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Heroin found inside fortified drug house

By **REBECCA CHAISSON**
Daily News Editor

The Jennings Police Department (JPD) and Lake Charles Police Department SWAT tag-teamed a South Main Street residence at 3 a.m. Saturday morning and discovered what is believed to be the city's first case of heroin distribution.

The suspect, identified as Shywone Gold, 23, was not inside the residence at the time of the bust; however, an arrest warrant has been issued for Gold on one count of distribution of heroin and three counts of distribution of Oxycodone.

JPD Deputy Chief Danny Semmes said in his 26 years of law enforcement experience in this parish, this is the

first case of heroin distribution that he's every seen in Jennings.

He hopes it's the last. "We had been doing surveillance on this house for a few months now," Semmes said of the residence, located at 610 South Main Street. "We sent in undercover agents and they made some purchases from the occupant of the house. Some purchases were of prescription pills; one purchase was made of heroin."

Semmes said law enforcement is aware of an influx of heroin in the Lafayette area lately, "but we haven't seen any heroin in Jennings



Shywone Gold

Police pulled down the wall of this South Main Street home Saturday and discovered heroin inside.

Photos courtesy JPD



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Lassiter set for sentencing Monday

By **REBECCA CHAISSON**
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Former Jennings Police Department (JPD) Chief Johnny Lassiter will be sentenced Monday, June 16, for malfeasance in office.

Last year, Lassiter pled guilty to two counts of the crime in exchange for having two other charges against him, including obstruction of justice and theft, dismissed.

Lassiter will face sentencing in 31st Judicial District Court on Monday. Retired Judge Ronald Cox, who was appointed to the case after District Judge Steve Gunnell recused himself, will hand down the sentence.

Jeff Davis Parish District Attorney Michael Cassidy said the decision will not only bring the case to a close, but will also help the city put a "bad chapter behind us."

"I am anxious to see what sentence (Lassiter) receives," Cassidy said. "Judge (Ronald) Cox has a very tough decision. Many people believe (Lassiter) is entitled

to leniency based upon his service to our country in the National Guard and to our city as a police officer and chief. He also has PTSD from getting shot by Phil Karam and developed a substance abuse problem as a result."

Many others, however, believe Lassiter should receive a harsh sentence for putting other lives on the line.

"He knew his actions were hurting many pending cases against several suspects," Cassidy said, "so basically, his actions caused several cases to be dismissed or given a more lenient sentence. By breaking the chain of evidence, tampering with some evidence or taking the drugs, Lassiter

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- JDP District Attorney Michael Cassidy

altered the outcome of many cases where law enforcement officers risked their lives to make an arrest so our community would be safer."

With all of that said, Cassidy said he feels "confident that Judge Cox will do what is just."

Cox had previously rejected both the prosecution's and the defendant's recommendation for sentencing, and then requested a pre-sentencing report from the office of probation and parole. Probation and parole then recommended a sentence to Cox, who can either increase or decrease the recommended sentence before it is imposed.

Malfeasance in office is punishable by up to five years in prison for only one count; Lassiter pled guilty to two.

The maximum penalty is unlikely since Lassiter is a first-time offender, Cassidy said.

Lassiter resigned from the JPD in January of last year and was subsequently arrested by Louisiana State Police (LSP) after \$1,500 had gone missing from the JPD evidence room. At the time, only Lassiter, who was serving as the department's interim evidence technician, and JPD Chief Todd D'Albor had keys to that room.

An internal audit of the evidence room later revealed approximately 1,800 pills; over 380 grams of cocaine; several pounds of marijuana; codeine and promethazine; and \$4,500 in cash that had all been seized in various cases were missing.

At least 58 cases were reportedly adversely affected as a result.

Following his guilty plea, Lassiter was ordered to a Veterans Affairs hospital to complete treatment for substance abuse.



There's no place like home Alexander's art reflects La. roots

By **GLENETTA SHUEY**
Special to the Daily News

At 11 years old, a country girl played in the dirt using her imagination to create her own masterpieces out of her large collection of rocks. Candice Alexander spent time in her nearby woods building teepees, playing out her



own special artistry. Now, at age 35, she has come full circle, utilizing the resourcefulness that began in the natural surroundings of her native Hathaway over 20 years ago.

Never having had art classes in school, Alexander was fortunate to meet a "real artist" working on the movie "Passion Fish",

creating the landscapes used for scenery. Yevette Ward still remembers the young Alexander sitting in a local restaurant, sketchbook in front of her. The connection was immediate and continued for many years. Ward would send her drawings, old brushes, art supplies, even anatomy books. Alexander recalls fondly, "She was a real inspira-

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Public invited to watch gators feast at Gator Chateau

By **AUBREY BROUSSARD**
Daily News Staff Writer

The alligators at the Louisiana Oil and Gas Park's Gator Chateau (Alligator House) are coming out of hibernation and they are hungry.

With that said, Dione Sabelhaus of the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission said she's looking forward to a new season of feeding the city's beloved pets.

Feedings will be held at 3:30 p.m. every Friday, and feeding times will be open to the public.

Last year, the Gator Chateau welcomed over 33,000 visitors that came to hold gator babies; take photos of the chateau's residents; and watch the adult gators feast on 100 pounds of chicken each week.

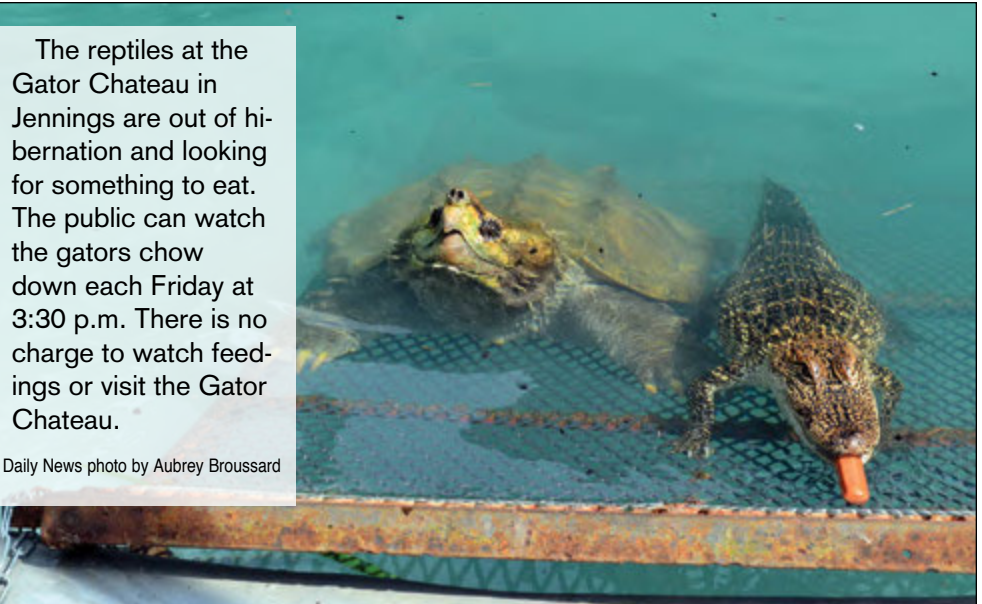
The feedings will continue each Friday

during the month of June through September.

So far this year, Sabelhaus said the Gator Chateau has already received almost 14,000 visitors, including tourists from Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Check Republic, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Guam, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Nova Scotia, Peru, Poland, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and the Virgin Islands.

There are currently a dozen alligators and one alligator snapping turtle residing at the Chateau. The alligators range in age from seven months to 14 years old, including Clotie, Ophelia, Bubba, T-boy (Hampton),

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The reptiles at the Gator Chateau in Jennings are out of hibernation and looking for something to eat. The public can watch the gators chow down each Friday at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge to watch feedings or visit the Gator Chateau.

Daily News photo by Aubrey Broussard



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Charter schools' discipline policy under fire

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Wesley Nakamura is teaching a sophomore algebra class at Carver Collegiate Academy in New Orleans. A student near the front of the room raises his hand and asks to go to the restroom. Things go badly from there.

