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Little League

#### **MICHELLE BATES** michelle@press-herald.com

Two public meetings will be conducted at J.A. Phillips Middle School and Webster Junior High School to allow the public to see firsthand the changes that will be made and discuss the upcoming ballot proposition asking for a bond extension.

If approved by the board Nov. 2, one meeting will be set for 6 p.m., Monday, Nov.

9, at Phillips and the other at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10 at WJHS.

Officials will also again discuss the issues at J.E. Harper Elementary School.

"(The teachers) gave us a handout of about 20 bullets of why they have issues with the school the way it is," Superintendent Dr. Dan Rawls said. "The two main ones were the noise ... and the restroom facilities are inadequate to the point that children are in line all day." In a Webster Parish

School Board buildings and John RAWLS

along with school board

discussed with Perry Watson, of Yeager, Watson and Associates LLC, a draft brochure that was emailed to Rawls. If approved by the full board in November, it will be distributed to the students in the affected schools to take home to parents.

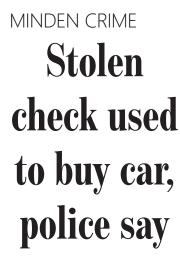
In the brochure, the issues leading to the decision to call for a bond extension on the current 29 mill ad valorem tax for district 6 are listed. It also gives an outline of the

plan to close J.E. Harper Elementary and add a wing at Phillips and a wing at Webster, moving kindergarten and first grade students to Phillips and moving the sixth grade to Webster.

Inside the brochure will be site plans at each school of what will be changed and what will be added.

Madden took some issue with the fact that additions to

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Shreveport man arrested on forgery charge

#### **MICHELLE BATES** michelle@press-herald.com

A Shreveport man claiming to be a law enforcement officer forged a check to buy a vehicle at a car dealership, police say.

Patrick Glen Poston, 28, of the 2600 block of Dupont Street in Shreveport, was arrested Fri-



POSTON



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member Frankie Mitchell,

maintenance committee meeting Monday,



Forced silence

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### WEATHER

Tomorrow's Outlook



Overcast. Slight chance of a rain shower. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

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# **LALIBERTE CROWN HOMECOMING QUEEN**

Lakeside Principal Denny Finley crowns homecoming queen Sommer Laliberte during the homecoming game Friday. Easley Studios/Courtesy Photo

# College Night is Thursday at MHS

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

EDUCATION

Minden High School and the National Honor Society will sponsor its annual "College Night" at 7 p.m. Thursday for juniors and seniors of Minden, Lakeside, Doyline and Glenbrook.

More than 30 colleges and universities, as well as several military branches and financial institutions will be in attendance. The program will include a brief general welcome and introduction of the college representatives, followed by a short presentation by each school about their institution. Following these presentations, students and parents are encouraged to browse and gather information from schools in a attendance.

For more information, contact Alan Shaw at Minden High school by calling 377-2766.

day, Oct. 23, and charged with unauthorized use of a moveable and forgery. Bonds totaled \$200,000.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says the victim Poston reportedly stole a check from left his vehicle at the dealership for repairs, leaving his checkbook inside the vehicle.

"Mr. Poston stole a check out of this guy's checkbook, walked into the dealership and wrote a two-party check for over \$30,000," he said. "He claimed the check was written by his uncle, somehow convinced the dealership that the check was good and drove off in a vehicle."

After some investigation, the dealership learned the check was stolen, and a representative from the dealership came to the Minden Police Department to

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### ELECTION 2015

# **Edwards seeks support from anti-Vitter voters**

#### **MELINDA DESLATTE Associated Press**

BATON ROUGE - In the governor's race runoff, Democrat John Bel Edwards is hoping a strong dislike among some voters for his Republican rival, David Vitter, can help break a string of defeats for Democratic candidates seeking statewide

#### office in Louisiana.

Less than four weeks remain ahead of the Nov. 21 election, and the competition to follow term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal into office has tightened more than political prognosticators had expected months ago, when Vitter seemed like a lock to win the race

After Edwards' strong primary showing, the Demo-



EDWARDS VITTER cratic Governors Association

is sending staff to Louisiana

to help the state representa-

tive from Tangipahoa Parish. national That suggests Democrats see Vitter as weakened, after the U.S. senator was attacked by GOP rivals and by outside groups that repeatedly referenced Vitter's 2007 prostitution scandal.

Polls have shown Vitter's negatives have spiked with Louisiana voters, particularly with those who supported

Republicans Scott Angelle and Jay Dardenne in the primary. Michael Henderson, research director for the LSU Public Policy Research Lab, said the state appears to have "the real deal, a two-party competitive fight."

Something weird is happening in Louisiana," he wrote on his blog Monday.

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# AROUND THE STATE

# Patricia's remnants bring flooding, tornado to state

NEW ORLEANS -Crews southeast of New Orleans worked feverishly to plug a breach in a 4foot-high neighborhood levee before winds and high tides could push flood waters onto the main highway in Plaquemines Parish on Monday as the remnants of Hurricane Patricia caused problems throughout southeastern Louisiana.

North of the city, up to 14 inches of rain flooded a trailer park in the village of Tangipahoa. To the southwest, a weak tornado overturned boats in Bayou Dularge.

High water scoured a hole about 5 to 8 feet wide in the small levee protecting the Myrtle Grove subdivision, about a mile from Louisiana Highway 23, said Michael Powell, spokesman for Plaquemines Parish. The two dozen or so houses were safe on pilings 12 to 15 feet high, but water on the streets was too high for anything but big trucks to make it through the streets, he said.

Powell said he's been told that before Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana in 2005, the levee at Myrtle Grove was 2.5 feet high. "In years past, the entire levee would have been overtopped" by Monday's high water, he said.

