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# FIRES BURN ACROSS WEBSTER MONDAY



Above, Webster Fire District 10, along with City of Minden firefighters, battle a blaze around noon Monday on Buddy Brown Road. Russel Poole, Webster Fire District 10 chief, said the fire was a result of a wood burning heater and the building - which was used as a car shop - was a total loss. No injuries were reported. Right, flames continued to flare Tuesday morning from a warehouse blaze in Cullen that erupted around 6:30 p.m. Monday. Nearly 200 firefighters from seven fire departments throughout north Webster Parish responded to the initial call, Cullen Fire Chief Tommy "Flash" Arnold told KSLA-TV. Crew monitored the building off U.S. Highway 371 overnight in hopes that the massive fire eventually will burn itself out. The building was reportedly being used as a storage building. No injuries have been reported. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald and Courtesy Photo



QUEST FOR THE CROWN

## Billups eyeing Miss Minden crown

Magan Billups is the daughter of Kristal Bolyer and Dennis Billups. She is a senior at Minden High School and plans to attend the University of Louisiana Monroe and major in nursing. During her freshman year, she placed in both district and in state in a choir

competition. Magan is the the oldest of five, having two brothers and two sisters. She is a two-year member of the MHS Louisi-Annes, a two-year member of the MHS Grig Staff, a member of Junior Ring Staff and a member of Prom Committee. The Miss Minden Pageant

will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Minden Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 and on sale at Al-N-Way Cleaners, located at 410 Homer Road. Children two years of age and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the pageant.



Magan Billups. Courtesy Photo

WEBSTER CRIME

## Stolen puppy lands 1 in jail

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A Minden woman has been arrested after she reportedly admitted to stealing a 3-month-old dog.

Lillian E. Garland, 18, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 29, and charged with theft of animals. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Webster Parish Sheriff's Deputies Bobby Igo III and Wade Wells received a complaint from someone regarding the possibility of a stolen dog from a residence in Shongaloo. According to reports, the complainant described the dog as a 3-month-old boxer

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**GARLAND**

WEBSTER CRIME

## Closing the gap

Academy to give  
inside look at  
probation and parole

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The office of Probation and Parole does more than just put people back in jail.

A seminar set Thursday, Dec. 3 will be presented to let the community know they aren't just about putting people in jail. The Community and Corrections Academy will be from 6 until 8 p.m. at Northwest Louisiana Technical College, located 9500 Industrial Drive in Minden. Probation and Parole Office

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MINDEN CRIME

## Man arrested on DWI, hit and run charges after crash

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A Minden man found himself in trouble with police after he allegedly fled the scene of a crash.

Jonathan Ace Bazile, 23, of the 700 block of Pershing Street, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 28 and charged with DWI (second offense), hit and run, attempted disarming of a peace officer, driving under suspension, resisting an officer by flight and reckless operation. Bond was set at \$66,850.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Officer First Class Jesse Cutrer, Officer Terry Stephens and Sgt. Joel Kendrick were dispatched to the intersection of College

and Richardson Streets in reference to a one-vehicle crash.

“While Officer First Class Cutrer and Officer Terry Stephens were in route, they were notified by the dispatcher that the suspected driver of the vehicle had tried to leave the scene,” he said. “Once they arrived and the officer was walking towards the accident, a witness told him ‘You better get him, he’s running.’”

When Cutrer turned around, according to reports, he observed the driver, later identified as Bazile, running



**BAZILE**

east on College Street towards Sullivan Street.

“The officer gave loud verbal commands to stop running,” Cropper said. “He did not comply and continued to run towards Sullivan Street. Jesse Cutrer actively pursued Mr. Bazile. Mr. Bazile ran through a back yard, across Sullivan Street and ran into a back yard on the east side of Sullivan Street.”

Officers caught the suspect on the east side of College Street, police say. As the officers attempted to detain Bazile, he reportedly tried to take a police-issued baton from the officer’s belt.

Cutrer maintained control of the baton, and at that time, Stephens arrived on scene to assist in detaining Bazile.

Bazile was taken into cus-

tody and placed inside the patrol unit. At that time, officers noted the odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his person as well as noting slurred speech. His eyes also appeared to be bloodshot, police say.

Police then returned to the scene and confirmed with an eye witness that Bazile was the driver of the vehicle at the time of crash, the chief said.

Cropper says Bazile was taken to Minden Medical Center for evaluation due to the nature of the crash. Upon medical release, Bazile was taken to the Minden Police Department, booked and then transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

## Alpha House offering 12-step programs

Addictive disorders affect not only the person who might carry that burden but the families of those with addictions.

Alpha Club of Minden, a 501c3 tax-exempt corporation, is dedicated to the sole purpose of providing a physical home for treatment of and education concerning addictive disorders. Most of the current 18 meetings per week are operated under the auspices of the Minden group of Alcoholics Anonymous and are 12-step, spiritually-based programs designed to help those with addiction issues abstain from alcohol or drug use and live productive lives that are happy, joyous and free from mind and mood-altering chemi-

cals.

