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CITY OF MINDEN

# Council hears of accounting error

Officer owes city more than \$9k after being overpaid



Sqt. Ryan Barnette addresses the Minden City Council during Monday's meeting. An accounting error lead to Barnette being over paid for three years and now the city says he owes them nearly \$9,500. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

School board renews superintendent contract

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An accounting oversight within the City of Minden has left one police sergeant with a reduction in pay and owing the city nearly \$9,500.

Sgt. Ryan Barnette - a 7-

**EDUCATION** 

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The contract for Webster

In Monday's school board

"I want to pledge to this

meeting, the board approved

the renewal of his contract

board with all sincerity to

reiterate what my ultimate

goal is," he said following the

vote, "and that is to take this

Parish Superintendent of

Schools Dr. Dan Rawls has

been renewed for

by a unanimous vote.

year veteran of the department - addressed the city council at Monday's meeting in an effort to make them aware of the matter.

"In January of 2012 received a promotion from the position of Officer First Class to Sergeant. At that time, I received a pay increase – which I believed

district to the next level. It's

not always easy doing that. I

wouldn't work for anybody

else. I know sometimes

that's hard for you to believe,

because I've had the oppor-

tunity to work for other sys-

tems. I have something to

compare it to. You guys are

head and shoulders above

the others, and I appreciate

the opportunity to serve you

and the children of Webster

meeting prior to the regular

In a personnel committee

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to be the appropriate pay increase for the promotion, he said. "Three years later, I was informed there was an error in the payroll department and I owed the city

almost \$9,500. Barnette said Mayor Tommy Davis informed him earlier this year that he had been receiving \$100 too

much in each paycheck since the promotion.

In an effort to correct the oversight; he said his monthly pay was cut by \$200 and the city asked him to pay back \$75 a month for the next five years.

Barnette says he felt

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MINDEN CRIME

# battery charge lands 1 in jail

Man uses axe handle to bust car window, police say

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A Minden man found himself in trouble with the law again following an argument where police say he claimed self-defense.

John Riley Hollingsworth, 29, of the 700 block of Pine Forest Drive, was arrested Friday, Oct. 30, on warrants aggravated

battery and aggravated HOLLINGSWORTH

criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says about 8 p.m.,

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WEBSTER CRIME

## Doyline man arrested for rape

A 54-year-old Doyline man has been arrested by

Bossier authorities for reportedly raping a teenage girl and molesting a young elementaryaged boy in separate

incidents, which occurred roughly two years ago.

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**EDUCATION** 

## Bond refinancing to save Webster taxpayers \$376k

months. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

The contract for Webster Parish superintendent of

Schools Dr. Dan Rawls has been renewed for 30

**MICHELLE BATES** 

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attorney for the Webster Parish School Board show refinancing bonds will save taxpayers \$376,835. Bonding attorney Grant

Schleuter, of Foley & Judell,

LLP, says it came out better than anyone expected.

The refinancing will save considerable sum of money," he said. "This is for the sales tax bonds for sales tax district 6. We sent out a request for proposals to banks providing that there would be no extension of the debt, and we would simply be

seeking to reduce the interest rate."

The low bid came in from Whitney Bank, with bids coming in from Capital One and Regions Bank. Whitney Bank's bid came in with an interest rate of 2.24 percent. The average savings per

year is about \$35,000, Schleuter said.

"The state bond commission guidelines provide that vou should have at least 1.5 percent savings for refinancing of this type, and you have 5.35 percent," he said, "so you have over three times the recommended amount. It's a very good refinancing." The grand total of what

the school board has saved

the taxpayers over the years. he added, is in the neighborhood of \$4.7 million. These include refinancing for bonds for consolidated school district 3, Minden school district 6, sales tax school district 6, Doyline school district 7, Springhill

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**EDUCATION** 

## Webster school board approves brochure for Phillips, Webster

Town hall meetings set for Nov. 9, 10

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

The Webster Parish School Board approved a brochure that will explain what will take place if voters approve a proposition to extend the current bonds for district 6.

The brochure will go out to affected students no later than Friday, says architect Perry Watson, with Perry Watson, of Yeager, Watson and Associates LLC.

The brochure explains the issues kindergarten and first grade students face daily at J.E. Harper Elementary School – namely infrastructure and logistics issues.

Inside the brochure, a scaled down site plan shows the additions and renovations that will take place at both J.A. Phillips Middle School and Webster Junior High School. The project is expected to cost approximately \$7 mil-

"It also has a chart for homeowners that relate to them as far as how much they would have to pay," buildings and maintenance committee chair Linda Kinsey said. "This brochure is to be sent out to each student who is involved in (bonding) dis-

The chart shows how much homeowners and businesses will have to pay per year on their property taxes, and homestead exemption does apply, Watson added.

Along those same lines, two town hall meetings

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school district 8, Cotton Valley school district 12

and Sarepta school district

imously voted to adopt a

resolution authorizing the

refinancing of bonds from

sales tax school district 6,

tion was adopted to accept

In other news, a resolu-

The school board unan-

BOND

series 2015.

will be conducted at both Phillips and WJHS at 6 p.m. each night. The first one will be at Phillips Monday, Nov. 9, and the second will be at WJHS Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Bonding district 6 includes students who attend schools in the school board districts of Jerri "JJ" O'Neal, Kinsey, Johynne Kennon, John Madden, Frankie Mitchell, Ronnie Broughton and Ronnie Rhymes.

