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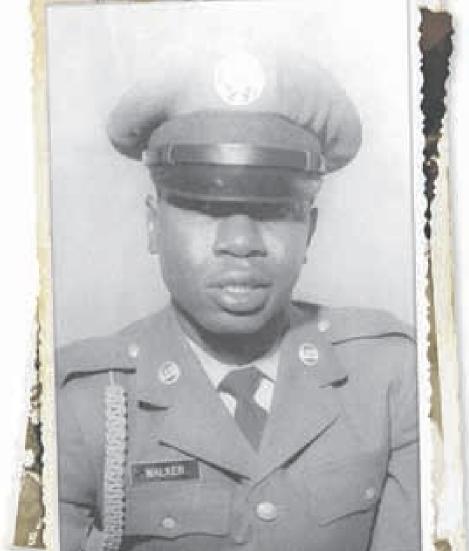


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U.S. Army SSGT Almory Walker (Ret.) in 1962. Courtesy Photo



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U.S. Army SSGT Almory Walker



WEBSTER CRIME

## Fight leads to arrests

Woman stabs boyfriend over whiskey bottle, police say

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DOYLINE – A couple was arrested after an argument escalated over a missing bottle of whiskey. Justin Lynn Rowell, 28,



GRAY

tery. Ashley Rener Gray, of 100 block of Grant Circle in Doyline, was arrested the same day on the same charge.

of the 100 block of Avalon Shores in Doyline, was arrested

Thursday,

Nov. 5, and charged with

domestic

abuse bat-

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's

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ROWELL

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#### WEATHER

Tomorrow's Outlook



A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny.





#### (Ret.) reflects on time in service

#### **MICHELLE BATES**

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A Vietnam veteran says times were different when he came home in 1966.

U.S. Army SSGT Almory Walker (Ret.), 73, remembers the reception the military received when they returned home from Vietnam, and it is much different than for those who come home from Iraq and Afghanistan today.

"It was altogether different from the veterans coming from Iraq and Iran and Afghanistan," he said. "The

veterans that came back from Vietnam were not treated the same as the veterans that's coming back from combat zones these days. You have older veterans that know how things were then and how things are now. You couldn't get a real good feeling about it, because you went and served and did what you were told to. And how your homeland people treated you, and how the veterans coming back today, the veterans from Vietnam didn't have."

Walker also served in the

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U.S. Army SSGT Almory Walker (Ret.) says times were different when he came home from war in 1966. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

#### NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Workers direct motorist into the wash area of the newly-constructed Rocket-Fast Car Wash on Homer **Road Tuesday. RocketFast** gave free car washes Monday and Tuesday and plans to start Wednesday as it's first official day of business. Managing Partner Don Robertson says the city has been very welcoming and ready to began a new chapter in Minden. Hours of operation are Mon thru Fri: 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Sat: 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sun: 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Robertson says the carwash brought about 10 jobs to Minden. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## Q&A with police jury candidates

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The police jury seat of the late Charles Walker went to a runoff following the Oct. 24 election. With the decision in the hands of the voters of district 12 come Nov. 21, candidates

Dustin Moseley and Rebecca Shelley Sherra rd answered a few questions about what they would do if elected.

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Jury? A: I have always been civic minded, and I have a

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#### AROUND THE STATE

## CASA Christmas project benefits children in foster care system

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Christmas is a special time of year, a time for families to gather and celebrate. Christmas is also the sea-

son of giving, and when many think of giving, they think of giving to those in need, especially children.

The Court Appointed Special Advo-

cates, or CASA, is currently serving 40 foster children who have been r e m o v e d from their home and

foster care



SAMUEL

because of abuse or neglect from someone in their family, Webster Parish CASA Supervisor Sandra Samuel said.

Every year around Christmas, CASA advocates and volunteers come together to help give these children memories of the holiday season during a difficult time.

"We do this through donations from the community," Samuel said, "and Minden is overwhelmingly amazing when it comes to Christmas for these children."

In October, letters are sent to foster parents of CASA children asking for the child's shoe size, shirt size, pants size, what their dream gift would be and other things they'd like for Christmas. Through community donations, whether it's in the form of a gift or a monetary contribution, CASA will fill the children's wish list.

Right now, Samuel says they are serving children from one year of age to 17, 17 girls and 23 boys.

While they appreciate the overwhelming support of toys and things for the smaller children, the teens' lists are the most difficult, she said.

"It's a little bit harder for people to buy for teenagers," she said. "People will come in and grab up the younger children just as quick as possible. It's the teenagers that we struggle to buy for the most."

If a contributor wishes to buy clothing for a child, Samuel says they can come in and get a specific list.

Samuel asks donors not to wrap the gifts; there will be a "wrapping party" at a later date for anyone interested in assisting.

Last year, the CASA office, located at 732 Main Street, was packed full of gifts for children. Thanks to the generosity of the Krewe de Ambassadeurs, she says, their krewe building was donated for use to store the gifts and wrap before the Dec. 19 delivery date.