Nakamura prepares to hand over a hall pass but asks the student if he might not want to wait a few minutes. He might miss an important point. The boy, already standing, mumbles something barely audible, and Nakamura straightens. "That's not how you talk to me," he says firmly.

The discussion continues for another few moments, and the boy leaves for the restroom in a huff, jerking open the door with a loud thud. He doesn't even seem to notice that sitting in the back of the room is the school's principal, Jerel Bryant, who quickly moves to the door and calls him back for a chat.

"I don't wanna talk!" he yells before Bryant escorts him down the hall and outside for a private discussion.

Though in some ways a

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typical high school scene, an incident like this encapsulates a lot about the charter school organization that runs Carver — why, by many measures, it has been hugely successful, and also why it is so persistently controversial.

The group, called Collegiate Academies, runs three high schools in New Orleans and has produced some of the city's best academic results. Its philosophy, as with many charter schools, centers on holding students to

a high standard in academics and classroom behavior.

But this sort of "no excuses" model has also left Collegiate — and other groups like it — open to criticism. Its schools have some of the highest suspension rates in the state. And last month, it was hit with a formal civil rights complaint from a group of students and their families alleging a "harsh and punitive" discipline culture.

Too many students, the families argued, are being taken out of the classroom for "very minor infractions, such as speaking disrespectfully to a teacher."

In one way, the argument between Collegiate and its critics is a dispute about plain facts. The complaint makes specific accusations, even alleging at one point that a teacher called an autistic student "stupid" and encouraged classmates to throw paper at him.

Sorting out the truth is difficult. There are no names given

in the complaint; statements are attributed to "Student L" or "Parent J." And school staff for the most part cannot comment on specific allegations because of federal privacy laws, though broadly speaking they deny most of the complaint's assertions.

Complicating matters, even allies of the no-excuses approach acknowledge that so-called "zero-tolerance" discipline policies need rethinking. Education Secretary Arne Duncan joined Attorney General Eric Holder earlier this year in condemning policies that "make students feel unwelcome in their own schools" and often disproportionately target young black men.

Caroline Roemer Shirley, head of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, is of two minds on the issue. Similar complaints have led to useful reforms in New Orleans, including a new centralized process for expulsion hearings. And yet, the complaint against Collegiate strikes her as more of a "PR stunt" orchestrated by familiar opponents.

"Frankly, I think it's nonsense," she said. "I think it's a certain set of folks who are angry that they are not the decision-makers, and I think they're stirring up trouble."

The Rev. Willie Calhoun, a longtime critic of the local school district who signed the complaint along with two Loyola University law professors, is unapologetic. Calhoun was part of a group that applied several times for a charter to run the school and was rejected by the state.

He sees Collegiate's discipline policies as part of a broader set of misdeeds perpetrated by the Recovery School District since Hurricane Katrina, starting with the abandonment of neighborhood schools in favor of city-wide open enrollment.

"I think some of these acts are criminal," Calhoun said, "and some of these things need to be litigated."

There may be little room for compromise between these two points of view, but a close look inside the schools that Collegiate runs provides at least a clearer picture of what's being fought over and

what's at stake.

Its campuses have never been outwardly impressive. Its first, Sci Academy, opened in 2008 in a set of trailers near what used to be Abramson High School. The group began a phased takeover of Carver High School, in the Desire neighborhood, in 2012, splitting it into two separate programs with a combined football team and other extracurricular programs. Those schools are housed in trailers too, all of them now temporarily clumped near Sci Academy on Read Boulevard while permanent buildings are under construction.

Like most schools in the Recovery District, students at Collegiate's schools are mostly African-American, and most qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, a measure of poverty.

Whatever the appearances, Collegiate's approach and philosophy are palpable, starting with the morning meeting, which includes everyone from the principal to the security guard.

Plans ready for new La. veterans cemetery

RAYVILLE (AP) — Preliminary design plans are in place for the new Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery which will be built near Rayville in Richland Parish.

"I am excited about the progress on the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery project," said David LaCerte, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I know our veterans and their families are eager to see this new cemetery become a reality, and I'm pleased to report that we are one step closer to finalizing the design plans for what will be a beautiful final resting place for our honored heroes," he said.

The *News-Star* reported that in fall 2013, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs approved spending up to \$10 million for the cemetery

after about a decade of lobbying by authorities in Louisiana.

State Sen. Francis Thompson, D-Delhi, and state Rep. Bubba Chaney, R-Rayville, got a look at the preliminary design recently.

"This is going to be a tremendous project that honors our own fighting men and women in our region," Thompson said.

Thompson and Chaney said a special feature of the cemetery will be a reflecting pond.

"It's going to be a beautiful site and perfect location," Chaney said.

The 50-acre site, which was donated by the Franklin family, is near Interstate 20 off U.S. Highway 425 and Louisiana Highway 137. Up to 35,000 veterans could be buried there.

Louisiana's state veterans cemeteries are often

described as "mini-Arlingtons," referring to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

They have similar features and employ a staff of 10-15. Once the federal agency pays for planning and construction, the state assumes the operating expense.

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs operates two other cemeteries: the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville and Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery near Fort Polk.

Robin Keller, spokeswoman for the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, said once plans are approved by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs construction will take about 18 months.

"We're hoping construction can begin late this year or early next year," she said.

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tion for me as a kid. I wanted to be just like her — working, painting, and doing what I loved to do for me and for people to view."

Bernadine Alexander, Candice's mother, remembers her daughter creating, designing or building something from the time she could speak. Not only did her daughter immerse herself in the "arts," she says her daughter was fascinated by anything to do with nature.

Alexander admits that her participation in 4-H activities helped her hone her abilities in many areas. As she aged, she was exposed to different genres of art, and her dreams of becoming an artist evolved. After graduating at the top of her class in 2002 from McNeese State University, she used

her talents and skill set in copper engravings and etchings. Before and after college, Alexander traveled all over the globe, continuing her education in art history in inspiring places such as Greece and Italy.

After graduation, Alexander found a studio where she could do some work and then immediately started booking shows, beginning in New Mexico in 2003. She traveled to Renaissance fairs in Florida and Pennsylvania from 2004 to early 2006 and also New York the same year. Alexander said that it was not easy, as often she found herself in places alone, living in tents for months at a time or selling her work on beaches in Florida. She even hustled her art on the streets of New York City

and often out of a suitcase, which she designed in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In addition to all of her pursuits and endeavors over the years, Alexander added to her resume by attending a welding school as part of the Associated Building Contractors' program. When asked how this related to her art, she explained her use of this skill in relation to her sculptures. Always seeking to improve her craftsmanship, Alexander seeks to acquire as much information as will promote her gift, a gift that she has made tangible with her efforts and commitment.

Throughout her many travels, one constant for Alexander was her "baby" printing press that was an exchange made between

herself and a professor while she was completing an art project at McNeese. It is a physical reminder to her of her road to her present success. "I learned to make my art marketable and flexible so that it reflects the style of the places I travel." Alexander has collectors all over the world, and she now sells her art in 40 stores across Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

She employs assistants in her shop on Ryan Street in Lake Charles to keep her business running smoothly. She asserts that they are integral to the strength of her business. Alexander has accrued many honors and awards these past few years, most noteworthy is Southwest Louisiana's Best Artist Award the past two years, the title held for many years previously by the illustrious Elton Louviere. Alexander has been invit-

ed to do workshops for the Louisiana Arts Educators Association and other groups. She has presented her work at many venues around the United States.

Alexander's creativity has transformed over the years, each collection and series a statement of her own. In her own words: "The life lessons. The gifts that we give back using our hands. And our minds." She eyes the future as any exceptional artist will when thinking of their art: "I've been thinking about a body of work. A fun one....something with lines and layers and maps with words. Gulliver's Travels-like. A new collection."

Alexander is looking forward to a new beginning. Life is challenging her a bit these days, she admits, but despite the struggle, she seems ready for the next venture. The future is indeed at her fingertips!