There are no dues or fees for AA and all meetings are one hour. More than 250 hours of group therapy are received at no charge every week. A basket is passed at each meeting to cover expenses such as coffee, the electric bill and other incidentals.

All groups observe the principle of anonymity; in this manner all are free to express their concerns free from fear of repercussions.

The Serenity Group meets each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts and is highly recommended for those with children, spouses or significant other relationships.

For more information, call 318-377-4840.

## Trial date set for former Monroe city engineer

MONROE — Former Monroe city engineer Sinyale Morrison has a trial date set for next year.

The News-Star reports a Feb. 22 date was set Monday in state District Court in Monroe.

Morrison was indicted in 2012 on one count of public payroll fraud. She also is accused of conspiracy to commit fraud.

Morrison is accused of hiring, promoting and maintaining an unqualified person — Ricardo Nance — for a position of

public employment for which he was "grossly unqualified," namely as survey party chief, from May 2009 through August 2011; and authorizing overtime pay for Nance for which there was no justification.

The investigation began in late 2011 after Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera found improprieties while reviewing the city's engineering department's payroll practices.

Morrison resigned in 2012.

’TIS THE SEASON

## Sign up extended for Christmas Parade

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Sign up to participate in the 2015 Minden Evening Lions Club Christmas Parade has been extended as the parade has been rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 4.

Parade coordinator Jessica Lewis says anyone wishing to sign up may do so over the phone as well. Potential participants may sign up until the time of the parade, she said.

“They can call me and I

can fill out the application over the phone,” she said. “Or if they want to show up, they will be put in the lineup.”

Due to wet weather Saturday, the parade was rescheduled for 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4. The same rules apply, she said.

Lineup begins at 3 p.m., at First United Methodist Church and entrants are asked to arrive at that time in order to get a space. There will be no space reservations.

They are asking that no one dress up as Santa Claus

as he is making a special visit to Minden to help usher in the Christmas season.

The grand marshal this year will be Sandra Samuel, supporting Webster’s CASA office. New participants this year include local nonprofits, churches and local schools.

Tommy McMurray, secretary of the Minden Evening Lions Club, says the parade will be at night and all entrants will need to have some kind of lighting on their floats and/or vehicles. All floats are encouraged to play Christmas music if possible.

## PUPPY

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puppy and photographs of the animal were provided. The complainant then told deputies they were contacted by an unidentified person who told them the dog was located at the Katie Lane residence and there was possible drug activity there.

Igo III and Wells made contact with the homeowner and advised her of the complaint. She reportedly gave consent to search the home.

The deputies located the missing animal, reports indicate, identified by the photographs provided. Garland reportedly admitted to police she and two other suspects took the dog from the Shongaloo area.

While at the residence, Wells and Igo III arrested

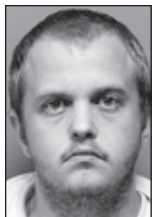
Justin Howard McCaleb, 21, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, on charges of possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,700.

During the investigation at the Katie Lane residence, McCaleb reportedly admitted to having an alleged marijuana pipe in his pocket. A pill bottle containing suspected

marijuana was found in his pocket, police say.

Webster Parish Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Bobby Igo Jr. says no other arrests have been made at this time regarding the theft of the dog; however, other arrests may be pending as the investigation continues.

“This individual told us that, and we have not confirmed any of it,” he said. “We’re going to send it to the DA (district attorney) for review, and if they say there was enough involvement to warrant an arrest, we’ll get one (a warrant) issued.”



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### BIRTHDAYS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

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AROUND THE STATE

# Tax Amnesty Program resumes

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana Tax Amnesty 2015 resumes Tuesday.

The program, which gives individuals and businesses that have fallen behind on their taxes an opportunity to make a fresh start, will run from Dec. 1 until Dec. 31.

The Louisiana Department of Revenue suspended the program last month after discovering a mistake with the information included in some of the original amnesty invitation letters. At that time, the department determined it was in the best interest of the state and taxpayers to suspend the program until corrected letters were mailed.

Impacted taxpayers were

mailed updated letters from the department during the week of November 23. The revised letters either informed taxpayers of the new amnesty amount that is due or instructed them to disregard the previous letter that they received because the referenced account reflected a zero balance due.

“The department has addressed the errors that originally occurred and we are ready to get the tax amnesty program underway. We mailed corrected letters to the taxpayers last week, and we sincerely apologize to them for this mistake and for any inconvenience that we have may have caused,” Secretary of Revenue Tim

Barfield said.

During the amnesty period, individual and business taxpayers are offered a fresh start to bring their delinquent tax accounts up to date by clearing unpaid tax bills and filing overdue state tax returns.

