games at home. The 2001 Yankees also did it against Oakland, and the 2012 Giants did it against Cincinnati. Both of those teams went on to reach the World Series.

"It doesn't really matter, we're just happy we're going to the next round," Blue Jays slugger Josh Donaldson said. "Whoever we play is a very, very good opponent."

Bautista's homer capped an event-filled, 53-minute seventh inning that took a turn when Toronto catcher Russell Martin's seemingly routine throw back to the pitcher deflected off batter Shin-Soo Choo and allowed the tiebreaking to score.

The Blue Jays filed a protest and Toronto fans pelted the field with debris during the 18-minute delay.

COLLEGE

LSU embracing hype, expectations,

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WARRIORS WORKING HARD Lakeside looking to upset Jonesboro-Hodge



BLAKE BRANCH

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SIBLEY - The Lakeside Warriors haven't given up on the 2015 season, despite a winless record to this point.

Head coach Joey Pesses said the Warriors are still bringing it every day at practice. That's an encouraging sign ahead of this week's challenging matchup with Jonesboro-Hodge.

"They're a very athletic team," Pesses said. "A very aggressive team. They run the ball well, but they spread you out too to keep you from stacking the box. They, can hit you on some passes." Lakeside's biggest enemy this season on

offense has been them-selves. Missed assignments, penalties and turnovers have plagued the Warrior offense week after week, but Pesses believes the Warriors are close to solving their issues.

"We have to improve a lot from last week," Pesses said. "We have to execute our blocks this week. Blocking isn't just hitting someone and letting them go. Staying on our man and leverage, that's the key this week because those guys are huge.'

The Lakeside defense has an even deeper challenge in front of them. Jonesboro-Hodge has played a brutal schedule to this point, with games in recent weeks against Ruston, Many and Red River High School. The Tigers haven't found

the end zone much in recent weeks, but Pesses warns their offense is much better than stats will show, saying his defense has a few keys to success this week.

'Everyone has to respect their assignments and be where they're supposed to



defensive scheme. They

have to let us as coaches

make the adjustment instead

of taking it on themselves."

Christine Lee/Courtesy Photo

The Warriors and Tigers will get underway in Jonesboro on Friday at 7 p.m.

be," Pesses said. "People start trying to do more than they're supposed to do instead of playing within the



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Hunters for the Hungry food drive a success

The third annual Hunters for the Hungry food drive was a huge success thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers (pictured left). All donations are split between the Joe Leblanc Food Pantry and Minden Teen Challenge. The food drive, which is held on the last Sunday of September each year, brought in over 1,000 pounds in donations of wild game, canned goods, other frozen goods and pantry items. Tommie Clanton/Courtesy Photo

surrounding Simmons

BATON ROUGE The first thing LSU freshforward Ben man Simmons did when he trotted into Pete Maravich Assembly Center for practice Wednesday was work his way through two rows of NBA scouts at courtside viewing tables, shak-

ing hands with each one. Mostly because of Simmons, the Tigers have had more preseason hype than perhaps the early 1990s, when Shaquille O'Neal was the star.

Simmons looks perfectly comfortable with that, and coach Johnny Jones wants the whole team to be as well.

"You want to embrace it. It's exciting," said Jones, who was an LSU assistant under Dale Brown when O'Neal was there. "You'd much rather be on the side of high expectations and people thinking that you're going to be very good."

The 6-foot-10 Simmons, who grew up in Australia and attended high school in Florida, is as much at ease handling the ball on a fast break and delivering crisp, accurate passes as he is soaring to the hoop for a one-handed jam. He will be the marquee attraction this season and scouts believe he has the potential to be the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Minden's Antonio Rivette. He is this week's MPH/Howard Lumber Athlete of the Week after passing for 417 yards and five touchdowns against Benton.

The Press-Herald's Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Thursday by Howard Lumber in Minden.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Saints sticking together



METAIRIE – New Orleans Saints veterans and coach Sean Payton appear committed to putting a brave face on a 1-4 start that has the Saints a lot closer to irrelevance than anything else.

"There are a lot of young guys with a lot of hope. There are a lot of older guys that see that there are bright spots," defensive end Cameron Jordan said Monday. "We're playing with passion and we're playing our butts off.

"At the same time, we're not capitalizing on plays that we should," Jordan added. "We're missing some minor details and that is something that you can't be proud of. Going forward, we have the chance to rectify a lot of this."