We need the support of all board members," Kinsey said. "We know that this is a tax for district 6, but we need everybody's support."

The proposition on Nov. 21, will be asking voters in bonding district 6 to extend the current 29 mill property tax already being paid. The extension would be done without raising property taxes.

In other school board news, the board approved:

■ Mark Dunn Builders LLC to repair the ceiling to the boys eighth grade restrooms at Webster Junior High for \$4,225, using district 6 half-cent sales tax.

Mitchell Dirt and Asphalt Contractors Inc. to furnish, haul and lay dirt for metal building; compact hot mix at Central School for \$5,000, using district 3 maintenance fund.

■ Ground Work of Louisiana to refinish the gym floor at Minden High School for \$2,630, using district 6 half-cent sales

■ The sale of a surplus food service van by auc-

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7.

from the Oct. 24 election authorizing the renewal of the 2.82 mill property tax

for another 10 years. "This resolution is to canvass the returns that authorized 2.82 mills," Schleuter said. adopting the resolution, we'll make all the post adoption filings."

Making the motion was board member Ronnie Broughton, seconded by board vice president Johynne Kennon, and was passed unanimously.



## **Lions Club Celebrates 90th Anniversary**

The Minden Lions Club celebrated its 90th anniversary at its Oct. 29 meeting. The club was formed in October of 1925. In celebration, the Lions Club recognized Marcus Wren, Claude West and Thad Andress, three of its longest serving members. Also pictured are board members Richard Campbell, Charles Purdy and Sherb Sentell. Courtesy

### **BATTERY**

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Wednesday, Oct. 28, officers received information an altercation took place in the parking lot at Walmart.

"When officers got there, they contacted the victim," he said. "The victim's driver's side window was broken out; the glass was shattered caus-

ing minor cuts to the victim's face. He indicated there had been some issues between him and Mr. Hollingsworth."

Cropper says the victim told police Hollingsworth walked up to the victim's truck and grabbed a bat or a stick out of the back, walked up to the driver's side window and swung, shattering

Mr. Hollingsworth then left the scene," he said. "Officers made contact with Mr.

Hollingsworth at his residence, questioned him in reference to the incident, and Mr. Hollingsworth indicated he did take a nylon axe handle."

Hollingsworth told police he took the axe handle because he was afraid the victim was going to run over him, so he swung in self-defense.

"Upon examination of the video, it indicates that the vehicle was actually station-

Davis told the council the

ary when Mr. Hollingsworth broke the window," he said. "We then presented evidence before a judge and got a warrant signed.'

Hollingsworth, according to the police report, turned himself in to police on the above charges. Following questioning, he was booked and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Cen-

Hollingsworth has since bonded out.

### COUNCIL

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members of the city council were left in the dark about

"I am here tonight to talk about this, not because I have a vendetta, but because I feel there are some council members that were not made aware of this problem," he said. "I think it's extremely negligent and downright disrespectful that some did not know about this situation."

District B Councilwoman Fayrine Kennon-Gilbert, who is also chairmen of the personnel committee, says she was unaware of the problem.

"From a personnel standpoint, I did not know," she said when asked of her knowledge of it.

Barnette questioned how the error could happen during a time when city funds are tight.

"We have a financial crisis in our city. Last year, did we not spend more money than we took in?" he asked. "Who else is being overpaid? Apparently I was for three years and we went through three city audits and this was never caught.'

Davis said after Monday's meeting that he could not speak on personnel issues, but the problem had been addressed with the payroll

falls under the City Clerk/Treasurer Michael Fluhr. He declined comment on the issue following the meeting. Barnette is not the only

member of the police department to be left with a tab owing the city. He says at least five other officers have had to repay money they were overpaid.

A public records request of all current officers payroll information revealed that four officers' pay had been adjusted and had to pay back overpaid payroll.

"We don't make a lot of money doing what we do," Barnette told the council. "I am not asking for you to pay me or my partners more money, but by God, you better be careful with what you do give us, because we need that money more than ever."

He says he will not voluntarily allow the city to deduct money they say he owes from his paycheck.

'You'll have to sue me and you will have to use taxpayers dollars to do it," he said. "You're going to have to fight

Davis declined comment on the situation and asked members of the council not to make comment, citing possible litigation between the two parties.

### Ordinance No. 1062

The council unanimously voted to table Ordinance No.

city does not own many sidewalks and this will help them recoup the cost for repairs "When we get those repaired and they belong to

someone else we need a way to collect the money," he said. "This gives us a right to put a lien on their property." Davis said the city usually pays 50 percent of the cost of the repair if approved by the

city. Under the new ordi-

nance, the cost the city picks

up would be determined on a case-by-case basis. A motion to table the ordinance was made by Kennon-Gilbert so the council could have a workshop on the proposed changes. District A Councilman Wayne Edwards

seconded it. Kennon-Gilbert said as a council - being a legislative body - they should have more input and be hands on with the formulation of the ordinances.

"If we are going to amend an ordinance, I would like for the council to sit down and discuss it," she said following the meeting. "We need to know the details, why we are doing this and what are the repercussions or results of what would happen."

#### **Other Business** ■ Recognized National

Night Out party hosts.

■ Authorized the mayor to declare property located at 419 Woodard St. condemned

and order demolition of any structures within 45 days. Granted access to city

utilities to Anthony and Andreka Garner for property owned on Weston Street. Davis said the couple would have to pay outside city limit rates for water and sewer. He says the property is expected to be annexed into the city limits pending council approval at the December council meeting. Once annexed, the rate will change to the in-town rate.