"People can still bring gifts here (to the CASA office) and I'll take it out there to the krewe building,' she said.

CASA is one of seven primary programs of the Volunteers for Youth Justice program, which provides youth "an opportunity to develop a sense of responsibility for their actions and teaching new positive behaviors...giving them a chance to begin again," reports their website, www.vyjla.org.

CASA advocates, indicates the website, are "specially trained volunteers who serve as officers of the court and 'friends' to children in need. These volunteers are assigned by judges to speak on behalf of children who have been placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect."

The deadline to bring gifts or donate money is Tuesday, Dec. 15.

"Nodak Neighbors"

A big "thank you" recently was passed on to three members of the 862nd Combat Defense Squadron by law enforcement officials.

Charles Kramer, a highway patrolman, called to investigate a fatal traffic accident on U. S. Route Two, 14 miles east of Stanley, N. D. expressed his thanks to the airmen for their help at the accident scene. Official letters of commendation and thanks were sent from Col. Ralph M. Wood, North Dakota Highway Patrol superintendent, and Ralph Hamre, Sheriff of Mountrail County.

The three, A1C Daniel J. Green, A2C Almory Walker, Jr. and A3C Robert H. Long, Jr., members of a "strike team" from the "India Flight" missile launch control facility were directed to the scene of the crash by the Wing Security Control on base.

According to the airmen, they arrived on the scene of the crash about 20 minutes before Patrolman Kramer. They directed traffic around the accident, helped the patrolman take measurements of the accident area, and remained on the scene aiding Kramer for about two hours until the wreckage was towed away.

A news clipping thanking Almory Walker and two other members of the 862nd Combat Defense Squadron after assisting with a fatal crash during his time of service. **Courtesy Photo** 

"I had some ill feelings

toward people coming home.

You'd see in the airports peo-

ple in uniform, they'd call

you names and stuff, but I

just let it run off of me. I was

just glad to be home. I didn't

from combat was a transition

me to get used to being out of

the military when you were

in it as long as I was, but you

got to do something, you got

to do it," he said. "I went to

Louisiana Army Ammunition

He worked for the

However, coming home

"It was kind of hard for

let that bother me."

for him.

work."

### WALKER

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U.S. Air Force as well, he said. He served six years, 11 months and 15 days active duty in the military. Out of that time, about three and a half years was overseas, two of those were in Vietnam. He served in the 862nd Combat Defense Squad as a military police officer in the Air

He declined to talk about his tour in Vietnam, other than to say he was just glad

"It wasn't all that great an Plant for about three or four experience, but that's what I years after his military dishad to do so I did it," he said. charge and then began his career at Kansas City Southern Railroad, from where he retired in 1991.

He says he is appreciative of the Veterans Day programs conducted, adding he just attended a service at St. Rest Baptist Church Sunday, Nov. 8.

"You get feelings that come back when you see old friends," he said. "Memories come back from years past, but it's a good thing to have a day where veterans are recognized. A lot of veterans really enjoy being recognized as being veterans."

He has been married to Georgia Walker for nearly 48 years. Walker and his wife married Nov. 26, 1967. They have no children.

### Caddo Schools looking for teachers

substitutes also are being

shortage has grown to

include positions across all

subject areas and grade lev-

els. Nash-Wood says the dis-

trict has consistently seen

shortfalls in math and sci-

ence but now they're seeing

shortages in history, English

turned physical and Rowell

allegedly told police Gray

began hitting him and

stabbed him with a sharp

and special education.

Recently, the teacher

used to fill vacancies.

SHREVEPORT – Caddo Parish Schools are looking to fill 110 teaching positions.

The Shreveport Times reports the district recently moved 15 assistant principals back into classrooms and eight teachers were moved to different schools to help alleviate the crunch. School System spokeswoman Mary Nash-Wood says long-term

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Capt Robert Hayden Jr., and deputies Wade Wells and Joel Thomas responded to a call at Gray's residence. Upon arrival, officers determined Rowell and Grav appeared to be impaired. Officers report the argument

object.

To help reduce the vacancies, the district participates in a mentoring program for high school students interested in teaching and it's partnering with colleges to streamline teaching certification programs for those interested in changing careers.

returned to the residence. Deputies made contact with him and placed him under arrest.

Deputies say this is the



Force. to be home.

Gray reportedly told officers Rowell had thrown her to the ground and kicked her repeatedly. Rowell then left the residence, police say.

Deputies then began to search for Rowell when they notified he were had

third time the sheriff's office has responded to a call of this nature with the couple.

Both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

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## **Remembering our veterans**

#### **JUANITA AGAN** Special to the Press-Herald

Originally published on Nov. 5, 2003.

The list of living veterans grows shorter each year as the group of veterans grow older and come to the end of their lives.

We owe such a debt of gratitude to those who gave up months and years of their lives, and sometimes even their



AGAN

lives, to see that we could continue to enjoy our way of life today.

Next Tuesday, November 11, is now called "Veterans Day", but in my lifetime long ago it was called "Armistice Day" because on that day in 1918 a cease fire went into effect.