In Tangipahoa Parish, homeland security director Dawson Primes said rain flooded a trailer park and nearby neighborhood in the village of Tangipahoa. Although water was 3 to 5 feet deep, it did not get into any houses and only about five trailer homes, and fell by midafternoon, he said.

The rain had one good

burn ban could be lifted, said Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning Jr.

An EFo tornado with maximum winds estimated at 75 mph overturned four medium-sized boats as it crossed Bayou Dularge and Louisiana Highway 315 nearly 9 miles southwest of the community of Theriot, the National Weather Service said.

Jason Liner estimated that the storm did \$10,000 to \$15,000 damage to his smaller boats a 23-foot oyster boat and the 24-foot Carolina skiff he got last year for crabbing.

With oysters selling at \$25 a sack and crabs at 75 cents a pound, he hadn't been able to afford insurance. He said he hoped to work on friends' boats to earn money for repairs.

"I also lost some crab traps I had stacked on the banks," he said. "Crab traps are \$40 apiece. I lost a hundred."

Overall, damage was "very minimal," said Terrebonne Parish emergency director Earl Eues Jr.

Streets flooded parishwide under up to 11 inches of rain, with drainage hampered because a week of southeast winds had pushed water into the bayous, Eues said.

The weather service said street flooding was reported Monday morning in eastern New Orleans and Slidell, where up to a foot of water was reported on Bayou Liberty Road.

Dulac and Leeville in Louisiana and Waveland, Mississippi, reported coastal flooding on roads Sunday, he said, and McComb, Mississippi, reported several roads

# AROUND THE NATION Homicide spike draws alarm from Obama administration

WASHINGTON - This year has brought an unusually grim and steady drumbeat of violence throughout the country.

A 5-year-old girl killed this month in Cleveland in a drive-by shooting. Seven people slain in Chicago over the July 4th weekend. A young female journalist in Washington, D.C., fatally struck by an errant bullet in May while waiting to change buses.

Violent crime has often been a local government concern and a problem that had been on the decline. But rising homicide totals in most of America's large cities have sounded alarms within the Obama administration, with federal officials drawing urgent attention to the problem before Congress, at conferences and in speeches.

The Justice Department this month organized a brainstorming summit with mayors and police chiefs. And FBI Director James Comey, testifying last week, said the "very disturbing" homicide spike has law enforcement scrambling to figure out why it's happening now, and why in so many cities that seemingly have little in common otherwise.

"It's happening all over the country, and it's happen-ing all in the last 10 months," Comey told the House Judiciary Committee. "And so a lot of us in law enforcement are talking and trying to understand what is happening in this country. What explains the map? What

explains the calendar? "

Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Barack Obama are scheduled to discuss criminal justice issues Tuesday at a conference of police chiefs in Chicago.

The numbers are nowhere close to levels of the early 1990s, when the crack cocaine epidemic contributed to hundreds of homicides a year in large cities. Even so, federal officials are concerned that the current trend comes as a series of high-profile police shootings of young black men have driven a wedge between police and their communities and placed policing tactics under extraordinary scrutiny. Each instance of perceived officer misconduct, and each time an officer is physically attacked while on patrol, risks widening that divide, Comey has said.

The uptick, if it continues, threatens to draw resources away from other police department initiatives - and reverse some of the progress cities have made against violent crime over the last two decades.

Washington, D.C., which in 2012 recorded just 88 homicides, already has 128 this year. Chicago police counted 385 killings as of Oct. 18, up from 323 on the same date last year. Police in New Orleans say they've seen an increase from 71 in the first two quarters of 2014 to 92 in the first quarters of this year.

There's no single explana-

tion for the problem, and it's not clear whether this year's numbers are an aberration or the start of a worrisome trend. Some blame easier access to drugs and guns and have suggested that residents, including gangs, suddenly seem more willing to resolve petty disputes with deadly violence.

In New Orleans, "commu-nity leaders emphasize to us that the majority of young men involved in these violent crimes are having a sort of crisis in their identities and their sense of being part of this community and being valued and valuing others, said Ursula Price of the office of the New Orleans Independent Police Monitor.

Some experts also think that the homicide totals had crept so low that it was unreasonable to expect that decline to continue, or theorize that police strategies may have stopped evolving amid success.

"We thought that all the things we were doing were making crime decline in permanent meaningful, ways," said John Roman, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute, a Washington think tank. "And it turned out we weren't doing as much as we thought, and the declines weren't permanent."

Comey last week raised another possibility: that ever-present cellphone videos, and the possibility that such recordings could go viral, have made some officers anxious about getting out of their cars and wading

squarely on Edwards.

Both runoff candidates picked up other, high-profile endorsements Monday.

The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, which endorsed Vitter in his last Senate race, instead picked Edwards in the governor's race. Edwards' brother is a sheriff.

Lincoln Parish Sheriff Mike Stone, president of the group, issued a statement that said the sheriffs feel Edwards WILL enhance Louisiana's image and show the entire country that Louisiana values honesty and integrity in government." Meanwhile, the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association's PAC backed Vitter, which could be a significant boost to his fundraising. Don Briggs, head of the PAC, cited Vitter's long-time support of the

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into face-to-face encounters. He said support for that notice was based on talks with police officials, though there's no hard evidence to back it up. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday that the "available evidence does not support the notion that law enforcement officers around the country are shying away from fulfilling their responsibilities."

Police chiefs and other law enforcement officials announced a push for national background checks for those attempting to purchase firearms, and stressed that any legislation would have to include the sales by private citizens and not just licensed gun dealers.

Meanwhile, it remains to be seen exactly what the federal government will do about the problem.

The Justice Department, which already funds programs for local police departments, offers tactical training and investigates troubled police forces, this month convened an unusual closeddoor summit for elected officials, police and prosecutors to swap ideas and experiences. But it's not clear how much its policies or influence can affect street crime.

"There's very little (the federal government) can do," Roman said, "other than acknowledge that America seems to be at the moment where violence is increasing and to shine a spotlight on that.'

industry and said he would be a "pro-business governor.'