■ Voted to abandon an alley that runs between Sibley Road and Railroad Avenue. Davis said the city has never used the ally and there are no city utilities on it. He said the land would go to Steve Wilson who owns the land on both sides of it.

Adopted Ordinance No. 1061 - Accepting the dedication of water main and ease-Glenbrook ment from School.

■ Adopted a resolution for municipal water pollution prevention.

 Adopted a resolution to allow the mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at the Minden Airport. Davis said the improvements will be water and sewer related and paid for by LADOTD.

Approved the monthly police report.







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**EDUCATION** 

# School resource officer contracts tabled again

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School resource officer contracts for Minden and Springhill have been tabled again pending further discussion of the financial

Board member Frankie Mitchell asked for a substitute motion in Monday's Webster Parish School Board meeting to delay approval of the contracts saying they need to call a special meeting to discuss it

original motion, made by board member Malachi Ridgel, seconded by member Broughton, was to approve the contracts using district maintenance funds.

own salary schedule for its employees," superintendent of schools Dr. Dan Rawls

Another issue is board member Jerry Lott called into question that they were given a sam-

ple contract. Springhill m o d e l e d their contract after Minden's.

If they w e approved as is, this means school

board would pay salaries and benefits for 10 months out of a year, and finance director Crevonne Odom took issue with that. The school year is only a certain amount of

ing shorter months, such as December and the end of the school year where SROs would only be needed for a couple of weeks out of the month, the board would be agreeing to pay them for the

Also, SRO pay would come out of each district's maintenance funds, but Springhill Sgt. Johnny Coleman covers North Webster Junior High in Sarepta and the elementary school in Cotton Valley. Those two schools no longer have district maintenance funds.

The discussion came about when board member Ronnie Broughton says he felt what is paid should be fair, the same for both Minden and Springhill.

"We're paying \$1.52 more

per student in Springhill than we are in Minden, and that's not fair," Broughton said. "We ought to be paying the same amount for the students that the SRO has got to look after. Minden has 796 kids. North Webster has 532. We pay \$8.91 per child for North Webster and \$7.39 for students at Minden and at the junior high."

He added the school board is paying \$139,886.10 for police officers to be in the schools.

"We've got teachers that's asking for raises, and we've got booster clubs and band clubs that's asking for some help," he said. "How much of that \$139,886.10 would go to satisfy the needs that we're supposed to furnish, and that's education needs? We've got \$140,000 in noninstructional costs, and it's not fair."

Odom says the costs were based upon the person.

In Minden, one officer has been there longer, so she makes more than the other," she said. "The details that make up this cost is actually their salary and benefits that are attached, and their health insurance."

The idea of the school board hiring its own officers, or even using off-duty officers, was brought up, but supervisor of transportation and security Buster Flowers told board members they could not do that because any officer that is on a school campus full-time must be school resource officer certified and POST, or Peace Officer Standard Training, certified. Flowers says there are

AROUND THE STATE

parish that hold the SRO cer-

Had the board approved the numbers given them, the board would have been paying each officer in Minden \$9,250 per month. This is one full-time officer for Minden High School and one for Webster Junior High School. For North Webster High School, they would have paid \$4,738.61. Currently, the school board pays both Minden and Springhill a flat rate of \$1,500 per month, for a total of \$3,000 monthly.

Contracts for Doyline and Lakeside have yet to be final-

A date for the special meeting has yet to be determined.

### CONTRACT

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meeting, the committee hashed out the final details of his contract. It was renewed for 30 months instead of 24 months, moving his contract in line with the timing of other administrative con-

In an Oct. 19 committee meeting, board member John Madden had asked the committee to consider making his contract this time 30 months instead of the traditional 24 for that very reason.

Rawls' salary will remain at \$120,000 per year, with benefits and retirement. He will also get 20 days paid vacation annually, along with 13 days sick leave.

Rawls was evaluated in August, with the results turned in to board president

### **Personnel Report for November 2015**

**RAWLS** 

■Daniel Lee, teacher, transferred from Webster Junior High School to Lakeside High School after Denny Finley became principal at Lakeside High School, effective Sept. 30.

■Tunisia Hampton, teacher (TEP), transferred from paraprofessional to teacher at Webster Junior High School after Daniel Lee transferred to Lakeside, effective Sept. 30.

■Mitzie Wilson, paraprofessional transferred from Minden High School to Webster Junior High School, replacing Tunisia Hampton, who transferred to a teaching position, effective

■Ashley Hooter, from E.S. Richardson Elementary School, transferred to Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School, replacing Michelle Finley, who transferred to dean of students/SBLC coordinator at J.L. Jones Elementary, J.A. Phillips Middle School and the Webster Parish School Board, effective Oct. 26.

■Brenda Jackson, paraprofessional at North Webster Junior High School. The position was created due to the elimination of the teaching position held by Ricky Huff, effective Oct. 27.

Charles Strong in September. Strong released the tabulated results at the Oct. 19 personnel committee meeting, with an overall score of 2.27 with 3 as the highest score.

In August, Rawls said he'd like to focus more on the block schedule for all schools in the parish as well as offer-

**SAVELL** 

ing more college credit courses. He also wants to begin incorporating career pathway courses such as a certified nursing assistant program or an ag pathway for students who won't go to

Rawls was evaluated on his educational leadership, district management, meeting performance objectives and board and community

His current contract will expire Dec. 31. The new contract will begin Jan. 1, 2016 and end June 30, 2018.

expenditures by \$350,000, or 5 percent. That's according to Caddo Commission

documents.