Amnesty will be granted for eligible taxes to qualified taxpayers who apply during the amnesty period and who agree to settle their accounts with the state by paying 100 percent of delinquent taxes, 83 percent of the remaining interest and 67 percent of the remaining penalties due. Once approved, the Secretary of Revenue shall waive the remaining 17 percent interest and 33 percent penalties.

The goal for the 2015 Tax Amnesty Program is \$73 million, net of administrative costs and funds retained by LDR as self-generated revenue. The 2015 Tax Amnesty Program is the third and final effort permitted by the Louisiana Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act of 2013. After the conclusion of the 2015 amnesty period, there will be no new amnesty program offered by the Department of Revenue until at least 2025.

For more information about the amnesty program, taxpayers can visit [www.ldr-taxamnesty.com](http://www.ldr-taxamnesty.com) or call 1-866-782-9241.

AROUND THE STATE

# Audit: Millions in equipment missing from LSU hospitals

MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Nearly \$6 million in state-owned hospital equipment can't be located, and millions more bought for the recently opened New Orleans public hospital hasn't been tracked properly, according to an audit released Monday.

Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera's Office looked at the LSU Health Care Services Division's financial reporting for the last budget year, which ended June 30. Most of LSU's hospitals were privatized several years ago by Gov. Bobby Jindal, with the facilities and equipment leased by private hospital managers.

The audit says more than \$15 million in equipment bought for the new University Medical Center in New Orleans wasn't properly recorded and tagged before it was turned over to the hospital operator.

"Failure to tag and enter data into the state's asset management system increases the risk that assets will be misappropriated or become unlocated, the financial statements will be misstated and could result in non-compliance with state laws and regulations," auditors wrote.

Meanwhile, auditors say \$1.1 million in equipment from an interim New Orleans hospital hasn't been found since the shift to the new facility. Also missing is \$4.6 million in equipment from the now-shuttered Earl K. Long Medical Center that LSU operated in Baton Rouge before inpatient services were moved to a private hospital in the city.

In a written response, LSU said it is working to find and properly tag the items.

University officials told the auditor's office that the Jindal administration's Office of Facility

Planning and Control didn't provide the needed documentation about the \$15 million in equipment bought for the new hospital in New Orleans, to allow for proper recording of it.

Lanette Buie, deputy chief executive officer for the Health Care Services Division, wrote that LSU will continue to ask for the invoices from the Jindal administration and "continues to search for and reduce the number of unlocated items reported."

The Jindal administration released a follow-up statement from Jerry Jones, with the LSU Health Care Services Division, saying the equipment bought for the new hospital in New Orleans was documented with "receiving reports."

The equipment "is currently being entered into the inventory system. The time lag for entry is due to the volume of items needing entry," Jones said.

Since 2013, Jindal privatized nine LSU-run hospitals and their clinics, which care for the poor and uninsured and train many of the state's medical students, through no-bid contracts. In most instances, the management company of a nearby hospital took over operations. Three contracts closed an LSU hospital and shifted its services to private hospitals.

LSU's Health Care Services Division has leases for six of the hospital deals, in New Orleans, Lafayette, Bogalusa, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge and Houma, with the facility operators managing \$1.4 billion in state-owned assets. The other hospital deals, covering north and central Louisiana, are overseen by a different arm of the LSU System.

AP WAS THERE

# Rosa Parks' arrest sparked historic boycott

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on Dec. 1, 1955 — the start of the Montgomery bus boycott — got relatively little attention, initially. The Montgomery Advertiser noted it briefly the following day, and covered it in more detail Dec. 4 as protesters began to organize the boycott.*

*The story went national Dec. 5, when The Associated Press wrote of the plan to make Parks the test case for laws segregating public transportation.*

*On the 60th anniversary of Parks' arrest, the AP is making available its initial story on the boycott.*

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- A court test of segregated transportation loomed today following the arrest of a Negro who refused to move to the colored section of a city bus.

While thousands of other Negroes boycotted Montgomery city lines in protest, Mrs. Rosa Parks was fined \$14 in Police Court today for having disregarded last Thursday a driver's order to move to the rear of a bus. Negro passengers ride in the rear of buses here, white passengers in front under a municipal segregation ordinance.

An emotional crowd of Negroes, estimated by the police at 5,000, roared approval tonight at a meeting to continue the boycott.

Spokesmen said the boycott would continue until people who rode buses were no longer "intimidated, embarrassed and coerced." They said a "delegation of citizens" was ready to help city and bus line officials develop a program that would be "satisfactory and equitable."

Mrs. Parks appealed her fine and was released under \$100 bond signed by an

attorney, Fred Gray, and a former state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, E.D. Nixon.

Mr. Gray and Charles Lanford, another Negro lawyer representing the 42-year-old department store seamstress, refused to say whether they planned to attack the constitutionality of segregation laws affecting public transportation.

The Supreme Court in Washington already has before it a test case against segregation on buses operating in Columbia, S.C. The United States Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., has ruled in this case that segregation must be ended. If the Supreme Court sustains the decision, the effect will be to outlaw segregation in all states and cities.