As "minor" as the Saints' missed details might be, collectively they are causing major problems. And New Orleans has just a few days before hosting unbeaten Atlanta on Thursday night.

If the Saints lose that

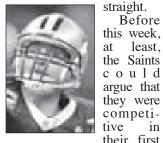
game, they'll be off to their worst start since Payton took over in 2006.

Twice before, in 2007 and 2012, the Saints have started 1-4. Both seasons, they finished 7-9 and out of

the playoffs. The only victory the Saints have this season came in overtime, at home, against an injury-decimated Dallas squad that has lost three

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their first BREES three losses against

Arizona, Tampa Bay and Carolina.

But Sunday, they lost 39-17 to a Philadelphia team that also came in at 1-3, and the Eagles' margin of victory easily could have been much wider.

The last of New Orleans' two touchdowns in the game, and the last 80 of their 338 total yards, came on the final possession of a lopsided game, accomplishing little more than helping some members of New Orleans'

offense pad stats against a defense that no longer had a reason to play with urgency.

Even Jordan conceded "nothing is misleading" about the Eagles' wide advantages on the stat sheet or the scoreboard.

"It's definitely a critical time," Jordan said. "That is something that you can't stress enough."

As the season comes closer to slipping away, it begs questions about more whether major changes are afoot in New Orleans.

Barring an extension, the contract of 36-year-old quarterback Drew Brees will expire after next season, and his salary cap figure of about \$30 million in 2016 could be more than the Saints are willing to absorb.

Receiver Marques Colston injured his right shoulder Sunday and it's unclear how long he'll be sidelined.

Payton sounded annoyed that speculation he could wind up coaching elsewhere next season has gained trac-tion on sports talk shows and NFL commentaries.

"You ignore half of that stuff and obviously dis-miss it," Payton said. "Our players aren't dis-tracted by that. The focus of our team is dead square on getting better.'

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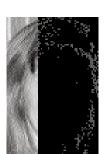


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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Relevant church messages



KATHY IRIZARRY

The last book of the Bible, Revelation, is considered by many to be such a scary, mysterious book that people are afraid to attempt its study. Yet, its very name would indicate otherwise. The book begins "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" Revelation 1:1. In addition to revealing Jesus, another purpose for the book is stated in the same verse, "to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." So this is a book of God's direct communication with man to inform and prepare us for what is to come. Doesn't it sound like a book worth reading? There is even a blessing pronounced on those who read and carry out the book's admonitions. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" Revelation 1:3.

The apostle John, exiled on the Isle of Patmos, was the recipient of the Revelation message which he was to direct to the "seven churches which are in Asia" (verse 4) Grace and peace were extended from all three members of the Godhead

"from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness' (verses 4, 5). More is said about Jesus to

give hope not only to those who read the original letter but to each of us today. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (verse 7). That is a promise that can sustain each of us as we pass through trying times. John went on to describe the glorified Jesus who was conversing with him in vision. "I turned to

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see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance

was as the sun shineth in his strength" (verses 12-16)

Jesus, both fully God and fully man, presented Himsel as right there in the midst of His churches represented by candlesticks (verse 20). What a comfort!

In the following weeks we will study Jesus' message to each of the churches so we too can be blessed by reading hearing, and keeping "those things which are written there in".

Kathryn Irizarry is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ALONG THE WAY

God isn't silent

Lord, Please Don't Stay Silent!

That's what the Psalmist wrote in 35:22. With the clamor all around us shouting the 'news of the world' – we often just wish for silence. Just stop the noise, so I can hear myself think! Do you

have this feeling sometimes? surely do!

With the political calls, mailouts, TV ads and radio blips....right now the noise is pretty loud...and will get louder no doubt! Sometimes we may allow such things to crowd out the voice of the Lord whispering in our ear. But we surely

don't want Him to be silent.

David, in various psalms pleads with the Lord to make Yourself known....just speak to me Lord!' (39:12) He wanted to know the Lord was listening, hearing his call for help and deliverance. David wanted to be reminded the "God of Israel is still on His throne and is in tune with my needs." We know

our God neither sleeps nor slumber! (121:3-4).

When the Lord is silent, sometimes He is giving us time to think, pray, meditate on His Word, and to draw near Him. He wants us to respond to His presence instead of always bending

down to meet our needs. Like loving parents, God desires attention, respect and reverence from His children. He is always available and near us, ready to help us life's along road...He is waiting for us to 'come to Him'.