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— until now," he added.

After making the undercover purchase, Semmes said authorities acted fast.

"We wanted to make sure we jumped on this to get it under control before it got out of hand," Semmes continued. "This is definitely not something we want to see popping up in our community."

Surveillance of the residence revealed that it was fortified, with burglar bars over all of the windows and doors.

"We requested assistance from the Lake Charles Police Department SWAT," Semmes said. "We gained entry when the SWAT team

ripped the front burglar bars off the door. When the bars came off, the rest of the wall came with it."

The gaping hole in the residence allowed officers to make a quick entry; however, the suspect was not found inside.

"We did find one package containing approximately three grams of a white powder believed to be heroin," Semmes said, "worth between \$600-\$700."

The suspect, Gold, remains at large, with a warrant issued for his arrest for heroin distribution. Semmes said Gold is not a Jennings native. His last

known address is believed to be between the Lafayette-Baton Rouge area.

A second suspect is also being sought for questioning in this case, Semmes summed up.

"We believe this suspect is part of a group of individuals selling narcotics in the area," Semmes said. "We want to send a message to people that we are not going to tolerate this drug in our city."

Anyone with information regarding this residence or the suspect, Gold, is strongly encouraged to contact the police department's anonymous tips line at (337) 275-9002.

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Jolie Blanc, and Evangeline, as well as three-year-olds Little Foot and Tee Deaux, two-year-old Rebel, one-year-old Cujeaux and seven-month-old babies Alphonse and T-Jacque.

Pierre, the alligator snapping turtle, is 75 years old.

"Clotie is still in hibernation," Sabelhaus explained, "so she takes the longest to wake up because she is older."

But all of the other reptilian residents of the Chateau are awake and active, she

summed up, and are ready to meet, greet (and not eat) excited visitors.

Chateau hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with feedings each Friday at 3:30 p.m. for the rest of the summer.

The Chateau also sells souvenirs such as alligator teeth on a necklace, stuffed alligator dolls and other alligator memorabilia.

Find out more information about the Gator Chateau by visiting www.jeffdavis.org or by calling (337) 821-5521 or 1-800-264-5521.

WEEKLY MENU
JUNE 17 - JUNE 22

June 17 Tuesday's Lunch—Chicken In A Gravy & Grilled Liver, Rice & Creamed Potatoes, Navy Beans, Creamed Corn and Beet & Onion Salad, Dinner Roll

June 18/Wednesday's Lunch—Pork & Sausage Jambalaya & Fried Veal Cutlets, Rice and Creamed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Black Eye Peas & Macaroni Salad, Dinner roll

June 19/Thursday's Lunch—BBQ Chicken, Brisket & Pork Steaks, Rice Dressing, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dinner Roll

June 20/ Friday's Lunch—Shrimp Creole & Smothered Beef Steaks, Rice and Creamed Potatoes, Whole Corn, Early Peas and Potato Salad, Dinner Roll

June 21/ Saturday's Lunch—Smoked Sausage & Potatoes, White Rice, Side Salad & Dinner Roll

June 22/ Sunday's Lunch—Fried Pork Loin & Seafood Stuffed Bell Peppers, Cornbread Dressing and Creamed Potatoes, Glazed Squash, Smothered Okra, Mexican Corn, Fruit Cocktail & Dinner Roll

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Saturday- Steak Night \$5 off 12 oz & 16 oz Ribeyes

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Thibodaux has a new community garden for charity

THIBODAUX, La. (AP) — Just in time for summer, Thibodaux has grown a bit greener with the addition of a new community garden.

With the approval and support of city officials, a group of Thibodaux residents and business people successfully cultivated the St. Francis Vegetable Garden, a community-based garden organized under the nonprofit Genevieve Foundation.

The half-acre garden is behind the Thibodaux Civic Center.

Garden coordinator Kimber Ratcliff said the St. Francis Vegetable Garden serves three purposes: growing produce for area food banks, encouraging gardeners to donate their extra produce to the food banks and educating the community on the importance of locally grown fresh foods.

The gardeners will plant spring and fall gardens and seasonally rotate the crops.

During the spring season, the garden vegetables include tomatoes, squash, green beans, okra, cucumbers, sweet corn and bell peppers.

Volunteers pick the vegetables on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and donate them to the Good Samaritan Food Bank, which distributes the goods to other area food banks.

Volunteers also are welcome to bring vegetables home for themselves.

"It's a great way to give back to the community during the summer," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff said groups can be as small as five people or as large as 60 people.

While numerous service-oriented groups, including the Girl Scouts, school groups and church youth groups have volunteered at the garden, Ratcliff said many families also have dedicated time to the cause.

"The garden is like a gigantic outdoor classroom," said Nancy Bernard, the garden's assistant director. "The kids are having fun outside in the garden while learning."

Ratcliff said the harvesting experience introduces children to the gardening process and aspects of nutrition.

"A lot of kids don't realize where their food is coming from," Ratcliff said. "By harvesting the produce, we're teaching them to try and eat new things as well."

However, volunteer coordinator Josi Orte said she believes the experience will benefit people of all ages.

"People aren't as exposed to healthy eating as they should be," Orte said. "If more people were involved with the gardening, they may be more likely to eat local produce. It's like a spiral effect."

The idea of the community garden was conceived when Chris Ledet, the garden's

"It's a great way to give back to the community during the summer."

— Kimber Ratcliff, garden coordinator

executive director, connected with Catholic Charities in October as he searched for a charity to help.

Ledet, whose father was a farmer, said he always had an interest in gardening, and when presented with the chance to create a community garden, he jumped at the opportunity.

Like Ledet, Ratcliff also was seeking opportunities to garden. Upon meeting, they partnered to begin the St. Francis garden.

"Eating locally is so important," Ratcliff said. "We have great soil, and our weather here is perfect for growing crops all year

round."

According to Ratcliff, the planning phase began in January, and planting began in April.

Orte said the group welcomes individuals who are interested in volunteering, but also would like to recruit community groups to participate in the harvesting efforts.

For those who want to contribute but can't attend the morning harvesting, Bernard recommended row sponsorship.

Donors who contribute \$100 can sponsor a row, and the group will dedicate a 12-inch by 12-inch sign with the donor's name or company's logo to the row.

Through this donation, the gardeners are able to purchase plants, seeds, mulch, irrigation and garden tools.

This spring, 28 rows are available for sponsorship.

Fire crews burn house teetering on cliff

WHITNEY, Texas (AP) — Charred debris from a luxury cliff-side home fell 75 feet into a lake below on Friday after fire crews set the \$700,000 retreat ablaze rather than wait for it to crumble into the water as the land faltered around it.

It took less than an hour for the fire to level the home above

Lake Whitney, about 60 miles south of Fort Worth. Flames consumed exterior walls after crews spread bales of hay and fuel to ignite flames throughout the expansive home.

The ground around the home cracked and became unstable in recent months. Then a few days ago, part of the land gave way beneath the 4,000-square-foot home, leaving pieces of the house dangling off the side of a cliff. Authorities condemned the home and the owners, Robert and Denise Webb, consented to Friday's burn.

Authorities said destroying the house was better than waiting for it to topple into Lake Whitney. The cost of remov-

ing mounds of debris from the lake could prove prohibitive.

Spectators in dozens of boats witnessed the demolition from a safe distance. Live television coverage shared the view of the spiraling black smoke coming from the gated resort community.

The Webbs purchased the home in 2012, but a few weeks ago were forced to remove their personal items and relocate. They expressed shock and sadness at losing their lake house.

The Webbs, who also have a home along Florida's Miami Beach, told WTSP-TV on Thursday that the deterioration of their property has been hard to watch.

Athlete from Fiji killed in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A runner from Fiji was killed in a gang shooting in Northern California just weeks before he was set to attend a Louisiana university on a track scholarship, friends and authorities said.

Roy Ravana Jr. and another man, Kevin Ohta, were shot Monday in Sacramento County by two juveniles who opened fire with two handguns and a rifle on behalf of the Norteno street gang, prosecutors said. Ohta, 21, is expected to survive.