Today it honors not just the veterans from World War I but all the wars that we have fought.

In the lower back section of the old part of the Minden Cemetery is the location of the mass grave of Confederate soldiers, who died of injuries received in the Battle of Mansfield.

There is an obelisk near the road placed there by the Daughters of the Confederacy to honor the dead soldiers. A Mother's Pain When I stood in Arlington

Cemetery in Washington, D, C. at the tomb of the unknown soldier, I felt the sadness that only a mother can know.

Each of these dead men was some mother's son, and even though it might be just one, the grief was the same in each family.

And when I stood at the cemetery in Chalmette and regarded the row upon row of crosses that mark the graves there, I think of the waste of life in that battle the Battle of New Orleans since it was fought after the war was over but there was no way they could know since communication was difficult back in 1815. (The war was officially over in December, 1814, with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium but no one knew about it because the only way to send a message was by ship.)

Many of Minden's Veterans have received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Some never received any of these but were brave and faithful to the branch of service in which they served.

There have been so many wars since Veterans day (Armistice Day) was established. We had the Korean War, the Vietnam war, the Persian Gulf War, called the Desert Storm, and this latest one dubbed "Enduring Freedom," and other skirmishes

down through the years.

Each time men gave up their way of life, left their homes, and served our country. Each man's service was a sacrifice and we should be grateful for their willingness to serve. Some gave their all.

Minden lost its share of young men in all of these wars. What a waste!!

Memory

In the Gardens of Memory there are many graves of servicemen. When the little flags are placed on their graves it gives me a sense of awe when I realize how many are buried there.

My own husband is one who served four years and four months in the U. S. Army during World War II.

He was in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, as the one in charge of an anti-aircraft gun with about 10 or more men serving under him.

In spite of all the major battles, none of the men were killed or even wounded. That was a miracle.

Often I open the closet door and look at his uniform hanging there, or look at the flag that was presented to me at the time of his funeral.

There is a poem written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. He was born in Shanghai, China in 1922, the son of missionary parents, the Reverend and Mrs. John Gillespie Magee.

His father was an American, but his mother was originally a British citizen. He had earned a scholarship to Yale University in 1939, but in 1940 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was graduated as a pilot.

He was sent to England for combat duty in July 1941. In August or September 1941, Pilot Officer Magee composed 'HIGH FLIGHT' and sent a copy to his parents. Several months later on December 11, 1941, his Spitfire collided with another plane over England, and Magee who was only 19 years of age, crashed to his death.

He is buried in the churchyard cemetery at Scopwick, Lincolnshire. Part of this poem was used by President Reagan at the occasion of the crash of the space shuttle Challenger.

He quoted "Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and touched the face of God."

What war means to me is sadness, death and grief. Let us honor those who have served our country, and remember proudly those who served and have gone on before us.

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday. **POLICE JURY** *Continued from page 1* 

servant's heart. This is an opportunity to serve and give back to the families in my district.

Q: While campaigning, what is the biggest concern you have heard? Your biggest concern?

A: Road conditions, Lake Bistineau and the M6 disposal process. My biggest concern: To assure our tax dollars are spent wisely and fairly, as well as transparency between all government agencies and citizens.

Q: Why do you think you are the best candidate?

A: As a professional businesswoman with 30-plus years of experience, I will be aggressive on the issues and help make the right decisions.

Q: What do you want to see done in District 12?

A: Improve our road conditions, clean up our rightsof-way and find a solution to save Lake Bistineau.

Q: What do you think could be better?

A: Programs for our elderly and our children. Supporting quality industry for Camp Minden. Solutions to the problems that will help make our parish and district a better place in which to live and raise our families.

#### **Dustin Moseley**

Q: Why are you running for the Webster Parish Police Jury?

A: I have lived in district 12 my entire life. I grew up hunting in these woods and fishing on Lake Bistineau. I love where I am from and I would love the opportunity to be involved in making decisions that will benefit our community.

Q: While campaigning, what is the biggest concern you have heard? Your biggest concern?

A: Since the beginning of my campaign, the concern that has been voiced to me the most is the condition of our roads. I agree with this concern, and I would also like to address many other issues, including our lack of jobs and the condition of our lake.

Q: Why do you think you are the best candidate?

A: Before I became selfemployed, I worked for my brother at Moseley Construction. There, I gained general construction experience, such as building roads and driveways and clearing land. becoming After selfemployed, I gained experience in the management of business, including fleets of trucks and heavy equipment. Throughout my career, I have become skilled at building business relationships and coordinating large projects. I feel that my various work experiences uniquely qualify me to represent the people of District 12.

Q: What do you want to see done in District 12?

A: I would like to see our roads and the condition of our lake improve dramatically. I would also like to see the old Union Elementary School grounds turned into a recreational center where the children of District 12 can go to play baseball, basketball, etc.

#### Q: What do you think could be better?

A: In our district, our roads, lake and economy all have room for dramatic improvement.

OBITUARY

#### Ben Hunter

A memorial service for Ben Hunter, 85, of Minden, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home located at 211 Murrell Street in Minden. Chaplain Andrew Abshire will conduct the service.