The Times reports the commission appropriated \$3.5 million to cover health care for prisoners this year but payments made through Sept. 30 indicate costs are

SHREVEPORT— Medical

costs for Caddo Correctional

Center prisoners are expect-

ed to exceed 2015 budgeted

Medical costs for

Caddo prisoners

expected to increase

The Caddo Commission is seeking to amend the 2015 budget to reflect the anticipated expenses through the end of the year. The commission unanimously agreed Monday to move the agenda item to Thursday when it will meet again.

Even though CCC is under the Caddo Parish Sheriff's office, the Caddo Commission pays to keep prisoners healthy.

### OBITUARIES

### Jerry Savell

Jerry Savell entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, Oct, 21, 2015 at 1:30 a.m.

Age 68 years, a native of Springhill and a resident of Houma for 5 years and the New Orleans area for the past 39 years. Beloved husband of Brenda Duplantis

Loving father of Tina Fouquet Broekman

(Nicholas).

Grandfather of Kristyn Lynn Fouquet

Wayne), and Sarah Elizabeth Fouquet. Son of the late Jiles (Pete) Franklin Savell and Martile Far-

Stepson of the Martha Savell and the late Charles Rayford

Farrington. Brother of Claude (Pete) F. Savell (Jeri), Sammy A. Savell

(Rheba), Steve L. Savell (Darlene), Diana Barkley (Walter), Charles Farrington, and the late William Clint Savell. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and

Relatives and friends of the family attended the visitation

at Westside/Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home located at 5101 Westbank Expressway in Marrero, on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 from 6 until 8 p.m., and again on Tuesday morning Oct. 27, 2015 from 8:30 until 10:50 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church located at 3897 Bayou Black Dr. in Houma with a funeral mass at 11 a.m.

Interment was in St. Francis de Sales Cemetery #2 in

offered Condolences may www.westsideleitzeagan.com.

### Tommy Joe Young

THIBODAUX - Funeral services for Tommy Joe Young,



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### BIRTHDAYS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Aubrey Miles III - Dennis Tobin - John Rogers



70, of Thibodaux (formerly of Minden) will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015 in Rockett Funeral Home Chapel in

Ringgold. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Wheeling. Officiating will be Bro. Paul Ford. Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2105 at Rockett Funeral Home in Ringgold.

Tommy was born July 30, 1945 in Purvis, Mississippi. He spent most of his life working in highway construction and was a Lafourche Parish deputy from 2007 to 2013. Tommy fought a hard battle with cancer for over a year. He wanted to spend his last days at home with his family. He passed away peacefully Nov. 1, 2015

with his wife by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Lolitta Young; sisters, Eloise Young and Opal Young; and an infant great grandson, Donald Lee Bouwell III.

Tommy is survived by his wife of 39 years, Dot Young; brother, Johnny Ray Young; sisters, Carolyn Downs, Eretta Talley and Willie Pilgram; children, Steve Young and wife, Annette, Sissy Bare and husband, Anthony, Eddie Young, Lori Young, and Joseph Young and wife, April; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends. He will be missed by many but none will miss him more than his wife and the apple of his eye, his granddaughter, Maddie Marie Young.

Pallbearers will be Brandon Ray, Anthony Bare, Mitchell Ray, Mark Robinson, Mark Matranga and Tommy Wren.





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### **RAPE**

YOUNG

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Thomas Rasco, of the 400 block of Carter Road in Doyline, was arrested Monday, Oct. 26, by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and charged with second-degree rape of the teenage girl. The charge was formerly known as forcible rape. Bond was set at \$150,000. He was also charged with

molestation of a juvenile for improper touching of the young boy in a sexual man-He was booked into the

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## OPINION

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**PERSPECTIVE** 

# ľm in the kitchen

I love this time of year.

Halloween, which doesn't do much for me, is gone and now it's time to get serious about the upcom-

The days are getting cooler, the rains have encouraged us to think fall and winter, and the stores are sporting Christmas items already. I'm not quite ready to see all that, but I realize they're there for the profits, so an early start gives them a longer shopping season.

But, I'm all excited about Thanksgiving. I enjoy cooking for my family and they always seem to enjoy lunches and dinners at Mimi's

I asked some of the grands what they would like to request for lunch on Thanksgiving. One said, "Nothing in particular; everything you make is wonderful." I realize this is just an easy out for her, but it doesn't help out

in planning a menu. Another requested two dishes that are always on the table at our gettogethers, sweet potato casserole and "cheesy" noo-



reading a magazine article about how to make the holidays memorable. One suggestion was to have the usual dishes they were familiar with. I don't remember the other suggestions but I thought, yea, I've got that one down.

**FANNIE** 

**MOORE** 

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are always the same. It was pointed out to me that "Chicken and dressing is always good." Therefore, it's our main dish when the holidays

The only variations are minor, such as different fruit salads, or different desserts. Some of the grands won't eat nuts or fruits in desserts and there is one who doesn't like chocolate. I can't imagine anyone not liking chocolate, but this child has never wanted it. Pecan pie is one's favorite, coconut pie for another, but most of them will eat banana

To solve the problem, we have several to choose from. and when they all go home, I usually try to send some with them.