The suspects, ages 17

and 16, have been charged as adults with murder and attempted murder. They were arraigned Wednesday but did not enter pleas, said Shelly Orio, a spokeswoman for the Sacramento County district attorney's office.

The exact circumstances of the shooting were unclear. Sheriff's Sgt. Lisa Bowman told the Bee earlier this week it was not clear whether the victims fired any shots or whether they had any gang affiliations.

Friends and family of Ravana say they were not

aware of his involvement in any criminal behavior.

Fiji's prime minister, Voreqe Bainimarama, called Ravana an innocent bystander and said he was a great athlete and wonderful role model.

"Many people dream of being given an opportunity to pursue success overseas," the prime minister said in a statement. "Roy was living that dream when he died. And many young Fijians, even those who didn't know him personally, will feel a sense of shock and loss at his passing."

Ravana, 20, represented Fiji, an island nation in the South Pacific near New Zealand and Australia, in the heats of the 60-meter race at the 2012 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Indoor Championships in Istanbul and later in the same year in the 400-meter race at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain, the association said in a statement. He was also a 400-meter hurdler.

He had been selected to represent Fiji at next month's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Athletics Fiji President Jo Rodan Senior told Radio New Zealand International that Ravana's father was going to the U.S. Saturday to bring the body back to Fiji, and the funeral will be June 21 in Suva.

POLICE REPORT

Editor's Note: An arrest does not indicate a person is guilty of the crime with which they are charged. A person is not considered guilty until they are convicted of a crime in a court of law.

Sheriff's Office

Eleven people were booked into the parish jail by the Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff's Office over the past week.

Friday, June 6

Allison McCrea, 22, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm in the presence of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a weapon with an obliterated serial number and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. No bond was listed.

Rosalyn Faith Breaux, 26, was charged with manslaughter, attempted manslaughter and contempt of court. Bond was set at \$750,000.

Saturday, June 7

Roland Javorde White, 33, was charged with disturbing the peace, battery of a police officer and disarming a police officer.

Arthur Williams Buxton, Jr., 22, was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Chad Garrett LaFleur, 28, was charged with simple burglary, criminal trespass, simple criminal damage to property, illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of persons under 17, possession of a Schedule IV narcotic with intent to distribute, possession of a legend drug without a prescription and was also arrested on a warrant. Bond was set at \$80,000.

Sunday, June 8

Ronald Oden, 57, was charged with aggravated assault with a firearm. Bond was set at \$40,000.

Shaneka Williams, 36, was charged with two counts of possession of a Schedule

II narcotic with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of persons under 17. Bond was set at \$185,000.

Tuesday, June 10

Stephen Scot DUhon, 26, was charged with third offense driving while intoxicated and speeding. No bond was listed.

Scott James Fontenot, 28, was arrested on a warrant. Bond was denied.

Derrick Paul Fruge, 25, was arrested on a warrant. Bond was denied.

Wednesday, June 11

Rookey Andrew Navarre, 27, was charged with theft of firearm. No bond was listed.

City Police

Six people were arrested by the Jennings Police Department over the past week.

Sunday, June 8

Derick Lee Crochet, 26, of Louisiana Avenue in Lake Arthur, was charged with failure to appear.

Richard Lee Crochet, Jr., 47, of La. 26 in Jennings, was charged with contempt of court.

Monday, June 9

Daniel Lee Littlejohn, 30, of South Lake Arthur Avenue in Jennings, was charged with contempt of court.

Eric Charles Goodwin, 18, of New Orleans Avenue in Lake Arthur, was charged with contempt of court.

Tuesday, June 10

Anthony D. Dartez, 54, of Mulkin Street in Jennings, was arrested on a warrant.

Wednesday, June 11

Marks Lee Wilson, 35, of West Division Street in Jennings, was charged with battery of a police officer and resisting an officer.

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DHH encourages residents to report suspected abuse

Communities across the nation and throughout the world are uniting to observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. In Louisiana, Governor Bobby Jindal proclaimed June 15, 2014 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Every year, an estimated 4 million older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation. That's just a small part of the problem. Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23 cases go unreported. In Louisiana, more than 7,300 cases of abuse involving older and vulnerable adults were reported last year.

Department of Health and Hospitals Secretary Kathy Kliebert said all residents of this state have a moral and legal obligation to stand up and take action against this serious issue by reporting abuse and not turning a blind eye.

Experts believe that older adults who experience abuse, neglect or exploitation face a considerably higher risk of premature death than those who have not been mistreated.

There are several types of elder abuse:

- Physical Abuse-physical pain or injury, e.g. slapping, bruising, or restraining
- Sexual Abuse-non-consensual sexual contact of any kind
- Caregiver Neglect-the failure of the responsible caregiver to provide food, shelter, health care or protection
- Exploitation-taking, misusing, or concealing funds, property, or assets
- Emotional Abuse-inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts, e.g. humiliating, intimidating, or threatening
- Abandonment-desertion by anyone who has assumed the responsibility for care
- Self-neglect-failure of a person to perform essential self-care tasks to the extent it threatens his/her health or safety

Successful intervention depends on reports by persons who suspect mistreatment. Many victims are reluctant to report abuse because they fear retribution, lack of care, embarrassment and institutionalization. Often, the victim is unable to speak out due to dementia or other impairments.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Aging and Adult Services investigates abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults ages 18 and older who have an intellectual or physical disability, persons with chronic disease or frail older adults, who have a limited ability to provide for their own care or protection.

Recognizing the signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation is the first step. You should look for:

- Bruises and skin discoloration
- Burns, welts, cuts, evidence of bites or bed sores
- Visitors refused access to the house
- Withdrawal (refusing to or not allowed to leave home)
- Unclean, smelly, dirty or inadequate clothes
- Weight loss, appears hungry, begging, or searching for food
- No utilities
- Unsanitary surroundings
- Use of adult's monies/resources by another
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Anyone who suspects a vulnerable adult is being abused should contact DHH's Adult Protective Services at 1-800-898-4910. Visit the Adult Protective Services website at: www.dhh.la.gov/aps.



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Big kids still need their dads

"We're still just children. We may have lost some of our innocence, but we're really nothing but little boys and girls."

from "Off Magazine Street" by Ronald Everett Capps

I do not remember the topic of conversation. All I remember is telling my mother, "You're an adult, though. It's not like you need your father."

We were standing in the laundry room. She turned to me, eyes wide and brimming with tears, and said, "I'm 50 years old, and I still need my daddy every day."

Her father, who died when I was a baby, had been gone more than 20 years at the time of that conversation. I realized, by her reaction, that I had crossed a line when I assumed her age determined whether she needed her father or not. Of course, I would

learn what she already knew the hard way when Mom died a few years after that conversation.

I know many who lost their fathers at different stages in their lives. My godson's father died when he was a year old. I have other friends who lost their dads when we were in elementary, middle or high school. Some lost them during our college years or not long after.

Others lost their dads during middle age and even after. They all have one thing in common, though, and it is not a secret in their crowd - they need their dads.

In society, moms are seen as the go-to parents. Maybe it is that physical bond that lasts for nine months that leads most

I'M JUST SAYIN'

by SHEILA SMITH



children, no matter their age, to automatically turn to mom for everything.

In the average household, you have probably heard or participated in a conversation that goes a little something like this:

"Where's Mom?"

"She's busy. What do you need?"

"I need Mom."

I don't think dads realize just how much they are needed, though. Maybe it's because the kids, whatever their ages, don't say, or because dads, like society, believe moms are the top parent. But needing a father isn't about needing someone to change your oil or join you on a fishing trip. You need your father for the simple fact that he

is your father. You need to hear his voice. You need to know he thinks about you. You need to know that no matter how old you get, or no matter how life changes, that no matter how much either of you changes, he still sees and loves you as his child, just like you see and love him as your dad.

Not all dads realize this.