A lifelong resident of Minden, Ben was born on Nov. 12, 1930 and died Nov. 8, 2015, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He bravely fought Parkinson's for 28 years, never complaining of the challenges he faced. Ben was the last surviving son of Larry and Gladys Hunter.



Louisiana Soft Drink Association serving as president for three years. He served on the Board of Directors of Peoples Bank for 18 years, also serving on its Executive Committee.

Ben was an avid golf and tennis player. He and Linda made many friends over the years playing golf and tennis. Ben was a scratch golfer in his prime and tenaciously continued playing golf into his mid-70s. Many of his golfing opponents were astonished to realize they had just lost to an opponent with a real handicap!

Ben and Linda were part of a group of Dr. Pepper bottlers awarded with an around the world trip by the Dr Pepper Company, flying on two chartered airliners in 1996, visiting 10 cities on four continents in 25 days.

In 1997 Ben was honored as Minden Man of the Year.

Ben was instrumental in publishing the book "Memories of Hunter's" in 1997. That same year "The Great Get Together" survived by his sister Nan Castle of Sarasota, Florida, and her husband Frank and their children Jay, Lu Anne and Laura, nephews Bob Hunter and Don Hunter and their mother Polly Hunter and niece Julie Hunter and nephew Larry Hunter.

Ben, Linda and Jeff thank all of the many fine employees of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Minden over the past 114 years for their loyalty and dedication. Our family's business would not have succeeded for so long without all of their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. And to all of our loyal customers, thank you! Our business would not exist without you all.

Ben, Linda and Jeff also thank Dr Richard Zweig, Ben's Parkinson's neurologist, for his many years of excellent stateof-the-art care, and his care givers during his final weeks; Jennifer, Sandy, Barbara, and Arnethia. You all were a great comfort to us. Thank you.



lettered in tennis and swimming.

In June of 1951 he married Linda Harkness. They were married for 64 years.

Ben served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1951 until 1959.

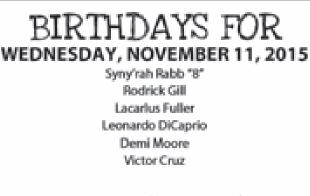
Ben's professional career was spent at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Minden, the company founded by his grandfather, the late William S. Hunter, in 1901. He was CEO for 28 years, retiring in 2001, after 50 years of service.

Ben was a member of the Board of Directors of the

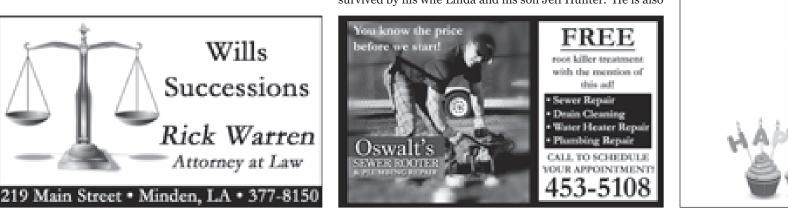
was held at the Minden Civic Center and was attended by many who reminisced about the good times during their early years at Hunter's Playground and Hunter's Playhouse.

The Coca-Cola exhibit at the Dorcheat Historical Association Museum at 116 Pearl Street in Minden was assembled by Ben from the Hunter family's collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia dating back to 1901.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents Larry and Gladys Hunter, his brothers Bill and Joe Hunter, his sister Bess Hunter and their brother Sam, who died in childhood. He is survived by his wife Linda and his son Jeff Hunter. He is also Ben greatly enjoyed his life and was a match for all of its challenges, and would wish for everyone to have a Coke and a smile!









## OPINION

### EDITORIAL ROUND UP The Courier of Houma on hurricane season

We are in the home stretch. Another hurricane season is nearly complete, and once again, we have been spared the worst Mother Nature can bring.

We have been blessed in recent years with incredible fortune. Not only have there been fewer hurricanes recently, but those that did form avoided our area of the Gulf Coast.

Just like financial firms disclaim, though, past performance is no guarantee of future results.

In fact, while our luck has certainly been good, there is good reason to worry that our string of fortune could itself pose a danger.

Everyone here is happy that we haven't had to shutter our windows, stockpile water and batteries or evacuate. But we also much worry that with such a lull in storm activity, many of our friends and neighbors could get a false sense of security.

Even now, with the end of storm season in sight, we cannot let down our guard.

While late-season storms are rare, particularly in the Gulf of Mexico, they are possible.

"This is the time of year you don't want to let your guard down," AccuWeather meteorologist Dan Kottlowski said this week in a Bloomberg News story.

We have to think in terms of the next storm, not in terms of how long it has been since the last one. We are unable to do anything about the past, but we can always better prepare for the future. That, after all, is our best defense.

We can't rely on every storm petering out before it gets here or staying out of the Gulf altogether. We have to remain vigilant and assume that the next storm could be on the horizon.

That seem pessimistic, but it is actually realistic and our most prudent approach.