Vitter touted raising \$1 million already for the runoff effort, after heavily depleting his once-flush campaign account for the expensive primary race. Edwards hadn't released any details about his runoff campaign fundraising so far.

In a change of approach, Vitter also appears to be

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Edwards is working to build support from GOP voters who backed Angelle and Dardenne in Saturday's election.

An anti-abortion, gun rights Democrat with a military background, Edwards described his message as "squarely in the mainstream of the political spectrum here in Louisiana." "I'm trying to reach out to people who've never given a dollar to a Democrat in their lives. I'm trying to reach out to voters who may have never voted for a Democrat in their lives," Edwards said.

head-to-head matchup with Edwards a partisan competition in a state that doesn't have a single Democrat in statewide elected office. He's tying Edwards to President Barack Obama, who is unpopular in Louisiana.

The bottom line on our records is I'm a conservative reformer. He's a pro-Obama liberal," Vitter said.

In Saturday's election, Edwards received 40 percent of voter support, compared to Vitter's 23 percent. While those numbers suggest Edwards is in the stronger position, the dynamics of the election will quickly change. Edwards escaped many of the attacks, when three Republican contenders were battling each other. Now, Vitter's criticisms - and attack ads - will be focused

effect: cutting the threat of wildfires so a statewide

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file a complaint, Cropper said.

"This guy (Poston) left enough personal information with them that we were able to make contact with him and arrest him," the chief said.

Investigators learned Poston has a very lengthy criminal history, Cropper says, and other charges may be pending. He explained that when Poston went into the dealership, he was wearing a

closed by high water near the Amite County line.

polo type shirt with a badge embroidered on it and claimed to be with the U.S. Marshal's Office in Shreveport.

"Come to find out, he didn't work for any law enforcement agency," he said.

Cropper says Poston later returned the truck after business hours, which was captured on video.

Minden police, assisted by the U.S. Marshal's Office in Shreveport, arrested Poston and he was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Vitter is trying to make his

embracing televised debates.

Ahead of Saturday, the U.S. senator only participated in two of the seven TV debates that featured the other three major contenders, including Edwards. On Monday, Vitter said, "I am eager to debate the issues to confront John Bel Edwards."

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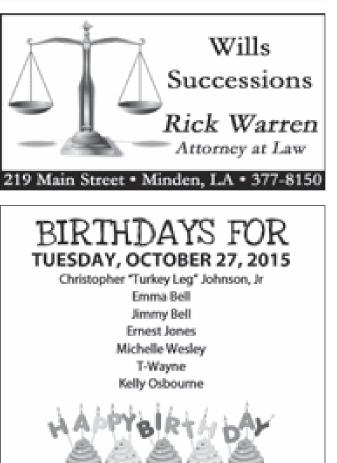
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# Jindal asks for dismissal of ACLU lawsuit against him

#### MELINDA DESLATTE Associated Press

BATON ROUGE - Gov. Bobby Jindal's lawyer has asked a state district judge to throw out a lawsuit that challenges Jindal's executive order offering special protections to people who oppose same-sex marriage.

Judge Todd Hernandez heard arguments in a hearing about Jindal's request Monday but did not immediately rule.

Jindal's "Marriage and Conscience" executive order prohibits state agencies under his control from denying licenses, benefits, contracts or tax deductions in response to actions taken because of someone's "religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman."

The governor, courting evangelical voters in his long-shot Republican presidential campaign, described the May 19 order as a protection of "religious liberty" for Christians who oppose same-sex marriage.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Louisiana, the Forum for Equality Foundation and six New Orleans residents are seeking to have Jindal's order declared unconstitutional

The lawsuit was filed in June,



days after the U.S. Supreme Court effectively struck down bans on same-sex marriage in Louisiana and several other states.

Jindal's lawyer, Kyle Duncan, told Hernandez that the gay rights advocates who filed the lawsuit haven't shown that they face harm from the order. He described it as nothing more than a philosophical disagreement.

"They're under no legal jeopardy whatsoever under this order," he said.

Attorney Jennifer Greene, representing the plaintiffs, said the governor has tried to create and interpret state law with his order, exceeding the bounds of his authority and stepping on the toes of the legislative and judicial branches of government. She noted that Jindal issued the order after lawmakers refused to write similar provisions into Louisiana law.

"Here we have an executive who has decided to ignore our representative democracy,' Greene said.

Duncan said Louisiana already has a state law that seeks to protect a person's free exercise of religion, and he said Jindal's order was further clarifying that existing law.

"The governor believed it was necessary to remind certain state agencies that that law needed to be followed," Duncan said.

He acknowledged there was no evidence to suggest that any state agency planned to deny licenses, contracts or tax breaks because of a person's opposition to same-sex marriage - even before Jindal issued the order.

Greene questioned the need to issue an order if Jindal believed existing law already offered the protections he sought.

When Jindal released the order in May, some lawyers suggested it had no practical effect and was unenforceable because of limits on Jindal's power. The governor's office dismissed the criticism.

# **SCHOOLS**

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the plans had been made when it wasn't completely what the board voted on over the summer. In the draft brochure, a gymnasium has been added at the WJHS site to handle the influx of sixth grade students.

"I do like Mr. Watson's plan," he said. "I have no problem with it. I don't like the way in which it was done. It's hard to believe that we've gone from voting on two wings and renovations at Phillips to being able to add a gym the size that we're adding and still be within budget. In my estimation, I believe we've been hood winked a little bit into voting for such a high bond proposition. True enough, there will be some unknowns, no doubt about it.'

Watson says they reduced the classroom sizes in order to accommodate the new gymnasium for the sixth grade wing at Webster, adding that bond attorney Grant Schleuter has advised the board can ask for up to \$7 million without increasing the millage.