Today, some of you will be in pain because either your dad chose to leave or he had no choice but to leave because his life ended. To you, I send a piece of my broken heart, because I know what Mother's Day does to me.

To the dads of big kids - you know, adults - I hope you realize not only how much you are loved, but how much you are needed. There is a little kid that still exists in your child and that child needs his or her daddy every day.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Discusses Undocumented Children

Dear Editor,

For many years, we have been offering all kinds of inducements for people to flood our border illegally. We have invited them and Obama has simply made it worse with his promises of amnesty.

What is happening today with the influx of "kids" is just another chapter in this tragedy that we have caused.

When we do not seriously prevent illegal immigrants from finding work, when we offer them welfare and food stamps, when we offer free medical care at our emergency rooms, when we offer free educations in our schools (not to mention English as a second language in

some places!), when we allow American driver's licenses to be issued making them appear to be legal citizens, when we remove the threat of deportation, and give automatic citizenship to kids born here, why wouldn't they come?

If any other nation in the world offered these things they would be flooded with illegal immigrants as well!

Even if they can't find work an illegal immigrant is better off here than where they came from!

We offers all kinds of goodies, a clear invitation, and then wonder why they take us up on it? Are we really that stupid?

Stop the inducements, every one of them, and they'll stop coming. If an illegal immigrant's future here is no better and perhaps worse than where they

came from they won't come! It's really pretty simple.

Liberals try to sell this idiocy on the basis of compassion. They argue that it's the humanitarian thing to do helping these people find a better life in the U.S.

It's a lie. The real motive is to gain more votes for the left. They know that when you rob Peter to pay Paul, you can depend on Paul's support, so they also know that if they rob Peter to pay Pedro, Julio, Maria and Roberto they can rely on Pedro, Julio, Maria and Roberto's votes when they become citizens (maybe even before they become citizens in some places! There is some voter fraud in this country today.)

This should not be about compassion or votes. Our nation is being invaded by people we

have invited and the taxpaying public is forced to pay for it all in many ways. It is insanity.

I actually support immigration. Sensible, legal immigration designed to benefit our nation. I do not hate Hispanics or any other ethnic group. But I do NOT support illegal immigration in any way, I do NOT support amnesty for lawbreakers, and I do NOT support inviting people to break our laws or rewarding them for doing so.

If someone else can make a rational argument to the contrary I want to hear it. Let's have an intelligent discussion on this issue rather than a bunch of political sound bites.

Until then, stop inviting people to invade our country and break our laws.

Wayne Peterkin
Evangeline

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Superman returns

Elton's Lemoine has eyes on state title his senior year

By DYLAN BROSSETTE
Daily News Sports Editor

Marcus Lemoine walked casually through the gates of Elton's Cleve Beard Stadium onto the wet grass, twirling a football in his left hand as he surveyed his surroundings in the early morning heat.

"A lot of memories out here, man," he said, almost to himself. "A lot of memories."

Perhaps, it was the 50-yard touchdown run against Basile that quieted the entire visitors' section, and opposing fans in the end zone who had been heckling him, that came to his mind.

Or, maybe, it was the touchdown run against Logansport in the playoffs last year, when, on a busted option play, he reversed field completely and nearly gave his head coach a heart attack.

There are endless memories Lemoine, 17, could recount, seeing as he ran for 2,679 yards and 32 touchdowns in 2013, good enough for second in the state overall and first-team All-State honors, but the soon-to-be senior running back said he is not

worried about what has happened in the past, only what awaits in the future.

"Once I leave and go to college, and maybe try to shoot for the NFL, I always want to come back," Lemoine said. "There are kids who look up to me and ask me for help now. I just want to help out the younger kids."

Lemoine turned heads in his junior season, leading the Indians to a 7-5 record and a berth in the second round of the LHSAA 1A playoffs. He accomplished all this despite four upperclassmen quitting the team early in the year, in addition to an injury to wide receiver Scott Ross, a teammate Lemoine said was "like my brother."

"It hurt the team bad; it did," he said of the series of events. "When that happened, I knew I had to step my game up another notch. From there, I just took everything over."

And takeover he did. Besides shouldering the offense, Lemoine starred as a safety for the Indians, as well as playing on all special team units.

"I think he's pretty good,"



Marcus Lemoine

said Elton Head Coach Doyle Carter with a chuckle and a smirk. "He would definitely be an attribute anywhere he got a chance to play (collegiatley). Sure he rushed for 2,600 yards, but that doesn't tell you about playing all the special teams, or being the starting safety on defense. If he got off the field, it was only because it was a timeout or it was halftime."

When asked if Lemoine would carry the team on his shoulders this season, Carter responded without hesitation, "absolutely."

Lemoine said he has been hearing from some college coaches, but his stature, 5

feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, and middling 40-yard dash time, 4.5, have kept major suitors at bay. He said that's fine by him, however, as his dream school, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, has shown a great deal of interest in his talents.

"When I got in high school and started playing, I knew this was what I wanted to do

as a future," Lemoine said. "What motivated me was my cousin, Cedric Skinner. He was the best in my eyes. He went to Grambling. I just believe if he can go, then I can go. Honestly, I would rather go somewhere smaller and play. If it all came down, I just want to play. I'm going to show you what I've got and get that scholarship."

Though he admits the lure of a scholarship is what drives his nearly constant work habits, he said his greatest motivation to succeed is his mother, Kesia.

"My momma is there for everything," Lemoine said, with emphasis on "everything." "Games - she's on the sideline. She might pop up at practice. Camps - she's there. My momma stood in the rain with me in Texas for a combine."

His voice trails off

before adding, "It's just, my momma. She's there."

All Lemoine's efforts are not solely geared toward football, as he is an All-District-caliber basketball player and track star during the football off-season. Lemoine is also deeply devoted to the church, where he is an usher.

Elton fans will not have to wait much longer for the return of their Superman, and hope he can lead them to a much sought after state title. Lemoine said he wants that, too, and will give up everything to get there.

"I promise you, if I had to, I would give back every one of those 2,600 yards for us to make a run and win it all. It's nice to celebrate what I did, but I did that within myself. Nothing would match celebrating a championship with my team. My brothers."

Back for more Cajuns re-sign Hudspeth

By DYLAN BROSSETTE
Daily News Sports Editor

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajun football team will have the services of popular head coach Mark Hudspeth through 2019, after the school's athletic department announced early Friday morning it had come to terms on a renegotiated six-year extension with Hudspeth worth \$950,000 a year, plus incentives, making him the highest-paid coach in the Sun Belt Conference.

"Hud," as he is commonly known to Ragin' Cajuns fans, took over the program in 2010 following a 3-9 season in 2009, and promptly lead the Cajuns to a 9-4 mark and a heart-pounding victory in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

"I'm very appreciative to Dr. (Joseph) Savoie, Scott Farmer and the Board of Supervisors for putting their trust in myself and our coaching staff," Hudspeth said in a press release following the announcement of the deal. "I'm very pleased with the contract.

"It's good for both parties," Hudspeth added. "This adds a lot of stability to our program in terms of recruiting, and fans will see that both parties are committed to a common goal - and that it continuing to build our football program one day at a time."

Hud has posted a 27-12 mark during his three seasons in Lafayette after coming over from a five-year stint as the head coach at the University of North Alabama from 2002-2008, and one year at Mississippi State in 2009, including two additional victories in the New Orleans Bowl for the Cajuns in 2012 and 2013.

Attendance at Cajun Field has reached record highs during Hud's tenure, averaging nearly 29,000 fans a game, an increase of 12,000 fans per game. The Cajuns also captured the Sun Belt Conference title in 2013.

"This (contract) also says that we're ready to take the next step in becoming a major program," Hudspeth said. "I'm proud to be a part of our university, and I'm proud to be the head coach of the Ragin' Cajuns."

CHALK TALK

Is it football season yet?

I had the opportunity this week to visit high schools all over Jeff Davis Parish to witness how the various teams were preparing themselves for the upcoming season. I left every campus with one thing weighing heavily on my mind: I am ready for those bitter cold Friday nights again.