Oftentimes, we use idle talk, which the Bible points out is 'useless chat-

ter'. It is like riding a bike around in circles....feels good to ride but it gets us nowhere, except back the starting point. We must never forget: our God is always watching, listening and responding. And then He speaks

Seldom do we hear the audible voice of God - few in the OT or NT did either. But we know He speaks through the moving of the Holy Spirit within each believer. He speaks through reading and living the teachings of His Holy Word. He uses godly pastors, laymen and women to speak to us. So just because we do not hear God 'yelling down every mountain peak' or waking us in the night with some 'holy message'....don't think God is silent. He inhabits and desires our praise. He is always with us...even in times we wish He wasn't near by!

When this happens, God speaks from within us and we 'make His great love known'. So let our prayers ring out that we serve a 'living God who walks with us, and talks with us along life's narrow way.' We must become more sensitive to our Lord speaking to us everywhere, through nature, through Bible Study, preaching and teaching. He also speaks through His silence! (46:10).

Our greatest fear should not be that 'God is silent sometime', but fear that we move so far from Him we cannot sense His presence in any way!

THE UPWARD LOOK **Power for life**

"His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3 HCSB

Through the power of Jesus Christ, the believer has been given everything he needs for life eternally in heaven and life here on earth. It is through His power that this life can be lived in godliness that is pleasing and honoring to God. It is knowing Jesus as one's personal Savior and Lord that provides this power for living life. The believer has this life

because of the loving and gracious nature of Christ who provides salvation and the power to live a godly life.

Lord Jesus, I am thankful that You saved me and have given me eternal life and a growing personal relationship with You. Help me to live this day in a way that brings You glory and honor.

Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.

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Tithing & the Secret of Living Abundantly

Abundance and synergy are built into the very fabric of our world. Put a small seed into the earth and with the addition of a bit of rain and sunshine it returns a hundredfold. The energy stored within every atom manifests a similar superabundance. There is much to be said for giving and living abundantly. When we do so we almost always reap more than we sow. We may not understand the secret connections and mechanisms underlying abundance-who but the botanist and the Creator really understands how the tiny acorn becomes the mighty oak?—but we can trust that it is there. Perhaps nowhere do we see this more

clearly than in those who give of themselves unselfishly. These saintly people who give it all away are from all appearances the happiest people in our midst, while the misers who can't bear to give anything away often seem small, petty, and unhappy by comparison. So give and live abundantly, and most of all, do not skimp in your giving back to God. It will return to you many times over, this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will

though the riches you reap may be spiritual rather than material. – Christopher Simon



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." -Malachi 3:10 NIV

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LAS VEGAS — Lamar Odom didn't last long at the glittering intersection of championship success and Hollywood celebrity.

Cut loose by his beloved Los Angeles Lakers, followed everywhere by reality television crews, the humble kid from Queens who married into the Kardashian clan saw his life spiral out of control, and so did everyone else.

Khloe Kardashian tried to hide his addictions, then told the world she couldn't save him. The two-time NBA champion landed on Skid Row, a regular tabloid target. Then he seemed to drop out altogether before he was found unresponsive in a brothel and hospitalized, bringing his estranged wife, his former teammates and the world's attention back to his side Wednesday.

Hospital authorities would not comment on the condition of the 35-year-old former NBA forward, but the Rev. Jesse Jackson was among his visitors Wednesday. Jackson said Odom was on life support and improving.

ing. "Apparently from what the doctor said, he was much better off today than yesterday. He at least has some responsiveness now," Jackson said. "He's got tubes in him now, but we felt inspired by his presence."

Odom, who was embraced by teammates and television fans alike for his Everyman approach to fame, was found face-down and alone Tuesday after spending four days at the Love Ranch, a legal Nevada brothel.

Odom started "throwing up all kinds of stuff" after a 911 operator told them to turn him on his side, Love Ranch owner Dennis Hof told The Associated Press in a phone interview. Odom had "spent time socializing with some of my girls," but wasn't seen taking any illegal drugs, Hof said.

In a recording of a 911 call, Hof's spokesman Richard Hunter said Odom was breathing but in a "deep sleep" and had fluid coming from his nose and mouth. "He sounds like he's snoring a little bit. But he is breathing consistently," Hunter said.

It was Odom's first visit to the Love Ranch, and he told employees he did cocaine before he arrived Saturday, Hunter said.