Mrs. Parks was charged first with violating a city ordinance that gives bus drivers police powers to

enforce racial segregation. But at the request of City Attorney Eugene Loe, the warrant was amended to a charge of violation of a similar state law. The state statute authorizes bus companies to provide and enforce separate facilities for whites and Negroes. Violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.

Other Negroes by the thousands, meanwhile, found other means of transportation or stayed home today in an organized boycott of City Lines Buses, operated by a subsidiary of National City Lines at Chicago.

The manager, J.H. Bagley, estimated that "80 or maybe 90 percent" of the Negroes who normally used the buses had joined the boycott. He said "several thousand" Negroes rode the buses on a normal day.

## ACADEMY

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cer Yuliana Johnson says the academy is to close the gap between their office and the community to teach people about what they do.

"It's not just trying to lock people up," Johnson said. "It's the last thing we try to do. We're here help. We're not here to hurt. We're trying to help them be better members of society instead of them going back and committing the same crime. Most of the time, people go back and commit a crime because they don't have the money, so they go back and do it again; whereas if we can help them find a job and a stable place to live, they won't go back to that lifestyle."

Offender Welfare Officer Brittany Lapoole is tasked with finding clothing, food, counseling and other resources to help parolees in

need. Lapoole says her job entails helping those who have been incarcerated for long periods of time.

"They come back and they don't have anything," she said. "They don't have anywhere to stay, no clothes or food. We get with the local shelters and find them clothes, and if we have to go out ourselves, we get it. We can put them in local shelters that will keep them for an extended period of time until they can find work and housing."

The academy will teach the community what they do such as how they train to become probation and parole officers, defensive tactics, police relations with the community and community resources they offer and how they help the victims of crime.

"We're basically opening ourselves up to the community for whatever questions they may have and how they feel about us," Johnson said.

"We all need to work together. The world is not going in the right way, but if we work together, we can overcome anything."

Johnson says the idea for the academy came from the administrative director in Alexandria. She attended the academy there and wanted to bring it back to the Minden district, she said.

Regional director Louis Stacks will be one of the guest speakers, and Johnson says he will talk about the role of Probation and Parole.

Johnson and Lapoole say this academy is not just for the community. It is for law enforcement officials as well.

Region I is comprised of Minden, Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Tallulah and Natchitoches.

There are 12 officers in the Minden District, which covers Webster, Jackson, Claiborne and Bienville parishes. Each officer handles an average of 150 cases, Johnson said.

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PERSPECTIVE

## Holidays are grand

Thanksgiving has come and gone with Christmas close up on its heels. While getting excited about Christmas, I still take the time to recall the good times revolving around the Thanksgiving holiday.

As I was planning and preparing for Thursday, we took the time to visit our daughter and son in law in Minden to be with our grandchildren and three of our great grands from Valdosta, Georgia. They were in for the week and it was a special visit as they only get to come in twice a year. While they were here in the summer we were able to take the grands fishing at a friend's pond which was stocked with catfish. This was the first time the two youngest had ever gone fishing and the second time for the oldest one. They had a great time and enjoyed getting those big fish on their hooks and helping to pull them in. However, they wanted no part of it after that. They surely didn't want to touch them and not even get close to them.

But now, remembering the fishing trip, they want to come back next summer and do it again. Hopefully, they'll be a little braver next time.

Last week, we enjoyed supper with the family and had a great time watching the little ones play. They always enjoy coming to their Nana and Pappy's house because they have a big yard to play in, and fun things like a golf cart to ride in, and where there had been a pool last summer, there was now a big sand bed to play in.

Brie was reading, as that is one of her favorite things to do.

Jonah had a collection of trucks and road equipment and he was enjoying building roads and driving his vehicles over the newly graded roads.

Vivienne was busy "planting acorns". Who knows, when her Nana and Pappy replace the pool, they might even have acorns sprouting and little oaks coming up under the pool.

Thursday they came to Mimi and Pa's, along with some other grands and they had a fun time getting reacquainted with Drake and Taylor. The weather was warm so after lunch they were able to play outside.

But, before they went out to play, they had a time of making Christmas cookies. They took turns rolling and cutting the sugar cookie dough, then decorating them by adding sprinkles. They each got to fill a pretty box with their cookies to take home with them.

Brienne, who has joined the basketball team at her school, challenged the men folks to a game of basketball.. It's strange how grown men and a pre-teen can spend so much time running and playing like kids. But they enjoyed the action and finally made their way to the back porch where they collapsed for a while. By then, they all needed water, or more tea, then later the dessert they had passed on at lunch.

It was a long day but one of good fellowship and visitation.

We treasure such times when we get to be with our children, grandchildren and great-grands. These times are too few and too far between, but now we're already looking forward to the next time.

And as Christmas draws near, we're planning for a get-together for those who can come. We'll be few this time as the Georgia kids won't be able to make it back and the grandson and his wife in Dallas are expecting their first child about that time and will be unable to come.