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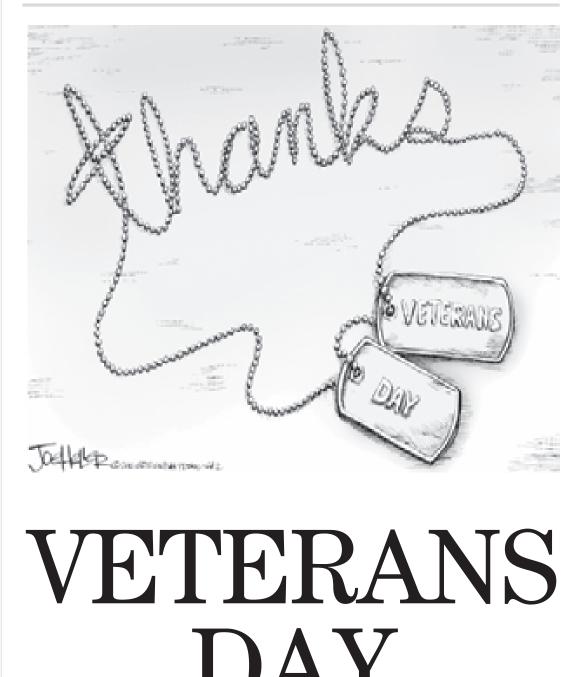
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## Attacking Our founders

Many of my columns speak highly of the wisdom of our nation's founders. Every once in a while, I receive an ugly letter sarcastically asking what do I think of their wisdom declaring blacks "three-fifths of a human." It's difficult to tell whether such a question is prompted by ignorance or is the fruit of an ongoing agenda to undermine American greatness. Let's examine some facts about our founders and slavery.

At the time of the 1787 Constitutional Convention, slaves were 40 percent of the population of southern colonies. Apportionment in the House of Representatives and the number of electoral votes each state would have in presidential elections would be based upon population. Southern colonies wanted slaves to be counted as one person. Northern delegates to the convention, and those opposed to slavery, wanted to count only free per sons of each state for the purposes of apportionment in the House of Repre sentatives and the Electoral College. The compromise reached was that each slave would be counted as only three-fifths of a person.

If the convention delegates had not reached this compromise, the Constitution would have not been ratified and there would not have been a Union. My questions to those who criticize the three-fifths clause are twofold. Would it have been preferable for the southern states to be able to count clause a

count slaves as whole persons, thereby giving southern states more political power? Would blacks have been better off without constitutional ratification and a Union made possible by the threefifths compromise? In other

words, would



WALTER WILLIAMS

blacks have been better off with northern states having gone their way and southern states having gone theirs and, as a consequence, no U.S. Constitution and no **Ûnion?** Abolitionist Frederick Douglass understood the compromise, saying that the three-fifths clause was "a downright disability laid upon the slaveholding states" that deprived them of "two-fifths of their natural basis of representation." Patrick Henry expressed the reality of the three-fifths compromise, saying, "As much as I deplore slavery, I see that prudence forbids its abolition." With union, Congress at least had the power to abolish slave trade in 1808. According to delegate James Wil-son, many believed the anti-slavetrade clause laid "the foundation for banishing slavery out of this country. Many founders openly condemned slavery. George Washington said, "There is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it." John Adams: "Every measure of prudence ... ought to be assumed for the eventu al total extirpation of slavery from the United States. ... I have, throughout my whole life, held the practice of slavery in ... abhorrence." James Madison: "We have seen the mere distinction of color made in the most enlightened period of time, a ground of the most oppressive dominion ever exercised by man over man." Benjamin Franklin: "Slavery is ... an atrocious debasement of human nature. Franklin, after visiting a black school, said, "I ... have conceived a higher opinion of the natural capacities of the black race than I had ever before entertained." Alexander Hamilton's judgment was the same: "Their natu ral faculties are probably as good as ours." John Jay wrote: "It is much to be wished that slavery may be abolished. The honour of the States, as well as justice and humanity, in my opinion, loudly call upon them to emancipate these unhappy people. To contend for our own liberty, and to deny that blessing to others, involves an inconsistency not to be excused." Completely ignored in most discussions of slavery is the fact that slavery was mankind's standard fare throughout history. Centuries before blacks were enslaved Europeans were enslaved. The word slavery comes from Slavs, referring to the Slavic people, who were early slaves. What distinguishes the West, namely Britain and the U.S., from other nations are the extraordinary measures they took to abolish slavery. Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason Universi-

Even as we make our storm preparations each year, we hope they go unneeded. At the same time, though, seasoned residents of the Gulf Coast know it is better to have unneeded plans than to lack plans when they are needed.

The past has shown us too many times that even relatively minor storm or just sustained winds can cause flooding and all the disruption that comes along with it.

Storm season is no time to forget those painful lessons.

We can hope for continued good luck, but we can't afford to depend on it. We have to depend on our experience — gained over years and decades — and our preparations.

We can rejoice that our good luck appears to be holding. As we do, though, we should keep an eye trained on the weather maps to make sure this is another good year.