Odom also took up to 10 tabs of an over-the-counter sexual performance enhancer over the course of his stay, Nye County Sheriff Sharon Wehrly said at a news conference. Sheriff's Detective Michael Eisenloffel described the enhancers as supplements and said Odom bought them at the brothel.

With a search warrant, authorities took a blood sample from Odom early Wednesday to determine what was in his system. The results could take weeks, Eisenloffel said.

Odom spent most of his 14-year NBA career in Los Angeles with the Lakers and Clippers, becoming a fan favorite before he sought even more fame with the Kardashians.

His one-month courtship of Khloe before their huge 2009 wedding was taped for the E! network, and Odom

appeared on nearly two dozen episodes of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" as well as other family spinoffs, including his own "Khloe & Lamar" show in 2011 and 2012.

Khloe Kardashian called him "Lam-Lam" and worried openly about him on the show. Even after they split in 2013, cameras recorded her calling him and checking on his welfare.

People always seemed to root for Odom, whose prematurely weathered face wore the impact of his personal tragedies in a friendly way. And news of his hospitalization brought an outpouring of dismay and encouragement from his friends and family.

Kobe Bryant joined Kardashian and some of Odom's childhood friends at his bedside after a Tuesday night Lakers game in Las Vegas.

"I'm obviously hoping that he can pull through this, and that in some fortunate way this becomes the beginning of a different ending," said Derek Fisher, the New York Knicks coach and Odom's longtime teammate with the Lakers.

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Even his once-estranged father, Joe Odom, was at the hospital, according to his grandmother, Florence Odom.

Authorities were called to the Crystal, Nevada, brothel at about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday. The 6-foot-10 Odom was too tall for an available helicopter, so he was driven by ambulance to Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center in Las Vegas.

Vegas. In a statement, Hof, the brothel owner, said: "He largely kept to himself, and at no time did he engage in any drug use in the presence of anyone in the house. He did drink alcohol from our bar, and was taking some herbal sexual enhancement capsules."

Hunter added Love Ranch workers are trained to "stop the party" if drugs are seen, and Odom was aware of the brothel's strict anti-drug policy.

Odom was staying in its "best VIP suite" on an openended reservation, and was accompanied by two women, Hunter said. He spent an amount beyond five figures, which would have been negotiated privately between the said.

Soon after, he was suspended for smoking marijua-

Odom had two children during those years, Destiny and Lamar Jr., with an exgirlfriend, Liza Morales. The 2006 crib death of another infant son, Jayden, attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, prompted Odom to consider quitting basketball. He played the next season displaying a T-shirt bearing his son's photo in his locker.

Odom loved wearing purple and gold, and his selfless play won him the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year award in 2011. He won a second straight NBA title in 2010 while playing alongside Artest, now known as Metta World Peace.

But his basketball career faded as his life became a spectacle. He was heartbroken in December 2011 when the Lakers attempted to trade him; he eventually landed in Dallas, where reality TV crews followed.

"The year he got traded people wanted to say, 'Oh, it's because of the show.' No one wanted to bring up the accomplishments he had when we were filming," Khloe Kardashian told the AP in a 2013 interview.

AP in a 2013 interview. Still, Odom's behavior increasingly worried family and friends. He pleaded no contest to drunk driving after an arrest in August 2013. Kardashian filed for divorce four months later and has been dating Houston Rockets star James Harden. The divorce has not yet received final approval from a judge.

When cameras caught up with Odom on a sidewalk in August, he blamed the media for his downfall.

"Y'all have discredited me, beat me down, took my confidence, took everything away from me. You will not do it again," Odom told TMZ in an interview. "To everybody that I know and that supports me, I'm sorry but it's just it. The dog has to bite back."



Suddenly, he was "living like a 19-year-old rock star," he back."