As you make your plans for Christmas, try to include at least one musical presentation in a local church, along with your other activities. If you don't have a regular place of worship, check out those around you and you will surely find a place where you can feel the real meaning of Christmas in the music and worship services.

And take time for your family, enjoying every moment of it.

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## EDITORIAL ROUND UP

# The Times-Picayune on Louisiana reinvesting in higher education

The strain on Louisiana colleges and universities from seven years of deep state budget cuts shows in myriad ways. Students may not be able to get into all the classes they need to keep their degrees on track, which means it could take them longer to graduate. And that could cost them more money.

Petroleum engineering at LSU has an 80-1 student-teacher ratio because of a lack of staff. At Southern University, there are 120 students in some classes. That isn't the best environment for learning.

Potential faculty members are crossing Louisiana schools off their list because of the uncertainty of the state budget. And some students are going elsewhere because they can get more financial assistance or a better mix of courses in other states.

Those trends can't continue. Higher education should be a key piece of Louisiana's economic development strategy. The state should nourish its colleges and universities, but that hasn't happened during Gov. Bobby Jindal's tenure. The governor and Legislature have cut their state funding by more than 40 percent since 2008, the most in the nation.

Fortunately, there seems to be a renewed commitment to higher education. Legislative leaders and the Jindal administration promised to protect universities from midyear budget cuts as the state makes up a \$500 million deficit.

There also is a consensus that the budget needs more flexibility and that some spending dedications will be removed when the Legislature meets in 2016. That will take pressure off higher education, which has no protections. And gubernatorial candidates promised to stabilize funding for universities. So far, so good.

"We've been told we're going to be a priority. What does that

mean?" LSU President King Alexander said Thursday in a meeting with NOLA.com 'The Times-Picayune.

"We need stability and predictability," he said.

And, he and other higher education leaders say, they need an infusion of state money to keep them competitive.

State colleges and universities produce thousands of new graduates every year, many of whom are working and paying taxes in Louisiana.

"We want a little of that investment back," President Alexander said. They would love to return to a 50-50 budget split between state funding and tuition and fees. With the cuts over the past seven years, that ratio is heavily tilted toward tuition and fees — 75-25 or 80-20 depending on the institution.

That puts more of a burden on families, even those who receive TOPS scholarship funding. And, Southern University's Jacques Detiege pointed out at Thursday's meeting, not every student gets TOPS money. So keeping tuition in Louisiana affordable is crucial, he said.

The payoff for a college education is dramatic, not only on students but on the state.

President Alexander pointed out that a college graduate pays on average \$5,000 per year in state taxes. A master's degree raises that amount to \$8,000. By comparison, a high school graduate pays about \$1,900.

So, strengthening universities in turn strengthens the state's economy — and the state budget.

"Higher education is absolutely an investment," Quintin Taylor, Louisiana Community and Technical College System director of media relations, said Thursday.

Louisiana has not been treating it that way.

Out of 16 Southern states,

Louisiana provided the lowest amount of state general fund money per full-time student in 2013-14. Louisiana spent about \$11,000 on each full-time pupil at a four-year college. In comparison, the Southern average was almost \$15,000.

The Louisiana Board of Regents is asking the Legislature and new governor for roughly double the money next year. That would be another \$769 million.

"We need them to help us get some reinvestment so we can continue producing the graduates Louisiana needs," President Alexander has said.

The question is where to get that kind of money.

The Legislature, with Gov. Jindal's OK, raised the cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack, increased costs for businesses by reducing a variety of tax credits and raised fees on car buyers and other Louisianians during their 2015 session. All that was supposed to bring in an extra \$700 million in revenue for the current budget year.

But it isn't working out that way.

Budget analysts said this week that the state is \$370 million behind budget expectations. In addition, the state ended the last budget year with a \$117 million deficit, which must be dealt with. The state Medicaid budget has a shortfall of more than \$500 million, and TOPS is short by \$22 million.

Higher education officials fought hard during the spring legislative session to make state leaders understand the importance of their institutions to Louisiana's well being. It seems they succeeded in doing that.

Now the governor and legislators must find a way to reinvest in higher education.

PERSPECTIVE

## Self-defenseless

What might have happened if a few of the 1,500 concert attendees in Paris' Bataclan theater had guns? The terrorists had time to kill, reload and kill again. The police unit didn't come for more than a half hour. If a few people in the theater were armed, might they have killed the killers?

We'll never know.

France's guns laws say you may not carry a gun unless police certify that you are "exposed to exceptional risks of harm" to your life. Few people even bother to apply.

Fortunately, in America, laws in every state now allow adults to carry guns. Some predicted this would lead to more crime, but the opposite happened. Crime is down.

Yet some towns, such as Chicago, Washington, D.C., and New York City, where I live, still make it nearly impossible for people to legally carry a gun.

I know because I tried to get a license.

People sometimes threaten me. One made a "Kill John Stossel" website. So I'd like the option of carrying a gun to protect myself.