I am ready to stand out on the sidelines as two huge rivals with no chance of making the playoffs go to war in their final regular season game, playing harder than they have all year. I am ready to see a second-string wide receiver, pressed into action because of an injury or whatever it may be, catch his first touchdown pass and beam up at his parents in the stands under those bright Friday

night lights.

My heart pounds as I imagine the sound of pads smashing together, and that first National Anthem may well be the sweetest tune I'll ever hear.

Don't get me wrong; I love all sports. However, something about a pitcher throwing a perfect game during the dog days of summer doesn't make my adrenaline rush quite like a quarterback completing a game-winning Hail Mary and the whole stadium erupting in

cheers.

I can only take solace in one fact: there's only 63 days until the first regular season game. But, who's counting? Right?

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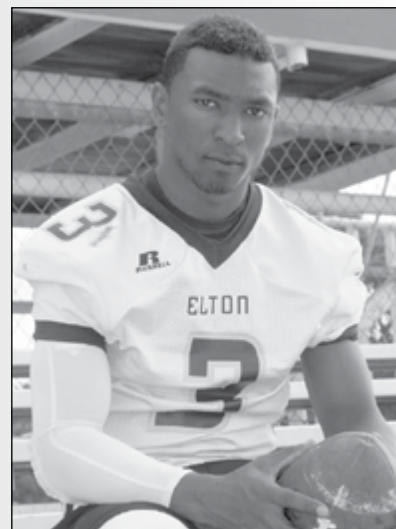
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I-10 N. Frontage Road - 16.45 Acres. Highly Visible, Ideal Business Location, Zone C-1, 278 feet of Frontage. Priced at \$499,000.

15358 Hwy 26 - Just North of I-10, 3,206sqft Commercial Building on 1.14 acres of property with 194 feet of highway frontage, abundant parking and plenty of room to expand. Priced at \$190,000.

Welsh Listings - 102 ELMS ST. - 4,000 sqft. with two income-generating apartments. New metal roof. Local interest mural on outside brick wall. Reduced

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912 N. Main St. - Numerous possibilities exist for this spacious Commercial Building with 5,479sqft of room for your business. Bick side walls, Glass front for advertising and metal whse w/ loading dock in rear. Located on Main street in Jennings with plenty of onstreet parking. Take a tour of this great location and see how it can fit into your business plans. Priced At \$100,000.

44712 Hwy 717- This 2,850sqft commercial building would make a great store or restaurant. It could be configured into a fantastic camp. This location is just, moments away from the lake and is ideal for hunters and fisherman. Relax under the covered patio and retreat into the air conditioned comfort when temps get too hot! Take a look at this recently remodeled property today! Priced to sell at \$ 59,900

515 N Lake Arthur Ave - Jennings- 7/10 of an acre commercial lot with Residential building. Many possibilities for a business location with 250 feet of Hwy 26 frontage. Priced at \$ 95,000

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806 Shannon Drive - You and your family will enjoy living in this fine 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Master suite has full closet and bath. Kitchen is complete with stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Generous living and dining area. Enjoy the tree shaded backyard as you lounge on the patio area. Dad will appreciate a metal workshop for all his tools. Don't miss out, take a look at this one today! Priced At \$98,000.

731 Harrington St. - Plenty of room to be found in this fine home. 3 bedrooms and 3 baths await your family. Large Master Suite with full Bath and a generous array of closet space. Kitchen area and dining room to feed all your clan. Full size Living room and a game room for the kids with their own kitchen and their own bathroom; you may never see them again! Enjoy morning coffee in the Sunroom looking out over your garden. Nice yard and workshop for all of your tools and a double carport to protect your vehicles. Priced At \$129,900.

215 Clara St. - Turn of the Century Two Story home with Hardwood flooring in the Master Suite downstairs along with the Dining and Living rooms. The Living room has a gas burning fireplace for those chilly days and Vintage wooden staircase leading upstairs. The kitchen area has cabinets for all your needs and flows right out of the door onto the spacious Deck for entertaining. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms and a full bath. Large Porch along the front and side for enjoying sunny days. Metal 20 X 20 workshop in rear to store all of your items. This may be the one you have been holding out for. Don't wait too long, it is priced to move at \$59,900!

814 Fifth - One Bedroom, one Bath with Living Room and Kitchen complete this efficient home. Accented with a side porch and situated on a 60 X 155 Lot. Makes for a great investment property! Priced to sell at \$19,900.

1007 Orange St - Mermentau - Investors Special!!! Needs a good bit of TLC. Could be used for a rental property. Priced at \$19,900.

711 McKinley Street - Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, with 1,150 sq ft of living area. It is move in ready! Would make a great property for an investor or a beginning family home. Wood Siding with Metal Roof on a 50 x 120 Lot. Priced at \$32,500.

34937 Cypress Point Road - Recently Remodeled 2,026 sq ft, three bedroom, two bath, home with plenty of space to live and play. Large Master Bedroom with Soak-

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ing tub in bath. Situated on a two acre corner lot with fences and barn for livestock. RV plug in ready for when your guest visit. Wrap around seven foot porch. Priced at \$159,900.

703 Scott Street - Upscale living in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1650 sq ft home. Granite and stainless kitchen, living room with fireplace. Must see interior. Guest house with hot tub. Priced at \$129,900.

715 Cary Ave - Three Bedrooms/ three Baths 3905 sq ft. Many architectural features like the vaulted ceiling, spiral staircase, and hanging sofa. Kitchen with custom cabinets and pantry, lapidus granite counter tops, gas cook top with a touch activated stainless vent/hood. Tiled floors, Wood Burning Fireplace, and Granite Snack Bar. Large Master Suite has Australian cypress flooring, a walk-in closet, separate vanities, toilet area with bidet, and a deep sunken tub. Priced @ \$288,000.

1317 Yoakum St - Cozy Three Bedroom with Large Bath in Elton. This vinyl sided house on slab is on 11 yrs. Old. It is all Electric with Central Air & Heat for your comfort. This would make a great starter home or for the growing family. New REDUCED price @ \$30,000.

12037 Arceneaux Rd - This one has it all! 16 x 80 home, 8 foot porches front and back, with 20 x 40 Living addition. 24 X 24 garage with. Buildings on the property include: Well Shed, Office w/ Bath, Camper Shed, Shop with 2 wings and a covered front work area, and Tractor Barn. The Crown Jewel is the 44 X 60 Music Hall with bar, bandstand and re-

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cording studio. Parties, get-togethers and musical good times await the lucky purchaser of this 2.2 acre mini-estate. Priced At \$149,900.

730 E. Division St - This budget minded charmer has 2 Bedrooms and 1 Bath, Living Room and Kitchen. Hardwood flooring adds to the appeal of this home. Includes a single carport and is on a 64' X 132' Lot. Perfect starter home or rental unit. Priced At \$49,900.

1429 W. Division St - This home has a huge master bedroom and bath. Large living Room for entertaining your friends. Kitchen w/ separate dining area and in-door laundry facilities. It includes a hobby or craft studio with its own 1/2 bath. Outdoors you can cook and relax under the spacious covered patio or stay busy in the 16 x 24 workshop. Located on a large 264' X 200' Lot. Priced At \$69,900.

714 Magnolia Drive - Three bedroom two bath remodeled

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home with lots of curve appeal. Master suite to relax and enjoy the evenings. Tray ceiling in Living room. Granite counters in the kitchen are just perfect for whipping up a great meal. Storage building for all of your extras. Priced at \$172,900.

509 S Louise Street - Nice three bedroom/ two bath 1660sqft home with Central heat and A/C. Separate living room and den for entertaining. Open floor plan with spacious kitchen. Plenty of covered parking in rear of home. Storage building. Priced at \$110,000.