Christmas dinner usually consists of the same dishes. One added highlight they all look forward to is the variety of candies that we've made. Some with nuts, some without. Some chocolate and some that are not. The candy making and baking are the highlights of my holiday preparation.

One thing we always make, and none of family will eat, is the old fashioned dark fruit cake, using my mama's recipe. I still have her copy of that recipe which she found on a box of Crustene shortening. The yellow three-pound boxes had flaps that folded in and it was one of these that gave her the all time favorite

When we were children, Mama would often go to Granny's (her mother) and they would spend all day making fruit cakes. Adding to the task was the fact they were baking them on the wood-burning stove. Everyone ate the delicious nutty, fruity cakes when Christmas came around because we knew it was a treat that we wouldn't have for another whole year.

Getting in the mood, I went to the store and did some of my shopping for ingredients to make Thanksgiving dinner. The hen for dressing and the ham for baking are in the freezer, just waiting. Other baking supplies and cranberry sauce were

In addition to our holiday meal, I will be making chicken and dressing for our Senior Adults Thanksgiving.dinner.

If, in the next few weeks you happen to want to be in touch, just stop by.

You'll probably find me in the Fannie Moore is a journalist

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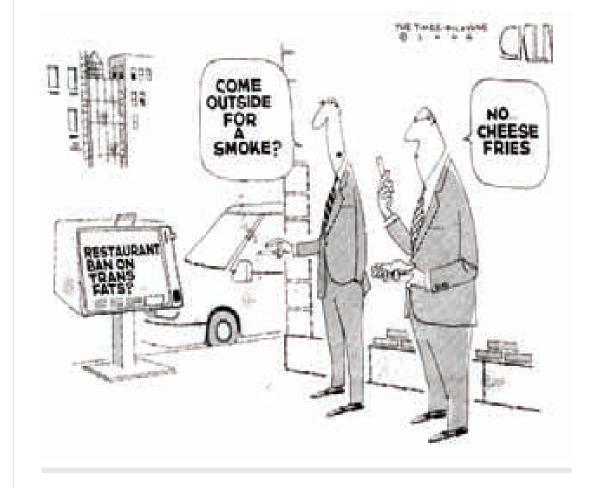
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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

## The Advocate on the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act and funding for La. 1 elevation work

Backing down from a disastrous proposal, the state's coastal board indulged in too much politics and not enough commitment to the coast in a "compromise" that seems more of a hold-up than a principled

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, under pressure from Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration, was scheduled to vote Wednesday, Oct. 21 on a proposal to divert excess Deepwater Horizon settlement funds to La. 1 elevation

This was widely and rightly decried as pork-barrel spending with coastal funds that should

That's off the table, but we worry that the administration is still getting its way in a fashion that could hamper our state's future efforts to get federal support for the massive project of preserving Louisiana's eroding

Here is the deal: Instead of using whatever future extra money there is from certain Deepwater Horizon civil penalties for the La. 1 work, the board agreed to look at funding priorities for money it receives from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act.

Yes, that is money that Louisiana politicians from Jindal on down have said would be committed to coastal preservation and restoration, but there's a loophole established in 2006 in the federal law: up to 10 percent of that money can be spent on coastal infrastructure directly impacted by coastal land loss.

The elevation of La. 1 is a valuable project, but it's expensive, and Jindal has made a hash of state revenues. Toward the end of his two terms, a raid on coastal revenues was contemplated. That threat forced

this "compromise." We see this debate as having two problems. One is that it's Jindal's responsibility to see that the state's road and bridge work is properly funded, and he and the Legislature now want to cut into coastal funds, one way or another, because they've failed to finance La. 1 work.

Boosters of the La. 1 project want to get dibs on the GOME-SA money, regardless of whether there are more pressing needs elsewhere. That's part of the politics of this discussion.

A second problem is with

perception. A key part of Louisiana's restoration work is going to be started with existing revenue streams, but the vast scope of the need is probably going to eclipse the \$50 billion estimate in the master plan. The BP settlement is a major down payment, and GOMESA funds from offshore oil and gas production should provide a long-term revenue source.

But we're still going to have to go to Congress for more money — a lot more money. We hope that Congress does not see the GOMESA set-aside for infrastructure as a diversion from our commitment to the coast. Maybe that fine print and the CPRA's lawyering of the provision will not look bad, but it might.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Re: Millennials and voting

Dear Millennials,

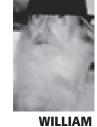
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From an old friend, William Oren Adams Many LA



**OREN ADAMS** 

PERSPECTIVE

# Hear

This Halloween, what do you

I fear fear itself because when we are afraid, we willingly give away

our freedoms. Global warning? More power to

the EPA! 9/11? Vote 100 to 0 to create a

Kids don't learn? Common Core!

Crime up? Spend on police! (Or for leftists: increase welfare!) Immigrants? Seal the border!

Ebola? More money and power for public health programs! Government thrives on our fears. When we're scared, politicians are

always there, promising to protect us if we just give them more money and power. We usually do. I got into an argument about that

with the hosts of the Fox show "Outnumbered," which pits one man against four women in debate. The "Outnumbered" hosts are not the usual silly socialist media alarmists. They often report on the harm big government does. But last summer, with government warning about Ebola being an "incredibly transmissible" disease and media shrieking, "Are hospitals ready?" all four

women were alarmed .