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after a difficult childhood in

Queens, where his mother died of cancer when he was

12 and his estranged father

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and skilled enough to be a playmaking guard, the rangy

kid with a beautiful shot and

exceptional ball-handling

skills drew comparisons to

Magic Johnson when he played on a traveling youth

team alongside Ron Artest,

his future Lakers teammate.

college career marked by scandal and an arrest in Las

Vegas, Odom's talent was so

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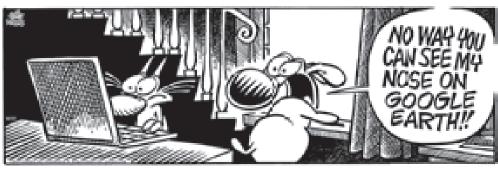


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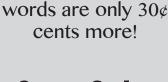
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MEMBERS: Steve Ramsey, Jerri Lee, Thomas, Daniel Bruce Blanton, Steve Lemmons, Randv Thomas. Perry Kirkland, Jim Bonsall, Vera Davison MEMBER ABSENT: Dorthy Walker, Allen Gilbert, and Charles Odom

BOARD OF REVIEW: Board of Review of the 2015 assessment of real and personal property the of Cypress Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana. Protest received: (behind Lowe's on Will Drill: Assessment#133561, #133558. #133560. 747-2700 Come & 133557 and # make a difference AutoZone:

Assessment # 126560 FAMILY PRACTICE There was no one CLINIC is now takpresent from Will Drill or AutoZone to present their position for an LPN. Please to the Police Jury. mail resume to There were no other comments concerning Practice Clinic at the 2015 Assessment 1114 Homer Road, as presented the or Protest.

NOW HIRING quali- Mr. Jim Bonsall, President then called the Regular Meeting of the Webster Parish Police Jury to order and asked COL Carl Thompson to open vious work experi- the meeting with prayer. Cadet with the Youth Challenge Program at Camp TRUCK Minden then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. NEEDED Stal- Mr. Bonsall then produc- asked for additions to the agenda. There services no additions were homer & the agenda to and there were no comments concerning seeking vacu- the agenda. um truck driv- Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by ers. Must have Mr. Steve Ramsey record to adopt the minutes and pass drug/ from the September 1, 2015 Administrative, and Ben- Grounds, and Road Committee Meetings, the September 1, 2015 Meeting, and the September 2015 Special 28. To correct September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting plans to reflect the correct **choose** VIN # for the surplus 401k trucks. Motion carried unanimously to match, approve as corrected. Jerri M. Lee moved, seconded by term disability, Mr. Perry Kirkland schedule. to approve invoices for payment pending review of the Motion 90 days excel- carried unanimously. Cultural Crossroads, Mrs Chris Broussard cord. Apply in announced to the Jury \$50,000.00 grant has been awarded to the organization by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation s Angels for Change Mrs. Award Broussard was awarded the Blue Blue Shield Cross Angel Award in 2008 due to а recommendation of the Webster Parish Police Jury for her work with Cultural Crossroads and the at risk children of Minden and South Webster. Only recipients of this award are allowed to apply for the Angels for Change grant. Mrs. Broussard wanted to share this special event with the Webster Parish Police Jury and express her appreciation for the support have given to they organization. her Representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation. Representative Reynolds, Gene Cultural Crossroads board members and supporter,

as friends were on Parish Off System hand to congratulate Bridge Cultural Crossroads.

Minden Ordinance City of Mayor, Tommy Davis introduced Mr. James N. Graham, 6. Economic the CDcD-Development Director Resolution. for the City of Minden. carried unanimously. Mr. Graham made Mrs. Jerri M. Lee a short presentation and told the Jury that Ms. Vera Davison to he looked forward to working with the Jury to help all of Webster Parish. Denise Edwards, Deputy Assessor, Webster Parish presented the Tax Roll for 2015 Assessment carried unanimously. on behalf of Morris COMMENTS: Guin, Assessor. Mrs. Edwards then explained the appeals of and reviewed the Services, Assessments. Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Head Start Director Mrs. Jerri M. Lee to certify the tax rolls as Motion Parish presented. carried unanimously. The two protest were discussed, Will Drill and AutoZone (assessment # as presented above). No one came forward on behalf of the two companies A U D I E N C E 4 to present their Mr. Daniel protest. moved. Thomas seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to forward Rouge to Baton Commission Tax the two

protests King Police Jury denied Motion W e b the appeal. carried unanimously. Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded Ms. Vera bv Davison to approve recreational funding the following: for District #2 \$420 to purchase a heater