711 N. Louise St - Think Big! This home has over 2,400 square feet of heated and cooled living space for your family to enjoy. There is a kitchen with cook top and dining island, built in appliances and plenty of cabinets and counter space. Large living room with cozy fireplace to enjoy viewing the big game or just visiting with friends. Office space allowing you to work

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out of the home and save the daily commute. One end of the home is currently being used as a hair salon, but could easily be used as a separate apartment for Mom or adult children. Large Sun filled Den let's you spend some time soaking up the sunshine. Backyard includes sizable storage shed for all of your overflow belongings. Take a look at this one! Reduced Priced at \$155,000.

120 McClure Street - Value-minded home with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Ideal starter home. Low maintenance metal roof. Open floor plan between Living, Kitchen and Dining rooms. Situated on a 50 X 122 Lot. Conveniently located near the Lake. Priced At \$32,000.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, that the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on the 23rd day of July, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, on December 6, 2014, for renewal of a 2.61 mill property tax for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish Jail. Published in the Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, 2014.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, that the Board of Commissioners, governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on the 30th day of July, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at Lafosse Station, 365 Raymond Highway, Elton, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in the District on December 6, 2014, for renewal of a 5.53 mill property tax for the purpose of fire protection, including constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities in the District. Published in the Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, 2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, that the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, governing authority of Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana ("District"), will meet in open and public session on the 23rd day of July, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in the District on December 6, 2014, for renewal of a 10.32 mill property tax for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District. Published in the Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, 2014.

Legal Notice Notice is hereby given in accordance with Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 791, Article XI and any/or other applicable sections or section of Ordinance No. 791 as adopted and amended that: The Jefferson Davis

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Parish Police Jury Zoning Commission (comprising of all members of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury) will consider an application received from DWIGHT J. AND MARY REBECCA ALLBRITTON HOLLIER, for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to I-2 for Industrial Metal Fabrication I-Beams.. And whereas the property belonging to the aforementioned applicant is located outside of a municipality and is further described to-wit: The East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E1/2 of SE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Nine (9) South, Range Four (4) West, of Louisiana Meridian, together with all building and improvements situated thereon. A hearing will be conducted in the Police Jury Meeting Room, of the Sidney E. Briscoe, Jr. Building, located adjacent to the Parish Courthouse, 304 North State St., Jennings, LA at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Any interested person may speak or submit a written statement regarding the above noted application. Said application and plat shall be available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Parish Treasurer, located in the Sidney E. Briscoe Jr. Building, adjacent to the Parish Courthouse, 304 North State St., Jennings, LA., between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P. M. Monday through Friday, (excluding holidays). Published in Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, June 18, and June 24, 2014

SUCCESSION X PROBATE NO. P-21-13 OF X 31ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NITA PATRICIA SHIRLEY WOMACK

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X JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA ***** NOTICE OF FILING OF TABLEAU OF DISTRIBUTION Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this Estate and to all other persons herein interested to show cause within seven (7) days from this notification why the Tableau of Distribution presented by the Executrix of this Estate should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance herewith. By order of the Court _____, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1306(B), notice is hereby given that the proposed budget of the Ward 2 Marshal's Office, 2014 - 2015 is available for public inspection. Public inspection may be made at the Ward 2 Marshal's Office, 210 S. State St., Jennings, La. 70546. Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. /s/ Clarence L. Cormier, Marshal, Ward 2. Published in the Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, 2014.

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 10, 2014 The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10th day of June, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 110 N. Broadway, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook presiding. Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Johnny Armentor, District B; Stephen Van Hook, District E Jennings City Council Members Absent: Trey Myers, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D The Prayer was led by Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and

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Army: Bergdahl not joined by family after return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl arrived back in the United States following five years of captivity by the Taliban in Afghanistan, he wasn't joined by his family, military officials say.

and move forward with his life, military officials said. Officials said there is no timeline for the final step in Bergdahl's reintegration process.

"We will proceed at his pace," Poppen said.

Military officials declined to give details on what Bergdahl might remember about his capture or what he knows about the controversy surrounding his release.

Bergdahl was brought to Texas from an Army medical facility in Germany, where he had been recovering. Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, who greeted Bergdahl early Friday upon his arrival, said he exchanged a few words with Bergdahl after a three-vehicle convoy met him.

"He appeared just like any sergeant would when they see a two-star general, a little bit nervous. But he looked good and saluted and had good deportment," DiSalvo said at a news conference Friday, adding that Bergdahl was in stable condition.

Army officials would not say when Bergdahl's relatives might show up at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

In a statement read at the news conference, Bergdahl's parents said they "are overjoyed that their son has returned to the United States" but asked for privacy.

Col. Bradley Poppen, an Army psychologist, said a soldier typically determines when to reunite with his or her family. Poppen declined to release further details, citing the family's request for privacy. After the news conference, officials said they did not know if Bergdahl has spoken with his family.

The Idaho native was captured in Afghanistan in June 2009 and released by the Taliban on May 31 in a deal struck by the Obama administration in which five senior Taliban officials were released from detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Officials have kept a lid on details of Bergdahl's condition out of concern that he not be rushed back into the public spotlight and amid a public uproar over the circumstances of his capture and release.

Bergdahl is working daily with health professionals to regain a sense of normalcy

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carried to APPROVE the Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1685 - an Ordinance to adopt the Operating Budget, Capital Outlay Budget and the Pay Plan the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1686 - an Ordinance to enter into annual joint service agreements with other agencies.

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1687 - an Ordinance to adjust the water and sewer rates for the City. It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1688 - an Ordinance to adjust solid waste collection rates to the CPI Index.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1689 - an Ordinance to amend the FYE 06/30/13 Budget with Budget Amendments.

Next was to adopt Ordinance No. 1683 - an Ordinance to implement 4-Way Stop Signs at each point at the intersection of E. Fifth Street & Sherman Street and 4-Way Stop Signs at each point at the intersection of E. Fifth & Lucas Street. ORDINANCE NO. 1683 FAILED due to lack of a motion to adopt.

Next was to adopt Ordinance No. 1684 - an Ordinance to implement 4-Way Stop Signs at each point at the intersection of N. Main Street & E. Academy Avenue. It was

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moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt this Ordinance. After no comment or discussion motion carried to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1684. Published: May 20, 2014 Roll Call Vote Required

Ayes: Mr. Johnny Armentor, Ms. Carolyn Simon and Mr. Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Trey Myers and Mr. Anthony LeBlanc

In other business, it is mandated by the State of Louisiana that the City of Jennings name an Official Municipal Journal. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to name the Jennings Daily News as the City's Official Municipal Journal.

At the June 3 Agenda Meeting the floor was opened to accept the bids for the 2014-15 Street Improvements Project and the 2014-15 Drainage Improvements Project. Bids were opened by the City Clerk and City Engineer Steve Tate announced the bids as follows:

2014-15 STREET IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL BASE BID Estimated Cost: \$400,000.00 ELLIOT CONSTRUCTION, LLC \$496,565.50 6617 Highway 93 5% Bid Bond Attached Arnaudville, LA 70512 License No. 51821 MATT L. GUINN CONSTRUCTION, LLC \$417,467.50 1716 Industrial Road 5% Bid Bond Attached Jennings, LA 70546 License No. 56994 MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION \$420,009.00 P.O. Box 17110 5% Bid Bond Attached Lake Charles, LA 70616 License No. 14648 R.D. SPELL \$399,073.00 P.O. Box 188 5% Bid Bond Attached Westlake, LA 70669

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License No. 2794 Since none of the bids met the requirements of the contract documents and specifications it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to reject all bids of the 2014-15 Street Improvements Project and to re-advertise the project.