They wanted government to do something. Quarantine? Ban flights from Africa? Hire more doctors? Government must do

something! I pushed back, saying, "You women get too scared; you exaggerate the risk." I know that was sexist. But I also think it's true women fear more. Am I wrong? I'm open to



**STOSSEL** 

counter-argument. I told the TV hosts that I believed more Americans would be killed by deer than Ebola. They laughed at me, but I was serious, and in fact,

that year only one American died from Ebola, but almost 200 were killed by deer (most from their cars colliding with deer). But we don't fear deer. This Saturday, no one will wear scary deer costumes. No Halloween party will

feature scary replicas of cars. We're accustomed to cars and deer. New threats inguten us — and threats that seem new. Like school shootings. After the last horrible mass shooting, Hillary Clinton implied

that school has become more dan-

gerous. She demanded new gun controls, asking, "How many people have to die before we actually act?' Every shooting is terrible, and governments often respond by hiring increased security and running "lockdown drills" that terrify kids.`

Politicians say these steps are needed because mass shootings are up. But they are not. School violence is actually down. There were almost four times as many deaths back in

People fear today's resurgence of violent crime. The head of the FBI says he thinks the "War on Cops" led some officers to be less aggressive, and that's why crime has risen

a little in some cities. But he had no hard evidence to back up what he said.

Crime is up in a few cities, but the percentage increase is dramatic only because the crime rates in those cities had fallen very low. "Take New York City. Homicides up 8 percent this year," says Northeast-

ern University criminology professor James Alan Fox, "but it's 35 percent lower than five years ago. Overall, crime continues to fall.

Really. The FBI just released the most recent data, which says violent crime is down. Again. But what about that "War on

Cops"? It's true that in some neighborhoods, police making arrests often face an angry crowd screaming "racism," and 32 officers have been killed with guns this year. That's tragic, but it's not an increase. Actually, today is an especially safe time to be a police officer. Adjusted for the change in population, 2013 saw fewer police deaths than any year since 1887, and if this year's trend continues, 2015 will have the lowest number of police killings in decades.

Fear is a friend of the state. When people are frightened, they willingly give money and power to politicians and bureaucrats.

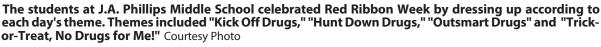
That's what I fear this Halloween. John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No, They Can't! Why Government Fails – But Individuals Succeed.

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### **Around Town**

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), Doyle (318-707-1102) or Jeanette Williams (318-820-3488).

### Nov. 8

A Veteran's Day Program at New Light Missionary Baptist Church will start at 3 p.m with guest speaker Pastor James Bonner.

Webster Memorial C.M.E. Church's annual "Family and Friends Day" celebration will be at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Victor Carter.

Agape New Beginning Ministry's tenth anniversary will begin at 8 a.m. with guest speaker Elder Jerry Davis.

Pleasant Valley Bapist Church's "Parade of States" and annual men's day will be at 2:30 p.m. with Valley Spring Missionanary Baptist Church's male chorus as special guest.





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SPORTS briefs

### **BASKETBALL** Glenbrook begins

new season tonight The Glenbrook Apaches and Lady Apaches begin

their quest for a MAIS state championship tonight in Taylor, Arkansas against Taylor High School.

Boys head coach and Glenbrook athletic director Jeff Dalton has a unique mix of young and old this year. If the team can find a consistent scoring threat, the pieces are in place for a big season.

"We lost three seniors and return two starters," Dalton said. "We have quite a few guys in the mix for playing time and how we do this year will come down to defense. We're going to have to dig in and guard this year. Tonight should give us a gage or barometer on where we're at."

Lady Apaches head coach Rendi Dillard's team is poised for a big year as well, with senior Carsin Spurlock back to lead the way. Glenbrook has guards Kate Marvin, Kara Bryce and Megan Sims back to put pressure on opposing offenses and Olivia Dalton a force on the glass.

"We're going to put pressure on people in the halfcourt with our defense," Dillard said. "We finally have a complete team and I expect us to compete for the district championship."

### **MLB** Panthers top Colts in overtime, 29-26

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Luke Kuechly is the first to admit the Carolina Panthers don't always win

Seems the team's gritty star middle linebacker wouldn't have it any other

"That's not what we do," Kuechly said after Carolina's 29-26 overtime win Monday night over the Indianapolis Colts. "We just find a way to win at the end of the game, and that's what makes it fun here is we keep it exciting."

Kuechly had a chance to put away the Colts at the end of regulation, but he dropped Andrew Luck's pass in the end zone.

The 2013 NFL Defensive Player of the Year allowed a wet football to slide through his hands with 2 seconds left in regulation. Adam Vinatieri kicked a field goal from there to send it overtime.

Kuechly would make the most of another opportunity, ultimately intercepting Luck on a tipped pass by teammate Roman Harper to set up Graham Gano's game-winning 52yard field goal with 5:22 left in overtime.

"Roman made a great play and it really just popped right to me and all I had to do was catch it, and that time I was like, 'All right, just catch it this time," Kuechly said. "It was a great play by those guys up front."

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# BACK ON THE COURT

### DOYLINE FALLS AGAINST ZWOLLE TO START SEASON

**BLAKE BRANCH** 

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The Doyline Panthers and Lady Panthers were at home to tip-off their 2015-2016 basketball season against perennial power, Zwolle.

Boys Zwolle Hawks 61 Doyline Panthers 44

The Panthers fought hard against an athletic Zwolle team, came up short in a fast-paced

Doyline came out on fire, forcing Zwolle into a handfull of miscues and bad fouls. At the half, the Panthers trailed 33-24.