First, I had to read and say I understood 50 pages of New York weapons laws and fill out a 17-page form. We had to call the police department six times just to clarify what questions meant.

Then I had to go to police headquarters in person. They fingerprinted me and told me to list reasons why I should be allowed to have a gun.

Gun instructor Glenn Herman says the bureaucracy is intentional. New York politicians want "to deter people from following through the process, which can take a year."

It took me eight and a half months. That included returning for another in-person interview.

This time, they told me that they'd discovered an old lawsuit against me and said I couldn't get a permit unless it had been "resolved." I explained that it had been dropped. They wanted "proof." I showed them a New York Times story that reported that the case was dropped. They told me that wasn't sufficient; I had to produce original court documents.

They also told me I had to "document" threats against me. The "Kill John Stossel" website and other Internet threats weren't sufficient, they said, because I hadn't reported them to the police at the time.

Fifty-two days later, they sent me a letter — rejecting my application. They said I "failed to demonstrate a special need."

But why must I show a "special need"? The Supreme Court says that the Second Amendment gives individuals the right to keep and bear arms.

The court allowed cities to impose reasonable regulation. But New York's leftist politicians have strange ideas about what's reasonable.

Gun instructor Herman told me that I applied "the wrong way." Permits routinely go to "friends of the ruling class," he says. "Everyone else is out of luck." Sure enough, I notice that Donald Trump, Howard Stern and Robert De Niro got permits.

I wish bureaucrats worried more about what can happen when people don't have guns.

Mass killers often deliberately target gun-free zones. Criminals don't care about breaking rules — but they know their potential victims will probably follow the rules and be unarmed. According to the U.N., the nation of Mali, where terrorists killed 20 people in a hotel, has one of the lowest rates of gun ownership in the world.

Back in the U.S., people with guns often do stop violent criminals.

When Andrew Wurst killed a teacher at a middle school dance and shot at other people for 20 minutes, it wasn't cops who got him to stop. It was the owner of the banquet hall pulling out his shotgun. People use guns to ward off criminals all the time. Often just showing the gun is enough to stop the crime.

Criminals themselves seem to understand this better than anti-gun activists do. A survey of convicted felons found that half said they fear armed private citizens more than they fear cops.

Guns make some people uncomfortable, but so what? As gun ownership skyrockets, America's crime rate continues to fall.

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



**JOHN STOSSEL**



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## J.A. Phillip's Veterans Day Celebration



J. A. Phillips Middle School had a Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to honor local veterans. The Webster Pre-School students, above, sang and signed "Red, White, and Blue, I Love You." The J.A. Phillips Choir, above left, sang "My America" and "Armed Forces-The Pride of America" as the Veterans in the audience stood and were recognized for their branch of service. All veterans were presented a Service Excellence Medal by the Phillips Student Council members. Taps was played by Army Veteran Charles Minifield. The program ended with refreshments and fellowship between the students and those in attendance. The program was sponsored by Tessa Bryant, Rachel White and the J.A. Phillips Student Council, pictured at left. Courtesy Photos

## Around Town

Dec. 5

A Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser for Ross Aldridge will be from 9 until 5 p.m. at the CAC building in Springhill. For more information contact Lisa Balentine at 318-564-0978 or Nan Stephens at 318-578-4800.

Tickets for the Miss Minden Pageant are going on sale Monday, Nov. 23 and will end Friday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale at Al-N-Way Cleaners, located at 410 Homer Road. Children two years of age and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the pageant. The Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. The pageant is sponsored by the Young Women's Service Club.

Dec. 6

Terry Combs will be preaching his first sermon at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church at 2:15 p.m.

Dec. 12

The St. James Baptist Church will be hosting a "Community Connection" concert at 5 p.m.



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## SPORTS briefs

### NFL

#### Ravens win with kick-six from Hill

CLEVELAND — Brent Urban just wanted a chance to play. Will Hill wanted redemption.

On one dramatic, unforgettable play, the two Ravens achieved their goals.

Urban blocked Travis Coons' field-goal attempt as time expired and Hill returned it 64 yards for a touchdown, sending Baltimore to an improbable 33-27 win Monday night over the luckless Cleveland Browns, who dropped their sixth straight game and may have lost starting quarterback Josh McCown for the remainder of the season.

Coons' potential game-winner from 51 yards was deflected by Urban, who was making his NFL debut after missing his rookie season with a knee injury and then tearing a biceps in training camp.

"It's surreal," said a beaming Urban, a fourth-round pick in 2014. "After being out so long, it's crazy. I'm almost speechless. It's just a wonderful feeling."

Hill had been beaten by Browns wide receiver Travis Benjamin for a game-tying touchdown in the fourth quarter and was willing to do anything he could to make up for his mistake.

"I was praying," Hill said. "I said, 'If we get a block and it bounced my way, I'm going to take it to the end zone.' Luckily, it did."