### Give us your two cents!

Send your Letter to the Editor to bruce@press-herald.com or mail them to Editor, 203 Gleason St., Minden, La. 71055.



## LET US NEVER FORGET

"These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

#### THOMAS PAINE

ENGLISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTIVIST

We believe it is important for Americans of all ages to understand why we observe Veterans Day.

Perhaps it is a visible sign of respect to a relative or friend who served in the military.

Or is it to remember their valor as we reflect on why they fought. And why others are fighting today.

Veterans fought to preserve the values of America. They fought to preserve our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They fought because our country asked them to take up arms.

Thomas Paine – one of the great heroes of American independence – used these words to explain why we Americans have answered the call to arms down through our history and why we honor our vets:

"These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

They went where they were sent. They did what they had to do. And they prayed they would survive to return home to family and friends.

Some did not. We remember them with solemn ceremonies such as the playing of Taps at funerals and by flying our flags at half-staff to honor the fallen and by remembering their sacrifices. Yes, we honor those who have died but we also should be aware that Veterans Day is for those veterans who are still here, the men and women who are making and have made a difference in communities around our nation.

Veterans share a strong bond, a love of country and a devotion to their comrades. That's something we acknowledge, understand and respect on Veterans Day.

We shall always remember them. We are forever thankful to those who served and those serving today.

May God bless our veterans and our great country.

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### **Around Town**

#### Nov. 14

A book signing for local authors Lawanda Jefferson and DeTaka Jefferson Owens' book "Granny Bop's House" will be from 9 a.m. until noon at the Webster Parish Library.

#### Nov. 15

Rocky Mount Baptist Church's 111 year anniversary will be at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Devince Taylor of Galilee Baptist Church as special guest.

Blue Run Baptist Church's 145 year anniversary celebration will be at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Ray Jiles as special guest.

#### Nov. 17 - 19

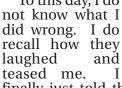
Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will hold its Fall Revival 7 p.m. nightly.

#### Nov. 26

St. Rest Baptist Church will host its a Thanksgiving dinner at 1 p.m. at the BF Martin Community Life Center, located at 611 E. Union Street. All are welcome to attend and bring covered dishes.

about the unsuccessful "Praline Cream Pie" I made for one of our family's traditional Thanks-

giving dinners? When I removed the pie from the oven it looked perfect. However when I cut it open the inside was runny liquid. To this day, I do



finally just told them to "Hush and drink their piece of pecan pie.'

Now when we have a Thanks-giving family dinner, they always remind me to be sure to prepare my "Traditional Praline Pecan Soup Pie."

This week I have for you a new and different traditional KEEPER Thanksgiving Pie. The only thing I was not too happy about was I had to buy a whole two pound box of cake flour for the two tablespoons called for in the recipe.

I searched the grocery's bak-ing isle for a smaller size but the one and only box was the brand "Swans Down" weighing two pounds. I will probably never

Remember the time I told you use it again before the expiration date. If there is anyone out there that needs a two pound box (minus two tablespoons) of cake flour just let me know and it will be yours.

California almond pie

#### **CALIFORNIA ALMOND PIE**

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

#### FILLING:

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup light brown sugar 2 Tbsp. cake flour 1 ¼ cups light corn syrup 3 Tbsp. butter <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp. salt 3 eggs 1 tsp. vanilla extract ½ tsp. almond extract 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix brown sugar and flour in a saucepan. Add corn syrup, butter, and salt, and warm over low heat just until butter melts. Beat eggs with vanilla and almond extracts. Add to sugar mixture and stir. Turn into unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes.

Following the September 13, 2008 Hurricane "Ike" our Texas home was flooded and beside all the household damage, I lost a huge amount of my collection of cookbooks. When my daughter, Carol Farley, a member of the Haughton's "Red Hat Society" told her organization about my loss word got out far and near.

I started receiving cookbooks in the mail from many Red Hat Society members throughout the USA and even one as far away as England. I also received a cookbook from Moss Bluff, Louisiana "Moss Bluff Chapter #16273" compiled by Queen Joann Kaufman & Vice Queen Karen Merrill just for me titled "Fluff in the Bluff."

I still feel humbled and honored that all these dear people opened their hearts to me during a difficult period of my life.

This week's recipe was taken from a cookbook titled ""Blue Ribbon Pies" sent to me by a "Red Hat" member, O.M. Terisa Wise of Elmer, Louisiana. Her group calls their selves "Red Hatters for Christ." The cookbook is a collection

of blue ribbon winners' pie recipes. Contributor Diane Kirk won a blue ribbon for this recipe at the Madera District Fair, Madera, California. The cookbook was published in 1987 by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010. The ISBN number is 0-312-00732-9.

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## SPORTS briefs

#### NFL

#### 'Concussion' takes big hit at NFL LOS ANGELES -

"Concussion" delivers a hard hit to the NFL as it deals with data linking repeated blows to the heads of its players to dementia and a host of other problems.

The league's rocky deal-ings with Dr. Bennet Omalu, who identified a degenerative disease in football players known as CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy, are the focus of the movie's second hour.