Zwolle made some adjustments at the break that led to the Hawks jumping out to a 40-24 lead to start the third quarter. The lead grew as big as 21, but Doyline fought back and cut the deficit to 53-40 in the fourth quarter. The Panthers could get no closer though, and Zwolle escaped with the 17-point win.

"We had too many self-inflicted wounds," Doyline head coach Michael Normand said. "Not grabbing some rebounds hurt us. I'm proud of how we kept a positive attitude and worked hard til the end."

Xavioen Jackson led the Panthers with 14 points, followed by Tyreck Wilson with 12 points and Jatavion Jackson with seven.

Girls
Lady Hawks 55

Lady Panthers 13
Katie Ferguson led the Lady Panthers with eight points in a losing effort, followed by Aslynn Williams with three points. Zacrisha Currie and Dixie Johnson each scored one point.



Blake Branch/Press-Herald

### MINDEN REC. FOOTBALL Little League football wraps up season

Little league football season has come to an end after an exciting six weeks of games. Here's a look at the results from the final week of the season.

Punishers 0 Maurice Rabb led the Saints with 82 yards rushing and one touchdown. Jekoye Knowles added 61 yards and a touchdown, followed by Elijah Haggard with 39 yards touchdown.

Cameron Mitchell contributed 34 yards, Jakobe Jackson added 19 and Ladarion Robinson rounded out the offense with seven yards.

Hunter Perrin, Moore, Frederick Danzy and Zigarri Miller all had five yards to lead the Punishers.

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Lil Tiders 0 Keithri Kimble had 130 yards and a touchdown to

lead the Cooper Tire Cobras,

followed Huddleston with 30 yards and nve yards.

Brayden Britton led the Lil Tiders with 29 yards, followed by Jakobe Rankin with nine yards and Brody Bower with five yards rushing.

Tiders 27 Ducks 12 Javis Moore had 141

yards and two touchdowns to lead the Tiders. Daylon Robinson added 13 yards.

Darryl Thomas added 201 yards and two scores for the Ducks, followed by Khyrese Taylor with 76 yards.

Titans 20 Punishers 13 Eddie Markray had a

fantastic game for the Titans, finishing with 228 yards and three a touchdown, N'Kayleb Reddix with 12 yards, Omarion Corley with 11 yards and Tyrone Grider with Green with 38 yards and a touchdown, Political Conversion, Conversion Corley with 38 yards and a Kataurio Grigsby added Score Daylon Politican While State of Conversion Corporate Conversion Corporate Conversion Corporate yards rushing Zackeil Arrington had 16 yards and Jamaria Clark finished with 10 yards.

Brady Osborne finished with 191 yards and two touchdowns, followed by Darnell Morris with 24 yards and Dexter Shine Jr. with nine yards.

### LOUISIANA OUTDOORS Trip around North Louisiana for the rain

"Going fishing this weekend on north LA lakes with a group of fellow media members and what does the forecast call for? Rain! I'm not complaining one bit if me going fishing causes it to rain, all I can say is BRING IT ON!"

If you follow me on Face Book, you read my statement last week about heading out for a fishing trip with rain in the forecast. One of my fellow scribes on the trip, good friend John Flores, good-naturedly accused me of messing up our fam trip arranged by Johnny Wessler of Louisiana North out of Shreveport, an organization covering twentynine parishes in north Louisiana. On the positive side, we were drenched with rain that so badly needed here in north Louisiana. On the negative side, we got wet and a portion of our trip to Toledo Bend where the crappie were waiting had to be postponed until a later date.

Even under leaden skies with rain falling, the five of us including Jimmy Watson, Brad Wiegmann, Jim Binns, Flores and I still saw a good portion of what Wessler had lined out for us.

First, we stopped off to tour a fascinating plant, Epic Boats, in

observe the multiple steps involved in putting together those beautiful wake boats. Here's what I read on the company's web site – "The reason things are as good as they've ever been is because every Epic Wakeboat is now being built in a dedicated production facility. Our talented team in Vivian, Louisiana builds every Epic product with the same amount of thought and care that went into refining the initial

boat. It's the pride that these crafts-(and men women) put into Epic every Wakeboat tĥat makes it so fun to ride behind one.

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Next stop was a tour of Caddo Lake with guide Billy Carter. Even with a steady

drizzle putting a damper on things Caddo with all its century old cypress trees is a beautiful lake offering excellent fishing for bass and catfish in particular.

After drying off a bit, we headed

favorite lakes. Fortunately, the rain had subsided and we were actually able to fish for striped bass. I'll be quick to call our guide Donny Hood one of the best in the business because although the striper bite has been off recently, he put us in position to land several of these fighting and fun-to-catch scrappers. Trolling umbrella rigs - that's the lure with several jigs attached to mimic a school of shad – we were able to put a number of fish in the

After a mouth-watering feast of catfish filets at Port au Prince on the lake, we were off to Jackson Parish where we settled into a dry and comfortable cabin at Jimmy Davis State Park on Caney Lake.

Next morning, we had breakfast at Brown's Landing on the lake, took an abbreviated tour of lake under soggy skies before heading back to Brown's for lunch.

A tour of the Jimmy Davis Tabernacle, Peckerwood Hill store and museum in Jonesboro was most interesting, following the life of the "Sunshine" governor who was born in the area.