### NCAAF

#### Trojans hire Helton to fix USC

LOS ANGELES — Clay Helton has twice taken charge of the Southern California football program in moments of crisis and steadied the Trojans with calm leadership.

Athletic director Pat Haden decided Helton has earned the chance to be much more than his back-up plan.

USC hired Helton as its permanent coach on Monday, removing the interim tag five days before the Trojans face Stanford in the Pac-12 championship game.

Helton guided the troubled Trojans (8-4, 5-3 Pac-12) to five victories and a Pac-12 South title in his seven-week tenure after taking over for Steve Sarkisian, making him 6-2 in two interim stints at USC over the past three years. The 43-year-old career assistant coach's reward for that combination of success and stability is one of the most coveted jobs in college football.

"I totally understand that I am not a flashy name, but I don't want to be flashy," said Helton, who is in his first full-time head coaching job. "I never have been, and never will be."

Although Haden claimed he interviewed several more prominent candidates, his quiet in-season search ended with Helton.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Apaches split with CCA



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The Glenbrook Apaches and Lady Apaches were back on the court to face Columbia Christian Academy after a 10-day layoff for Thanksgiving break.

### Apaches

The Apache boys fell to Columbia's boys, 57-54.

Things started off slow for Glenbrook with Columbia Christian jumping out to a 18-12 first quarter lead. The Apaches played much better in the second quarter, but Columbia held a 29-24 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Columbia made a big run to push their lead to 12 points, but Glenbrook came charging back to make it ballgame, eventually falling by three points.

"We played better in the second half," Glenbrook head coach Jeff Dalton

said. "Ultimately, turnovers and lack of rebounding cost us. I really liked our effort in the fourth quarter, but we have to get that effort for four periods."

Cade Conterez led the Apaches with 17 points, followed by De'Maza Robinson with 12 points and Garrett Sanders with 8.

### Lady Apaches

The Lady Apaches were never in danger, leading early and often on their way to a 40-15 win.

"The girls played much better defensively," Lady Apache head coach Rendi Dillard said. "That's an area that needed some improvement. We had trouble finding the basket tonight. Hopefully, we will shoot better in tomorrow's game."

Megan Sims led the Lady Apaches with 12 points, followed by Carsin Spurlock with nine and Catherine Willis with six points.

### What's Next?

The Apaches and Lady Apaches are back in action tonight at home for a pair of games against East Texas Christian Academy.



Braxton Stuckey/Courtesy Photo

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Webster Parish teams in action this week



Blake Branch/Press-Herald

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With football coming to an end, it's time to turn the page to basketball season.

Here's a look at where you can find each school in action this week.

### Minden High

The Crimson Tide and Lady Tiders will take on Lakeside in Sibley, Tuesday, Dec. 1, before taking part in the Houghton Tournament Dec. 2-5. The Crimson Tide and Lady Tiders earned big wins over Houghton before the Thanksgiving break.

### Lakeside

The Lakeside Warriors and Lady Warriors will be at home to face the Minden

Crimson Tide and Lady Tiders on Tuesday, Dec. 1. They will join Minden in the Houghton Tournament the following day. The Lakeside boys defeated Minden in their last outing, while the Lady Warriors fell to the Minden Lady Tiders.

### Doyline

The Doyline Panthers and Lady Panthers will hit the road for a pair of games against Stanley on Tuesday, Dec. 1. They will follow that game with a trip to Converse for the Converse Tournament, Dec. 3-5.

### North Webster

The North Webster Knights and Lady Knights are off this week, but will travel to take on the Homer Pelicans on Dec. 8.

## LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

# How Jim White ruined my squirrel hunts

I've sat on my deer stand several times this season; I've put a fat doe in the freezer and have seen quite a few does, yearlings and one nice buck. Today, I enjoy deer hunting but chasing venison has not always been my passion.

When I was growing up, there were no deer to hunt. I spent most of my hours outdoors sneaking up on squirrels or jump-shooting squealer ducks.

That all changed in the late 1960s when my job transferred me to Homer in Claiborne Parish. It was there I met James O. "Jim" White.

We attended church together and it didn't take long to discover we both liked to hunt. There were lots of squirrels in the woods around Homer and in the pre-hunting lease days, you could hunt just about anywhere there weren't "posted" signs. Jim and I enjoyed hunting together but once November rolled around, I'd have to go after squirrels alone because Jim would bid me adieu and he'd take off for Summerfield to meet up with Bill Bailey and his pack

of hounds to deer hunt.

Jim began working on me; he didn't beat me over the head with it but his art of gentle persuasion started getting to me. He wanted me to join the Summerfield bunch and give deer hunting a try.

Jim brushed aside my argument that I didn't own a deer rifle as smoothly as he swatted down passes back at Northwestern State where he starred as a defensive end and served as team captain his senior year. He told me my squirrel gun would work just fine; all I needed to do was swap my #6s for buckshot. I finally gave in and on November 24, 1967, I took my initial voyage into the woods with Jim to deer hunt.