Starring Will Smith and Alec Baldwin, "Concussion" had its premiere Tuesday night. Among the audience at the TCL Chinese Theatre was the wife of Justin Strzelczyk, the Steelers offensive lineman killed in a car crash, and the wife and daughter of Hall of Fame linebacker Junior Seau, who shot himself to death. Strzelczyk was later found to have brain damage, while Seau had CTE.

Smith plays Omalu, a Nigerian-born forensic pathologist in Pittsburgh who knows nothing about football when he performs the autopsy on former Steelers center Mike Webster. Omalu discovers CTE in Webster's brain, setting him on a journey that exposes the concussion crisis.

Omalu quickly finds the NFL demanding he retract his CTE findings while accusing him of fraud. The doctor is the target of threatening phone calls and his wife is followed while driving alone.

The movie names real people and uses footage from real NFL games showing the kind of blows to the head that can injure and permanently damage players.

BATON ROUGE - If knows how anyone quickly the landscape can change in a college football season, it is LSU coach Les Miles.

So the 11th-year Tigers coach is trying to impress upon his players quickly this week that there is life after losing to Alabama, as hard as it may be to stomach a fifth straight loss to the rival Crimson Tide.

"If you stay once-beaten, you just can never tell what will happen," Miles asserted. "This is a really good team with a lot to play Putting that for. (Alabama) game behind us is a necessity. This football team will put itself in a position to play another game of

significance." In Miles' third season as Tigers coach in 2007, his team lost in overtime to Arkansas on the final weekend of the regular season for its second defeat that year.

Yet nine days later, after a Southeastern Conference title game victory against Tennessee, there was LSU being named one of the two teams playing for the BCS champi-onship. One month later, the Tigers were national champions after defeat-



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU NOT GIVING UP HOPE

TIGERS NEED A STRONG SHOWING AGAINST RAZORBACKS

ing Ohio State. That's the

reason Miles stressed Monday that this season is far from over for No. 9 LSU after losing 30-16 at Alabama on Saturday night. The defeat dropped the Tigers into a tie for the SEC West lead with the Crimson Tide, although third-ranked Alabama owns the tiebreaker.

However, if LSU (7-1, 4-1) wins its last three games against Arkansas, Ole Miss and Texas A&M — and if Alabama (8-1, 5-1) loses to either Mississippi State or Auburn, the

Tigers would be the Western Division representative in the SEC title game and back in the College Football Playoff picture.

"We didn't play our best against Alabama and the players and coaches know it," Miles said. "But, win or lose, there's a 48-hour window. ... Letting that game define us is something I am not going to let happen.

The Tigers have lost four straight regular-season games on the first Saturday in November to the Crimson Tide. In the previous three years, LSU has won six of its

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seven remaining regularseason games after los-ing to Alabama. The one defeat came a year ago against Arkansas, its opponent this Saturday.

Miles said he under-stands LSU fans' frustration and disappointment after another loss to the Tide, but added, "Nobody is more hurt than the guys who wear the purple and gold. The fans are not by themselves. The need to improve at every level is the task at hand. Our (locker) room under-stands that it's all about the next week."

Miles received some

help in getting that message across to his team from senior defensive back Jalen Mills. In the locker room following the Alabama game, Mills made a passionate speech to his teammates.

"I was very emotional after the game and I am not really like that," Mills said. "I told the team that we had to keep fighting. We needed to show the world that this team has a lot of football left in it. We are not out of it. We just have to do our job this week against Arkansas and come out with a win."

Mills was a freshman in 2012 when a veteran teammate made a similar type of fiery talk in a locker room following a tough loss.

'I remember (current San Francisco 49ers safety) Eric Reid making a talk like this after we lost the Florida game my freshman year," Mills said. "He told us that we were not out of it and to keep fighting until the season was over."

That LSU team won two straight games before suffering 21-17 loss to Alabama. The Tide drove the length of the field for a last-minute touchdown to end the Tigers' SEC title

hopes. "We have to come together and stay as hungry as we were when we were 7-0," Mills said. "We are not out of the race. The focus is to win out. We want to win in a way that people realize that LSU still has a reason to keep playing."

## HS BASKETBALL

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL Apaches split on Arkansas offense catching up

#### Thunder win, Durant gets injured WASHINGTON

NBA

Kevin Durant drove toward the basket late in the first half Tuesday night, elevated and got fouled. When the play was over, the 2013-14 NBA MVP limped a bit around the court and clutched at his strained left hamstring.

"I came down a little awkward," Durant said, speaking softly in a hallway outside the locker room, "and landed on it a little harder than I wanted to and I pulled it."

After Durant left at halftime Tuesday night because of his injury, Thunder teammate Russell Westbrook took over, compiling a triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds to lead Oklahoma City to a 125-101 victory over the struggling Washington Wizards.

Durant missed most of last season with a broken right foot that needed three operations, and Westbrook emerged as the league's scoring champion.

"With Kevin not coming out of the locker room in the second half," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said, "I thought our guys came out with great focus.'