"We started out the conversation beginning with about \$6.25 million, then it went to \$6.5 million," Watson said. "Then Grant Schleuter told us late in the game, after the two wings were designed, with some renovation included, that you could do \$7 million instead of \$6.5 million and still not increase your millage. So we upped it to \$7 million, and that's when I reconfigured and looked at the estimate in more detail.'

Watson went on to explain that by reducing the classroom sizes, the extra \$500,000 would offset the cost of the gymnasium.

Another concern raised is making sure the public knows how much money is going to be generated and how much taxpayers will be paying. An additional concern is whether the school board will have to dip into district 6 funds to complete the costs of the project up and above the \$7 million.

The brochure and the dates of the meetings will be added to Monday's agenda of the regular school board meeting, set for 6 p.m., Nov. 2. A buildings and maintenance committee meeting will take place at 5 p.m., followed by a finance committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The bond proposition will be on the Nov. 21 ballot.

## OBITUARIES

### **Charles William Brunner**

Our beloved uncle Bill was born June 10, 1934 went to be with the Lord on Sept. 18,

He is preceded in death by his mother Nellie McGraw and father Jess H. Brunner.

He was a very special man that gave of himself to everyone. He was a good husband

and father to his family. When we were children, he took up so much time with us when we were around him and took us on so many exploring trips and taught us a lot of good values. He had so many friends everywhere he lived and was a caregiver for a lot of elderly people.

34 years. They had a daughter, Sharon Brunner, and son, Michael Brunner of Washington

He was loved by everyone. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, sister Delores Sullivan and a ton of nieces and nephews of Louisiana, Colorado and Illinois.

A memorial service will be at the family's home at 2 p.m, Sunday, Nov. 1.

### Juanita Ray Hester

Graveside services for Juanita Ray Hester will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at Minden Cemetery in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at HESTER Rose-Neath Funeral Home. Juanita was born Nov. 27, 1931 in Shongaloo and entered into rest Oct. 22, 2015 in

Shreveport.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert Hester Jr.

She is survived by her sons Douglas M. Hester of Teague, Texas, Curtis R. Hester of



Taylor, daughters Linda G. Lathan of Longmont, Colorado, Benita A. Morgan of Taylor, brothers Lewis Ray Jr. of Taylor, Arkansas, Willard Ray of Minden, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The 15 Under 40 award was created to recognize the top young professionals in south Webster Parish, under the age of 40.

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He served his country in the Navy - USS Estes/AGC 12 - Korea - Tachen Island - Vietnam. He was a member of VFW and American Legion. He served all with honor.

He was married to Nancy Elaine Ellis for

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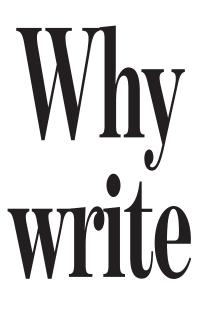
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PERSPECTIVE



Writers, much like politicians, often find themselves on the critical lips of those for whom they're trying to serve. The political figure in public service, and the writer in an effort to inform, instruct, inspire or entertain.

I've rarely put myself out there for any other purpose than to entertain, but have sometimes found myself on the lips of unhappy readers.

Several years ago I wrote a story on a local man of interest. One who enjoyed playing piano, listening to great music and attending theater productions when he could do so, working it in around his priestly duties.

I felt really proud of the story, but I was soon to be brought down to reality. Not everyone felt that

A disgruntled individual called me and began to bless me out, informing me of a "greater" pianist who should have been recognized instead of the one I had featured in my story.

After listening to his tirade for a bit, I tried to tell

him that the pianist he mentioned was the one who had suggested I write the story on my subject. He did not want to listen so I finally had to hang up. I was so rat-

tled, just thinking, "How can anyone not enjoy my story?"

It was then that the lesson was brought home to me in a big way. I soon realized that not everything I wrote would be accepted , or liked, by everyone. Such a shock to this naive writer. (Not really, but this

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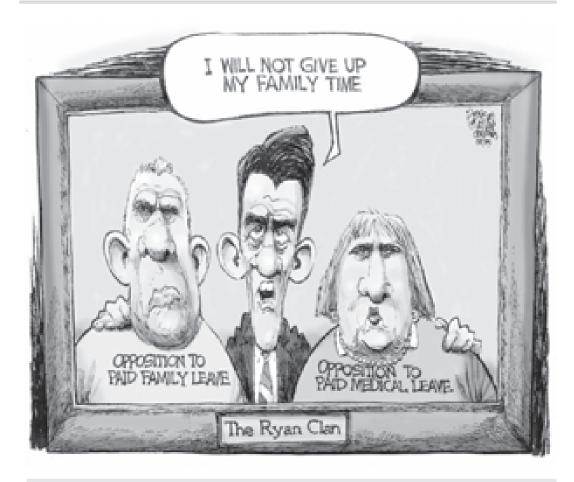
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# EDITORIAL ROUND UP The Town Talk on Louisiana's National Guard growth

# PERSPECTIVE

# Forced Silence

In a democracy, citizens must be able to criticize their leaders. It's a reason America's founders put free speech in the Bill of Rights. I assumed that right is safe in the United States. So I was shocked to learn what happened in Wisconsin.

Before dawn, Deborah Jordahl was awakened by the sound of cops banging on her front door. She rushed downstairs before police used their battering ram to break the door down. The officers then said her household was under criminal investigation.

They ordered Deborah and her son Adam to step aside while they took her family's computers, cellbook her family's computers, cell-phones and files. They also told her, don't talk to anyone about this inves-tigation! If you do, you may be jailed! They wouldn't tell her why. School buses drove by. Neighbors wondered what was going on at the Jordebl house

Jordahl house.

Deborah's son told me, "People came up to me at school and said, 'Hey, what happened at your house this morning?'" He couldn't legally answer.