We met up at Butch Bays' store in Summerfield on opening day and Bailey laid out plans for the first drive. He suggested that

Jim take me and his three sons and spread out on a pipeline west of Summerfield while he took his pack of hounds around to start the hunt.

I backed up just off the line, found a comfortable log to sit on and listened for the hounds. It wasn't long before I heard them yowling and bawling on the trail of a deer.

I've been on lots of deer hunts since but I never had the dogs bring a buck right out by my stand like this on my first deer hunt ever. I heard the deer running through the leaves when he burst out onto the pipeline. Instead of darting across like deer have a tendency to do, this buck turned and ran down the pipeline in front of me at maybe ten yards away.

As the buck dashed in front of me, I emptied my shotgun — BLAM..BLAM..BLAM...The buck hit the ground dead as a hammer with half its rack shot off.

When Jim came to check on me, he helped me find the other half of the 10 point buck's rack and then inquired of me why I

shot three times with the deer so close. I told him it was because the deer was still up. Jim's answer has spanned the ages and his son, Jimmy, recently recalled what his dad told me. "Son," Jim said, "you've got to give him time to fall."

That was 48 years ago. Jimmy also sent me a note recently that touched me down to the depths of my soul. He told me his dad recently passed away at the age of 89.

Not long before his passing, Jim told Jimmy that there was one more thing he'd love to do before he died and that was to "make one more deer hunt with Glynn Harris." What an honor it would have been to, just one more time, get to sit in the woods with the kind hearted fellow who nearly half a century ago, gently lured me away from the squirrel woods and introduced me to deer hunting.

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## MINUTE S

**TOWN OF COTTON VALLEY NOVEMBER 16, 2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

## SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting called to Order by Mayor Phillips. Invocation offered by Brother Savage and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Phillips. Motion was made by Naomi Houston, seconded by Cat Cox to accept the Agenda as offered, motion passed. Motion was made by Cat Cox, seconded by Brandon DeHart to accept the October Minutes, motion accepted. Motion was made by Cat Cox, seconded by Naomi Houston to pay the bills presented, motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 Budget Ordinance. A Motion was made by Brandon DeHart, seconded by Cat Cox to pass the Ordinance, the motion was passed by 3 yeas, no nays and 2 absent votes. Ordinance #297 accepted.

Clerk informed she received phone call from the Family Dollar Corporation regarding building permits and expects building progress to begin immediately on the new Dollar Store Building. Naomi Made Motion to Appoint Myra Kilburn to the North West Industrial Board, seconded by Brandon DeHart, motion carried. Motion to be revisited in January, 2016.

Motion was made, after open discussion regarding wage increase of

\$100.00 per pay period, effective immediately, for Larry Moore, by Cat Cox, seconded by Brandon DeHart, motion carried.

Mr. Joe Alexander addressed the Council and repeated his earlier concerns at the Council's willingness to employ previous inmates on the town roster and the current practice of inmate labor at the town. The council assured him they did not agree with his opinion of these matters and refuse to reverse any of their previous decisions in this matter.

Motion was made by Cat Cox, seconded by Brandon DeHart to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

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#### ACROSS

1 Recedes  
5 "Told ya!"  
8 Oasis tree  
12 Hose woe  
13 Website pop-ups  
14 End in — (have no winners)  
15 Salsa, e.g.  
17 Angers  
18 Tiny criticism  
19 "Have some lasagna!"  
20 Grind, as teeth  
21 Poker prize  
22 Jokester  
23 Comics punch  
26 Doggy treat  
30 Blemish  
31 Org. in "J. Edgar"  
32 "Frozen" prince  
33 Narnia's creator  
35 About, date-wise  
36 Fink  
37 Cut (off)  
38 First family in 1911

41 "Fast Five" star Diesel  
42 Trio after F  
45 "Sopranos" player Robert  
46 Notice of dismissal  
48 Sandwich shop  
49 Pro  
50 Cannes cash  
51 Puppy's squeal  
52 Media mogul Jane Turner  
53 Garden bane

2 — B'rith  
3 A Simpson  
4 LAPD rank  
5 Egypt's Anwar —  
6 Blue-pencil  
7 Psychic's claim  
8 Benjamin Moore sample  
9 Gillette brand  
10 Falsehoods  
11 Netting  
16 "Ouch!"  
20 Joe and Jane  
21 Misuse of authority  
22 Xbox rival

24 Franken and Gore  
25 Buddy  
26 They're hardly big shots?  
27 Old Mid-east org.  
28 Magazine for execs  
29 Screening agcy. at LAX  
31 Hale  
34 "I — just kidding!"  
35 Bop  
37 Like notebook paper  
38 Ship-shape  
39 Sheltered, at sea  
40 Took the plunge?  
41 Bad habit  
42 Broken-vase repair need  
43 Take on  
44 Music lover's Apple  
46 Bit of butter  
47 Use needle and thread

#### DOWN

1 "NFL Live" channel

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