Durant, second in the NBA in scoring entering the night, had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the first half. Dion Waiters scored 25 points for the Thunder, who had lost three of their past four games and now are 5-3.

### opening night



#### **BLAKE BRANCH**

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The Glenbrook and Lady Apaches Apaches made the long drive to Central School for a pair of early season games and came out victorious in both matchups. Here's a look at each contest.

#### Apaches 72 **Central 49**

The Glenbrook Apaches made quick

work of the Central boys, jumping out to a big lead and never surrendering that lead on their way to a blowout win.

Head coach Jeff Dalton said the effort was a significant improvement from the team's first game a week ago.

"Compared to last week, it was much improved," Dalton said. "We took good care of the basketball and were able to out rebound them 43 to 22."

The Apaches used some sharp shooting to take their big lead in the

first quarter, keyed by junior Cade Conterez.

"He got us going early," Dalton said. "He had five three's in the first quarter. Joseph Windham was really aggressive for us all night, I thought De'Maza Robinson did a really good job getting the ball to the right people and finishing at the rim."

Windham led the Apaches with 23 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Conterez with 22 points and Robinson had a double-double with 10 points and 14 assists.

#### Lady Apaches 61 Central 31

The Lady Apaches took care of business early, going ahead early and never looking back.

"We looked much better tonight," head coach Rendi Dillard said. "We were patient and took the right shots and tonight it made a difference.'

Carsin Spurlock led the way with 17 points and 10 rebounds, Olivia Dalton had 11 points and 10 rebounds, Kate Marvin had 10 points and 10 assists and Megan Sims added eight points.

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. Down by a touchdown overtime against in Mississippi, Bret Bielema huddled with Arkansas' offensive players.

The coach was already looking ahead of a potential tying score.

When we score this touchdown, stay on the field because we're going for 2," Bielema said.

Sure enough, Brandon Allen threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Drew Morgan, and then ran it in for the 2-point converlifting the sion, Razorbacks to a dramatic 53-52 victory over the Rebels last weekend.

It has been that kind of run for Arkansas' offense.

The Razorbacks (5-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) have won three in a row to climb out of a disappointing start to the season. The biggest key has been their surprising emergence as one of the top offenses in the SEC this season.

Heading into Saturday's game at No. 9 LSU (7-1, 4-1), Arkansas is second in the league behind Ole Miss with an average of 472.6 yards of offense per game.

It's a startling statistic given Bielema's push last year to slow down hurryup offenses. And it's even more shocking considering the Razorbacks are lighting up SEC score-boards in Bielema's third season without the use of the hurry-up. Rather, it's the pro-

style offense preached by Bielema

and promoted by first-year coordina-Dan Enos that h a s fueled an offense is

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averag-ing 551 **BIELEMA** yards over the last three games.

The Razorbacks are gaining nearly 70 yards more per game compared to a year ago and averag-ing 34.8 points — up from 31.9 last season.

"Our whole thing has been, 'Let's become a very good passing team,'" Enos said. "Creating balance is good for our group and gives our guys confidence. ... The better balance that you have, the better offense you are." A number of factors

have contributed to Arkansas' strongest offensive showing since the school went 21-5 over the 2010-11 seasons. Those teams were led by offensive-centric the

Bobby Petrino and a wealth of talent that included current NFL players Knile Davis and Jarius Wright, among many others.

This year's version of Razorbacks was the expected to be better on offense than a year ago, though any expectations were tempered following injuries to All-SEC run-ning back Jonathan ning back Williams in the preseason and a host of others for the receiving corps.

Arkansas struggled at times on offense – par-ticularly close to the goal while Enos line became more familiar with the team's personnel.

Now, with former reserves like Drew Morgan and Dominique Reed combining for 16 catches for 222 yards and five touchdowns against Ole Miss, Allen has plenty of new options at his disposal.

The senior had six touchdown passes against the Rebels in the best performance of his career, one Arkansas' breakout offense might not have put together were it not for its early struggles. "Without a doubt, we

learned that we could throw the ball," Bielema said. "We just had to go through so much adversity with the injuries. ... And it took a while to get a hold of it."

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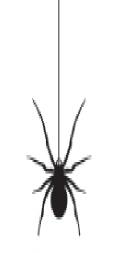


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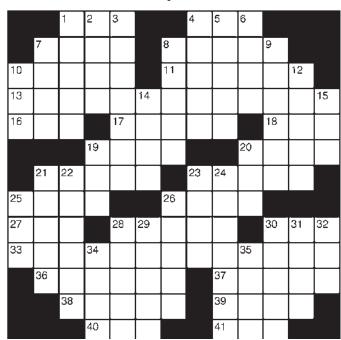
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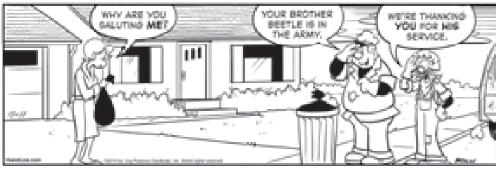
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