No one in the family was allowed to explain that Deborah works as a political consultant, that she support ed Gov. Scott Walker and limited government. Now, political incumbents who like big government were investigating her for possible violation of Wisconsin's campaign finance rules.

Modern campaign rules are so complex no one is certain what is legal. Yet one misstep is enough to get accused not just of bad political arguments, but also of "collusion" and racketeering. Raise money for a cause you believe in and get close to politicians you favor,

and you may be accused of funneling illicit money to their campaigns.

In Wisconsin, prosecutors may also impose what's called the "John Doe" rule: Don't tell anyone that you're being investigated, not even your kids, your spouse and definitely not the media.



STOSSEL

Prosecutors claim secrecy is needed to "protect privacy" of people under investigation — if charges are dropped, no one need know that you had been accused. But in truth, says Eric O'Keefe, another limited-govern ment activist who Wisconsin prosecutors investigated, "This is about



FANNIE MOORE

was an extreme example.)

When I began writing, it was more for myself than for others. I never thought I had anything to say that anyone would be interested in. But as I began to share a bit, I was encouraged to try for publication.

It began slowly, with newspaper feature stories. Then, poetry and short articles for magazines.

I attended writing workshops and learned some "nuts and bolts" of the business and enjoyed a little success along the way. After a few years and retirement, I began to lose interest. I felt that I had nothing to say.

Then, I remembered some pointers I had learned about why we write. The first one was because a writer has to write.

Reasons for writing varied from instruction, information, inspiration to entertainment. That last one seemed to be where I found myself.

If I can touch an emotion with my writing, I believe it has served a purpose, If it will make someone smile, laugh or even elicit a chuckle, it might be worthwhile. Does it inspire the reader to try to be a better person? Does it make one cry?

Such a column touched some family members recently and they expressed it was difficult to read for the tears. This is rare, but I felt as if it had served a purpose, making someone think and feel.

There are many emotions that can be touched and I believe if I can touch even one, then I have succeeded. (Even the anger expressed by the irate individual) I rarely get feedback on these

columns (and this is all I'm writing at this time) but when I do, I appreciate the thoughts, Even if one disagrees with my words.

So, feel free to comment if you wish to. I assure you I won't be offended.

I just won't understand how anyone could not enjoy these enlightening ramblings.

Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects.

Any time a group is ranked in the top 5 nationally, it's newsworthy. So we commend the Louisiana National Guard for being ranked No. 4 nationally for exceeding troop targets and first in the nation in retention.

It is even more commendable when you consider that three years ago Louisiana ranked closer to the bottom than the top — 38th out of 54 states and U.S. territories. The improvement has been strong and steady — much like the guard operation — moving up 18 spots to 20th in 2013, then 15th in 2014. As of the close of the 2015 fiscal year, the Louisiana National Guard had 9,650 soldiers, which is 101.2 percent of their target goal. The Air National Guard also surpassed its goal of 1,390 airmen with 1,496 airmen (107 percent).

The growth is even more impressive when one considers that the National Guard, like all U.S. military forces, is a volunteer force and that admission standards have

steadily increased over the years.

There was a time not so long ago when National Guardsmen were not taken seriously as soldiers. The term "weekend warrior" came from the organization's one weekend per month and two weeks in the summer drill schedule.

While reservists still follow that schedule, the expectation is that the soldiers will maintain a state of readiness as close to that of full-time active duty soldiers as possible. The reality is that as the Defense Department has steadily decreased the size of the regular Army and other military divisions, the role of the National Guard has steadily increased.

National Guard members are still on call and available to help out in-state emergencies, such as hurricanes, or in the event of major civil unrest, as was seen in Ferguson, Missouri. But it has become increasingly routine for National Guard units to be deployed oversees to fight and provide support in combat as active duty soldiers.

National Guard members undergo the same rigorous training as regular Army soldiers. In fact, the Army just launched an overhaul of their Basic Training program that places an increased emphasis on combat readiness with the expectation that the majority of those trained will be deployed in combat.

Another bright spot in this story was revealed in a remark by Col. Kenneth Donnelly, commander of the Recruiting and Retention Command. "It's great to see patriotism as the main reason people want to join an all-volunteer force.'

With bickering and divisiveness dominating so many headlines, it's a relief to know so many of our young people have not lost their patriotic principles.

Congratulations to the Louisiana National Guard on their ranking. And to the men and women proudly wearing their uniform, thank you for your service.

shutting us up.

That's all it is. It is a speech sup-

pression play." It's also a way for political insiders to punish their opponents. O'Keefe is a Republican, and the lead prosecutor, Milwaukee District Attorney John Chisholm, is a Democrat, but two Republican insiders signed off on the raids, too. "I take cold comfort in having my constitutional rights trampled by both parties," says O'Keefe. We who support smaller govern-

ment expect retaliation from incum-bent politicians. But children should n't be punished. Sixteen year-old Noah Johnson was home alone when cops banged on his family's door at dawn. His parents left early that

Morning. Noah was scared because he had no idea what was going on. "I'm look-ing around outside. There are flashlights everywhere.

He wanted to call his parents, which sounds responsible, but, "They didn't let me call anyone — I was not able to call a lawyer.

Hours later, they allowed him to leave for school, but again warned him not to tell anyone about the police!

"I was two hours late for school," he told me, but "there's no way you can explain it to anyone." When his teacher asked why he was late, all he could say was, "I cannot say." Every John Doe suspect had to live

the nightmare of knowing that the state was investigating them or their family members but that they were forbidden by the government to say what the family had done that might be forbidden by the government.

This forced silence lasted five years, until Wisconsin's Supreme Court finally ordered the Joe Doe investigations stopped, saying prosecutors used "theories of law that do not exist.

But political incumbents didn't have to win convictions to achieve what I assume was one of their goals: silencing opponents during political campaigns.