The next leg of the tour was sup-

posed to be to Toledo Bend where we would spend the night after fishing for crappie with the Living the Dream guide service on the lake. I've fished with these folks before and there was no doubt we'd be dividing up crappie filets to take home. There was a slight problem though. A glance at the radar showed Toledo Bend inundated with nothing but red and yellow on the screen. Our doubts were confirmed when we learned that several inches of rain had already fallen

on the area with more to come. Our tour guide Johnny Wessler, made an administrative decision that was sure to save us all from another soaking. Toledo Bend will have to wait until a bit later.

Even missing out on the last leg of our tour, the trip was informative and enjoyable, adding credence to the fact that this area has a rich legacy when it comes to things to do and see in the north Louisiana outdoors. Plus despite the lamentations of my friend John Flores, we got the rain we so desperately needed.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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# On trail of reporters, film puts 'Spotlight' on journalism

Boston Globe reporters and editors recently gathered in New York to celebrate the premiere of Tom McCarthy's drama about their Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting of the Catholic priest sex abuse scandal. When asked why "Spotlight" the film named after their investigative team - has earned their respect, they respond in an eager

"They got it right," echoes around the table of Walter Robinson, who headed Spotlight, former deputy managing editor Ben Bradlee Jr., and two reporters from the team: Sacha Pfeiffer (now a columnist) and Mike Renzendes, who remains a part of Spotlight.

In the film, they're played, respectively, by Michael Keaton, John Slattery, Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo. Usually, the gulf between fiction and reality, Hollywood and the newsroom (or anywhere else), is too wide to engender the kind of enthusiasm shared among the veteran journalists.

"We all feel like we've been struck by lightning and it actually feels very good," says Robinson.

The power of "Spotlight," in limited release Friday, isn't just felt by its real-life reporters; it's a bigscreen bolt of inspiration for a beleaguered profession. While the film's attributes are numerous (its large ensemble also includes Liev Schreiber as former Globe editor Marty Baron and Brian d'Arcy James as Spotlight reporter Matt Carroll), its greatest strength is its rigorous depiction of investigative journalism and its celebration of an increasingly endangered species of

"We were driven by: Let's be as accurate and authentic as we can. Let's put our faith in that," says McCarthy, the writer-director of "Win Win" and "The Station Agent." "We kept saying: We're not going to be slick with this movie. We're not going to play games. We're going to present it.'

"Spotlight" is a journalistic procedural that gathers its drama by closely following the footsteps of the scruffy, dogged Globe reporters. Their reporting uncovered the widespread cover-up that led to



Cardinal Bernard F. Law's resignation, shook the church to the Vatican and offered a modicum of justice for thousands of victims.

To make it, McCarthy and coscreenwriter Josh Singer spent more than two years researching each step of the investigation by the reporters, who, though initially skeptical, were won over by the filmmakers' diligence. In addition to meeting with victims and journalists, McCarthy and Singer combed through documents and emails from the years of work that

"It became apparent pretty quickly that they were intent on doing as much research about us that we did about the church initially," says Robinson. "It made us trust them more," says Renzendes.

The reporters remained involved throughout the scripting, and later met with the actors and visited the set in Toronto, which doubled for

"To the one, Josh and I really nad a strong connection with them and just thought they were really culminated in coverage published interesting and dynamic people,"

says McCarthy. "We had a great admiration for the work they had done. As we brought actors on, and they got a chance to spend time with them, they felt the same way."

Ruffalo came away with a deep appreciation for Renzendes after shadowing him. "Rarely do you get to sit next to a master and get to understand how they work," says

James felt similarly: "People call acting a vocation. I tend to think of thing that you feel is a higher calling that you bound to do just by

That connection has helped inspire a long tradition of films about journalism, from "His Girl Friday" to "Ace in the Hole" to "All the President's Men." The latter, especially, looms large over the genre. The Watergate drama famously fictionalized Bradlee's father, Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee.

"It was similar in the seriousness that both movies undertook the task to get it right. They recreated the Post newsroom to a T, just the way these guys recreated the Globe newsroom," says Bradlee Jr. "My father always talked about, for better or worse, people remember him as Jason Robards. He lucked out."

"Spotlight," though, isn't altogether laudatory. It shows missteps, delays and self-destructive oversights in the path to the story. Throughout the movie runs a conversation in subtext, strongly relevant to today's digitized news world, about how investigative reporting takes time and money and persistence.

For me, in large part, this movie is very much about faith," says McCarthy. "And not religious or spiritual faith but institutional faith. Faith in your fellow citizens, faith in a newspaper."

McCarthy, raised Irish Catholic, doesn't come from a journalistic background, but he says his experience playing a fabricating reporter on David Simon's "The Wire" was foundational. McCarthy calls the Baltimore Sun reporter turned TV writer-producer "the devil on my shoulder on this film." (Simon has heartedly endorsed the movie, likening it to journalism pornogra-

The official Vatican radio has also called the film "honest" and praised the reporters as "paladins of the need for justice" in their community and city.

"Inevitably, I think the film will make young people want to be reporters," says Pfeiffer. "But what I think is more important is reminding everyone you have to support journalism and newspapers. Buy a digital subscription, get home delivery. You supporting us is how we do this work."

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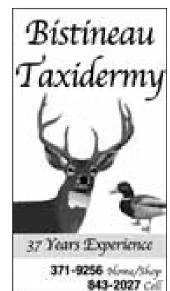




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