for Cullen Senior Center District #2 \$182.73 to purchase kitchen equipment for

Head Start District #9 \$719.29 to purchase kitchen equipment Head Start WP

District #9 for \$800.00 to build fence and for van repair Community Council on Aging # 10 build a fence and WP for van repair Aging Council on Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the following appointment and board for the Cullen Fire District #6. То appoint Mr. Bobby Dodson as the Board themselves Chairman to replace JUROR REPORTS: Mr. Ted Owens who Mr. was no longer able moved, seconded by Motion to serve. carried unanimously. to Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Road Mr. Randy Thomas to introduce Webster Parish Ordinance # 1011-A of 2015 that will adopt the merger of precincts 4 and 5A and naming said precinct 4; and also for the support and to merge the precinct 21 and 22 and name Ms. said precinct 22 her and to redefine the activities territorial limits precincts and polling places in Webster Parish in compliance with RS To call for a Public Hearing to be held on Mr. November 3, 2015 at moved, 10:30 a.m. in the 2nd Courthouse, 410 Main the Street, Minden, LA to Grounds consider the adoption WP # 1011-A of 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Jerri M. Lee moved, seconded by Ramsey Mr. Steve to approve the 3rd budget Gene quarter amendments presented. carried unanimously. Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by to Mr. Steve Lemmons to repaired. as well approve the Webster also

appreciation to Ms. annual requirements for 2015: WPPJ #856of Amended; Annual Mr. Certification of then Compliance; and closing Signature to the Jury. He also intersection Motion Madden, Parish moved, seconded by Board approve the Signature Resolution for the before the Jury, the intersection Parish Webster Police Jury Office of Community Services Secretary-Treasurer its intersection with for a grant application Jim for Family Home Day Pres Care Program. Motion ***** ***** NOTICE Mary Whitaker PUBLIC WP Office Community

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Courthouse, Pecan View Dr Street, to its intersection with Lewisville Rd. Louisiana. The Public Hearing thence north along Lewisville Rd. tc the its intersection with adoption of Webster Emerald Dr.; thence Parish Ordinance # east along Emerald 1011-A, Adopting the Dr. to its intersection I. merger of precincts with Elm St.; thence 5Aa nd south along Elm St COMMENTS: naming said precinct 4 to its intersection with *Dal Taylor, Webster II. merger of precincts Berry Dr.; thence eas 22a nd along Berry Dr. to its the Jury that he naming said precinct intersection with Park redefining Hwy; thence south few months and he the territorial limits of along Park Hwy to introduced Stephanie precincts and polling its intersection with places in Webster Bridwell St.; thence and notice that the assume his position. Parish in compliance west along Bridwel 18:532B. St. to its intersection with Chandler St. Tourism review in the Office thence west along Secretary-Chandler St. to its Webster intersection with Courthouse, Lewisville Rd.; thence 410 south along Lewisville board is hosting a Main Street, Minden, Rd. to its intersection with E and West St. Farm on Hwy 80 in Ordinance can also be thence east along appreciation of all the viewed online at www. E and West St. to support on October websterparishla.org its intersection with PARISH Broadway St.; thence JURY southwesterly along ORDINANCE Broadway St. to its 1011-A intersection 1ST St. #12 MOTION OFFERED thence southeasterly along 1st St. to its intersection with Pennsylvania Ave. thence northeasterly THE along Pennsylvania Ave. to its intersection Spann St 5A thence southeasterly BECOMING along Spann 4 to its intersection POLLING with Sheppard St. WILL BE thence southwesterly SPRINGHILL along Sheppard St CENTER; to its intersectior PRECINCT 21 with Broadway St. PRECINCT thence northeasterly POLLING to its intersection FROM with Pine St.: thence THE ALTERNATIVE northwesterly TO THE along Pine St. to CIVIC its intersection with CENTER BECOMING Bayou Ave.; thence southwesterly alonc THE Bavou Ave. to its intersection with SAID Goodwill St.; thence AND north along Goodwil St. to its intersection with Pine St . thence COMPLIANCE northwesterly along LOUISIANA Pine St. back to the THIS point of beginning WILL IT ORDAINED ΒE WITH actior that if any this ordinance WHICH were declared ADOPTED unconstitutional 2014. that the rest of said ORDAINED ordinance should WEBSTER be and remain ir POLICE full force and effect BE IT FURTHEF ON ORDAINED by the Webster Parish Police Jury tha THAT SAID this ordinance supersede al MERGE prior resolutions or PRECINCTS ordinances of the Webster Parish Police PARISH Jury, which are ir FOLLOWS: conflict. THUS DONE 5 CONSIDERED AND Canvass ADOPTED by the following vote on this October 6th of 2015 YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT: 3 / s / east along Douglas Ronda Carnahan Secretary Treasure Webster Parish southerly Police Jury /s/ Jim Bonsall, President Webster Parish Jury

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