We like to think speech is free, but when government can investigate you for possibly violating countless little rules, and then order you to shut up, it censors without the public even knowing.

Campaign finance rules - and the political incumbents and prosecutorbullies who manipulate them — are a major threat to our freedom.

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

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# **Around Town**

#### Oct. 13-31

First United Methodist's "Pumpkin Patch" featuring 1,500 pumpkins will be open throughout the month.

#### Oct. 27-29

King Solomon Baptist Church's Men's Conference "Mani-fest 2015" will be nightly at 7 p.m.

#### Oct. 28-30

Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 4th Annual Youth Explosion at 7:00 PM, nightly. Guest Speaker will be Elder Paul Gatlin of Emmanuel COGIC in Opelousas, LA. If any youths, are interested in performing contact Shyterikia Thompson at 318-458-5292.

#### Oct. 30

Town and Country Health and Rehab's Fall Festival will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be carnival games and prizes.

#### Nov. 1

Miss Minden pageant registration and meet and greet will be from 1 until 3 p.m. at Her's Bridal, located at 728 Main Street. Sponsored by the Young Women's Service Club, the event is for interested contestants and their parents to find out more about the Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be Dec. 5.

#### Nov. 3

Tickets are on sale now for the Hannah McFarland Scholarship Fundraiser Benefit. Dinner will be red beans and rice, catered by Bon Temps. Plates are \$9 each. The Young Women's Service Club is sponsoring the event at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church on Germantown Road. Drive-through or pick-up from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Pick up location will be on the ticket.

#### Nov. 7

Central Community Association's prayer breakfast to honor veterans will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Community Center. Veterans with ID eat free, cost to the public is \$8 per adult/ \$5 per child (ages 10 and below). To register to attend call by Oct. 29. For more information on registering contact Shelia Hunter (318-518-4790), Kim Doyle (318-707-1102) or Jeanette Williams (318-820-3488).

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# Golf tourney to raise money for St. Jude

# **BRUCE FRANKLIN** bruce@press-herald.com

The Minden Lodge #51 is having its St. Jude Scramble for a Cure golf tourney at 8

a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7. The 2-man scramble will take place at Pine Hills Coun-

try Club and will cost \$150 per team. Included in the entry fee is a lunch catered by Hugh Wood and a chance to win a shotgun donated by Minden Pawn & Gun.

All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

An additional tee time of 1

p.m. will be added depending on the number of entries, organizers said.

For more information or registration, contact Ryan at 318-918-8627.

Sponsors for the tournament include Gibsland Bank & Trust, Dr. Zach Goodman of Elm Street Dental, J. Haws & Associates Inc. and Dr. Wilson of Minden Orthopedic. Other prize sponsors include Global Pressure Solutions, Trails End Golf Course in Arcadia and Adam and Kelli Harris of Spring Theatre in Springhill.



# Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation L3C hosted a breast cancer awareness event at Pink Pratique Mastectomy Boutique Friday. Information was shared to raise awareness of breast health programs available in the community and schedule breast cancer screenings and diagnostic appointments. A representative from the Martin Luther King Health Center and Pharmacy was on hand to discuss early detection and talk about financial assistance available to women who need to schedule a mammogram. Also on hand was Dr. Denise Webb, with Minden Medical Center, who discussed with those in attendance breast healthcare services and support at the hospital. Pictured from left are Webb, Stephanie Winzer, office assistant with the Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation L3C, Angie Hadnot, a licensed mastectomy fitter, Becky White, Minden downtown development director, Gloria Douglas, Pink Pratique manager and Peggy Grider, a customer at the store. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald





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# MLB Marlins interview

Don Mattingly MIAMI – Don Mattingly might not be on the sideline for long.

Mattingly interviewed for the Miami Marlins' managerial job Monday, four days after he parted with the Los Angeles Dodgers, a person familiar with the situation said. The person confirmed the interview to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Marlins declined to comment.

The Dodgers and Mattingly agreed Thursday to part ways. Los Angeles was 446-363 in five years under Mattingly and won the NL West each of the past three years, but he went 8-11 in the postseason.

The Dodgers have not reached the World Series since winning the title in 1988, and they lost to the New York Mets this year in the NL Division Series.

Mattingly left with one year remaining on his contract and said he still wants to manage. The former Yankees star is a favorite of Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria, a New Yorker.

#### MLB

Royals facing redhot Mets, Murphy KANSAS CITY, Mo.

- Daniel Murphy took a meaty cut, then motioned to the batting practice pitcher to throw one a bit outside.

"Please," the New York Mets bopper added, politely.

Murphy promptly lined the next toss Monday into the right-field corner at Kauffman Stadium.

That's how easy he's making it look in real games, too. So far, Murphy has invited many of baseball's top aces to his October bash - Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke and Jake Arrieta among them. Now, the Kansas City Royals hope to spoil his playoff party. Murphy has homered in a record six straight postseason games. He'll take aim at Edinson Volquez and the Royals starting Tuesday night in the World Series opener. Murphy hit a careerbest 14 home runs during the regular season, then launched seven more in the first two rounds against the Dodgers and Cubs. He is one from matching the mark for most homers in a single postseason, shared by Barry Bonds, Carlos Beltran and Nelson Cruz. To Royals pitching coach Dave Eiland, that's the crux of Murphy's sudden power surge. "He's getting a lot of good pitches to hit, and he isn't missing them," Eiland said. "He's right on them." Told about Eiland's comment, Royals pitcher Kris Medlen chuckled. "Nobody's going to hit anybody," Medlen said. "But there are ways to get guys out. Coming in, going out, mixing it up."

# MINDEN REC. FOOTBALL Little League roundup **RESULTS FROM WEEK FIVE OF MINDEN REC. FOOTBA**

Little league football season is in full swing. Here's a recap of last week's gridiron action. **2nd-4th Grade Cooper Tire 20 Saints 6** Keithri Kimble led the

Keithri Kimble led the Cobras with 181 yards and three touchdowns, adding an extra point run for good measure. Victor Gipson added 47 yards in support and Landyn Huddleston finished with 32 yards and an extra point conversion. Tyrone Grider added 15 yards to round out the Cooper Tire offense. Maurice Rabb led the way for the Saints, fin-ishing with 97 yards and a touchdown for the game. Cameron Mirthell adding an extra point run

game. Cameron Mirthell added 17 yards for the Saints.

#### Lil Tiders 13 Punishers 0

Isaiah Browning led the

way for the Lil Tiders with 89 yards and two touch-downs. Al Edwards had 26 yards and an extra point, Jacobe Ranking added 23 yards and Brayden Britton contributed 44 yards rush-ing. Brody Bower rounded out the offense for the Lil Tiders with four yards. Christopher Harris added

a fumble recovery. Tiller Tellis led the Punishers with 32 yards rushing, followed by Hunter Perrin with six yards and Jacksyn Moore with two yards.

5th-6th Grade Ducks 20

Punishers 14 Darryl Thomas led the Ducks with 167 yards and three touchdowns. Thomas added three extra point con-versions as well, and Khyrese Taylor added 18 yards rushing. D'Angelo Garner ran

for 168 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Punishers, followed by Johnathan Perrin with 42 yards and a two-42 yards and a two-point conversion catch. Jaylin Williams con-tributed five yards, while Makel Hawk fin-ished with three yards.

#### Lil Tiders 33 Mohawks 0

Daylen Robinson rushed for 154 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the Lil Tiders. He got plenty of support from Bryan Kopf who ran for 89 yards and a pair of touchdowns of pair of touchdowns of his own. Javis Moore added 63 yards and a touchdown, Ty'Darrium Green added 31 yards and three extra points and Darius Johnson added 10 yards. Cade Boley led the Mohawks with 47 yards rushing, followed by

Andrew Cooper with 17 yards and Ethan Vise with 11 yards. Deonte Jackson rounded out the Mohawk offense with three yards.

# Titans 27 Ducks 20

The Titans got a great game from Eddie Markray who finished with 190 yards rushing and three touchdowns to go with two extra point conversions. Zackeil Arrington added 15 yards, a touchdown and an extra point, while Katourio Grigsby added yards.

Darryl Thomas had 183 yards and a pair of scores, followed by Khyrese Taylor with 84 yards and a fumble return touchdown. Christian Lane Dillon added five yards rushing.

#### **Punishers 34** Mohawks 6

The Punishers were led by D'Angelo Garner with 181 yards and a pair of two point conversions. Garner got plenty of help from Jonathan Perrin who finished with 100 yards and a whopping yards and a whopping four touchdowns, plus a pair of extra point runs. Jaylin Williams con-tributed with 23 yards rushing and one touch-down, followed by Daquez Jackson with 16 yards and Kamryn Lewis yards and Kamryn Lewis with five yards.

Andrew Cooper ran for five yards and scored the only touchdown for the Mohawks, but Cade Boley led the team in yards with 38. Ethan Vise pitched in with 24 yards, followed by Ja'Colby Snell with 13 yards, Gavin McCoy with nine yards and Deontay Jackson with four yards.

# NFL Cardinals outlast Ravens, 26-18

GLENDALE, Ariz. -Bruce Arians wanted to show that his team could win a close game. The Arizona Cardinals gave him one. The Cardinals barely held

off luckless Baltimore on Monday night, 26-18, clinching the win with Tony Jefferson's interception in the end zone with 6 seconds to

play. "To be there and to kind of be nervous," Arizona quarterback Carson Palmer said, "and to have those jitterbugs on the sidelines as you're waiting, it's good to have that feeling and come out and win."

Arizona kept a grip on its NFC West lead, going to 5-2, while the Ravens added to their worst start in franchise history, falling to 1-6. The eight-point loss to Arizona was the most one-sided of their defeats. We probably didn't play well enough to win the football game," Baltimore quar-

terback Joe Flacco said, "but we are always in them. It is going to be a fight down to the end and we are not giving up.'

Arizona's Chris Johnson rushed for 122 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown run.

But his most memorable came when he landed on top of the belly of 335-pound Brandon Williams, then got up and kept running for a 62yard gain.

"That is something you learn coming up from little league," Johnson said, "keep playing until the whistle blows.

But Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said the whistle

# MINDEN HIGH BASKETBALL Tide hoops to scrimmage



didn't need to blow, the play should have been ruled dead because progress had stopped.

"The forward progress was stopped," Harbaugh said. "If you hit him in that situation, then you're going to get fined and penalized."

The Minden Crimson Tide basketball team will take on Airline in Minden at The Palace in their first scrimmage of the season. Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. Douglas Blow/Courtesy Photo

# LOUISIANA OUTDOORS Joella Bates, a whiz with a bow

I look forward every year to attending annual outdoor writer's conferences. The Louisiana Association Writer Outdoor (LOWA) has the yearly affair somewhere in Louisiana while the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA) meets somewhere within the boundaries of the southeastern United States.

This year's SEOPA event was held almost exactly 500 miles from my home base in Ruston. Eufaula, AL in extreme southeast Alabama is connected to Georgia by Lake Eufaula. Motor east across the lake, pull up to the bank and you're in Georgia.

One of the things I enjoy doing when attending annual conferences is meeting and talking with folks who do interesting stuff. Last week, I found someone who does seriously interesting stuff even before I arrived at conference. Stopping just inside the Eufaula city limits for a sandwich before heading to conference headquarters at beautiful Lakepoint Resort State Park, a lady also having lunch asked if perhaps I was with the outdoor writer's group. I told her I was, we visited over sandwiches, and after hearing of her unbelievable accomplishments with archery equipment, she agreed to tell me more.

Joella Bates, who calls Waverly, TN home, is first of all, an accomplished professional archer. She is not only a bow hunter but national training specialist for scholastic 3-D archery, traveling the country training basic instructors and the trainers who work directly with kids. Incidentally,

she has conducted programs in Louisiana as well as many other states. She has a BS degree in Natural Resource Management from University of Tennessee at Martin and an MS from



Tennessee Tech in Biology. She is also founder of Operation Outdoor Outreach.

I wanted to know how she got into archery and why developing expertise with a stick and string are so important to her.

"I grew up gun hunting with my father and actually went to college on a rifle team scholarship. After competing at a high level with rifle, I found that hunting with a gun didn't have the same excitement level as before, so I started hunting with a bow," Bates said.

Saying she hunts with a bow is like saying Leonard Fournette runs with a football for LSU. The string of accomplishments she has put together over the years is phenomenal.

For starters, Bates who has bow hunted in Africa was the first woman in the world to take a cape buffalo with a bow. She has also taken the African Big Five all with her bow. These species include lion, elephant, cape buffalo, leopard and she "green" harvested a white rhino.

"With the rhino, which is a protected species, I downed the animal with an arrow tipped with a tranquilizer, which put him to sleep. We got photos and I injected him with an antidote and watched him wake up and walk away," she said.

Wait; there's more. Bates, a fivetime world champion professional archer, is also the first woman to take a wild turkey Grand Slam (four subspecies) in a single season (2004) with her bow and amazingly, she got all four over a span of only 16 days.

Ťhe Operation Outdoor Outreach she founded is an outreach program that is re-connecting youth, women and families with the outdoor world through archery programs. An internet search of the program founded, she www.operationOO.com, is well worth the effort to check out the accomplishments of this amazing ladv

During our interview, she mentioned that she has taken 69 different species with her bow. She upped that, however, last week when she arrowed number 70, a gizzard shad in Lake Eufaula.

What a treat it was to meet and get to interview a lady with a fascinating story to tell. Thanks Joella Bates for introducing yourself to me.

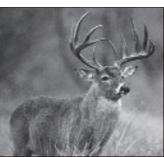
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# **Trump says his father gave him a 'small' \$1 million loan**

ATKINSON, N.H. - How about some humility, Donald Trump?

At a rare town hall event Monday for a man who goes for big rallies, some potential voters wanted to see a common touch from the towerbuilding billionaire in his quest for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination.

He said in reply that he ate at McDonald's on Sunday, often drives himself and got started in business with a "small loan" of \$1 million from his dad.

The event, a televised town hall broadcast live on the "Today" show, brought together about 125 registered voters in a country club ballroom. The intimate environment was a rarity for the GOP front-runner, who has generally eschewed small events in favor of rallies drawing thousands of rowdy and loyal backers.

While a handful of questions addressed Trump's policy positions, many focused on his persona as a brash TV entertainer and whether he possessed the ability to come back down to earth.

"I know a lot of people would really want to vote for you if only you would eat a piece of humble pie once in a while," said one woman, an undecided registered Republican, who asked Trump whether he had any weaknesses he might share.

"Well I'd like to do that," Trump responded, "but then I'd expose the weaknesses to Putin and everybody else and we don't want to do that, right?" He was referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Another questioner, identified as an undecided Republican, asked Trump whether, with the exception of his family, he'd ever been told "no."

"I mean, my whole life eally has been a 'no, through it." Trump is the son small amount.

nee Mitt Romney, Trump has money to begin investing in fully embraced his wealth in the campaign trail, often "It has not been easy for bragging about his riches, to me," Trump added. "And I little ill effect.

Still, Trump did show some signs of relatability in talking about his recent fastfood stop and his tendency to get behind the wheel.

During a commercial break, Trump half-jokingly ed the fact that so Trump said. "And I fought not consider \$1 million a many of the questioners were undecided. He said he want-

ers.

Trump was also pushed for more specifics. One attendee, a student at Saint Anselm College in nearby Manchester, said he felt that Trump's campaign has been "based more on talking points than substance."

"Do you have a specific plan for how to bring our economy back, or should middle class voters just elect you because your name's Trump?" the student asked.

Trump was unapologetic. "Well I think they should," he said, "because I

built a great company." Mark Casey, a registered independent, pressed the candidate on how he would deal with world leaders.

"What would you say to people like me who have concern that you'll be dealing with a lot of world leaders you might not see eye-to-eye with, and you can't fire them?" he asked. "But you could start a war by calling

Trump told Casey that shown he'd restraint throughout the campaign, an assertion bound to raise eyebrows from the political rivals who've been subjected to his zingers. He said he knows how to be politically correct when needed.

Casey said afterward that Trump's answer was just what he was looking to hear. "I think that's what the country needs," he said.



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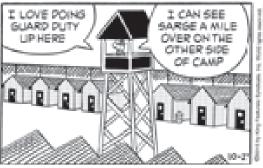
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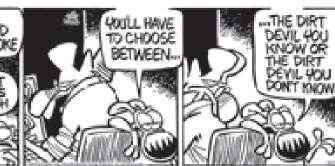
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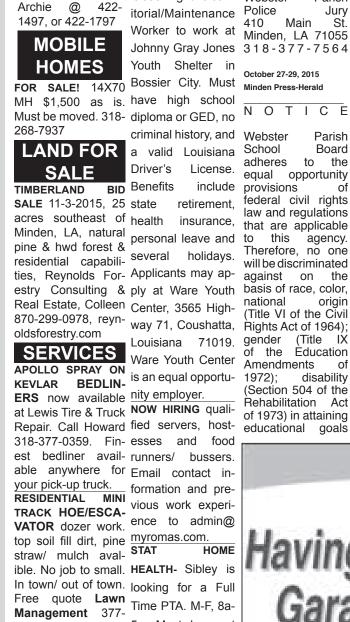


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