2014-15 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL BASE BID Estimated Cost: \$200,000.00 GARDEN CITY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. \$134,204.66 7219 Johnson Street 5% Bid Bond Attached Lafayette, LA 70503 License No. 28727 GULLOTTE BROTHERS, INC. \$128,047.00 18511 Son Guillotte Road 5% Bid Bond Attached Jennings, LA 70546 License No. 39989 MATT L. GUINN CONSTRUCTION, LLC. \$228,500.00 1716 Industrial Road 5% Bid Bond Attached Jennings, LA 70546 License No. 56994 R.D. SPELL \$164,730.00 P.O. Box 188 5% Bid Bond Attached Westlake, LA 70669 License No. 2794

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to authorize City Engineer Steve Tate to accept the lowest responsible bidder. The Council was reminded of the Special Meeting called by the City Clerk to be held on June 24, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to add Ordinance No. 1690 to the Agenda. Roll Call Vote Required

Ayes: Mr. Johnny Armentor, Ms. Carolyn Simon and Mr. Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Trey Myers and Mr. Anthony LeBlanc

Next was to introduce Ordinance No. 1690 - an Ordinance to enter into a joint

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services agreement with the City of Sulphur for the Sulphur City Police Department to train the Jennings Police Department on defense tactics. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1690.

It was necessary for the Council to move into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy negotiation with respect to prospective litigation. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to move into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote Required Ayes: Mr. Johnny Armentor, Ms. Carolyn Simon and Mr. Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Trey Myers and Mr. Anthony LeBlanc

The Council moved into Executive Session. Motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to return to the Regular Session of June 10, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Armentor to accept the recommendation made in the Executive Session for City Attorney Kevin Millican to handle the prospective litigation, was seconded by Ms. Simon and carried.

With no further business, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting, on June 10, 2014, of the Jennings City Council at 6:28 p.m. ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara Lantz Barbara Lantz, Secretary Steven VanHook, President Jennings City Council Jennings City Council Published in Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on June 15, 2014.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people used and pronounced exactly as they appear in the cipher stands for another

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Previous Solution: "There are things known and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors of perception." Aldous Huxley
TODAY'S CLUE: 15 words

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		28	Dolly the clone
		29	Conjuring
		30	Reassurance
		31	Rover "Exodus" hero
		32	Ms. West
		36	Wild horse
		38	Fall mo.
		42	Drove (along)
		44	In the altogether
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		47	Oman neighbor
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		49	Not into the wind
		50	Goose egg
		51	Requests
		52	Mailed out
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		55	Umbrella spoke

Calendar Guidelines

Items for Community Calendar must be submitted in writing during regular weekday business hours at least two weeks prior to the day of the event. We will make every effort to run the item twice before the event, though it should be noted all events run in the order of their posted dates and only as space allows. Events more than two weeks away may not run until closer to the event. Each event should feature no more than two contact phone numbers. Community Calendar is offered as a public service bulletin for Jeff Davis Parish community and non-profit events. Send entries to jenningsnews@bellsouth.net. To publicize your event in a specific way on certain days, call 824-3011 to speak to an advertising representative.

June 24

Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry

The 2014 Recertification will take place at Faith Tabernacle on Tuesday, June 24 located at 210 South State Street (Jeff Davis COA) in Jennings from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring picture ID, proof of residency, SNAP (food stamp) letter and income. Note that all food pantry recipients must re-certify in June to qualify for Food Pantry in July.

June 29

Art Exhibit

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June 17

SWLA Tea Party Meeting

The Southwest Louisiana Tea Party will hold its Jeff Davis Parish meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at Java Joltz in Jennings from 6-8 p.m. We will be discussing the fall election along with other current issues. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.swlateaparty.com.

June 21

RUMC Spaghetti Fundraiser

Roanoke United Methodist Church will hold its annual spaghetti fundraiser dinner from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Take-out only. Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$7 donation per plate. For more info, call Amanda at 496-5457 or April at 580-6890.

JUMC Youth Rummage Sale

Jennings United Methodist Youth Group's rummage sale

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while running both agencies and for his role in a conspiracy to award bids to a preferred contractor.

June 24

Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry

The 2014 Recertification will take place at Faith Tabernacle on Tuesday, June 24 located at 210 South State Street (Jeff Davis COA) in Jennings from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring picture ID, proof of residency, SNAP (food stamp) letter and income. Note that all food pantry recipients must re-certify in June to qualify for Food Pantry in July.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You can use negativity as a motivator, and it could help you re-evaluate your situation. A path you have shunned in the past will take on a new appeal that could lead to an exciting turn of events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Romantic possibilities are in the air. Forming a closer bond with your special someone will lead to a greater understanding of your mutual aspirations. If you are single, get out and circulate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You will be able to cross many items off your to-do list. Your heightened organizational skills will help you achieve much in a short amount of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A surprise will come from an unexpected source. Don't let your responsibilities weigh you down. Make an effort to have some fun. All work and no play isn't a healthy way to live.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Trouble is brewing on the home front. Don't take sides. This is a great time to tackle some chores and thus avoid some discord.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take the time to reassess your current situation. If you invite neighbors and friends for an informal get-together, you will be able to share different viewpoints and experiences, and have fun as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Reconsider old dreams, hopes and wishes. If you still feel the same passion, make the necessary adjustments to bring those ideas to life. Follow your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't hesitate; put your words into play and take action. It's important to make your intentions clear so that there are no misunderstandings down the line.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Your talents will be put to good use if you support a charity or community group. Choose a cause that inspires you for maximum satisfaction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your ability to shoulder responsibility has not gone unnoticed. You are much closer to achieving your goals than you realize. Now is not the time to give up.

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Vets watch as insurgents undo sacrifices in Iraq

Marine Sgt. Colin Archipley's unit suffered heavy casualties in the savage house-to-house fighting against insurgents holed up in the Iraqi city of Fallujah in 2004.

Nearly a decade later, he watched in frustration from his organic farm north of San Diego as an al-Qaida splinter group seized control of Fallujah, Mosul and other Iraqi cities that Lima Company and other units risked so much to protect.

Iraq's opportunity "was squandered," he said. "I'm not sure what else we could have done."

At VFW halls, kitchen tables and rehabilitation clinics around the country, this week's stunning advance into Mosul left many U.S. veterans reflecting with bitterness and sadness on the sacrifices of a war that lasted for more than eight years and killed nearly 4,500 Americans and tens of thousands of Iraqis.

"In many ways, it just feels like a waste — a waste of many lives, a waste of many years," retired Army Col. Barry Johnson said from his home in Potlatch, Idaho.

On the broad stage of Middle East affairs, the unraveling highlights the resilience of extremists and the risks of weakened central authority. It also raises wider questions about the future of Afghanistan after international forces withdraw later this year and about the growing influence of militant Islamic factions among Syrian rebels.

Johnson stood on Iraq's border with Kuwait as the last U.S. military convoy left in late 2011. Even then, he said, it was evident that Iraq's military and security forces were not up to the challenges at hand.

Those tests included trying to confront strongholds of groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which has managed to drive back better-armed Iraqi forces. Iraq's Shiite-led government — allied with both Washington and Tehran —

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is also increasingly estranged from Iraq's Sunni minority, which claims the Shiite leadership runs roughshod over their rights and concerns.

"It was clear that the Iraqi government and the Iraqi military were not going to be able to sustain themselves and keep the situation from deteriorating," Johnson said.

Because the cities loom so large on the roll call of Iraq battlefields, their loss sharpens the sting.

Fallujah, a mostly Sunni city west of Baghdad, was the scene in 2004 of some of heaviest U.S. urban combat since Vietnam. It later became a centerpiece of

Washington's efforts to recruit Sunni militias as allies against insurgents.

"Losing Fallujah, when I heard that the first time a few months back, I really just honestly wanted to throw chairs across the room, because what I've done there has basically just been undone," said former Marine Sgt. Ben Colin at VFW Post No. 6776 in Albany, New York. "We just basically went there and did nothing, in my opinion."

In Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, U.S. forces battled block by block against insurgents in 2009 before the deadline for American troops to leave major urban centers.

Martin Schaefer, an Army reservist who did two tours in Iraq and now lives in Darien, Illinois, groped for the right word to define his emotions. Not mad or upset, he said.

"Sad," he decided. "Sad to see that the work that had been accomplished by the U.S. and Iraqi forces is being undone by an insurgency."

In the Boston suburb of Arlington, veteran Jeffrey Chunglo winced at reports of insurgents seizing U.S. military equipment, including armored vehicles and weapons that had been left with Iraqi forces to defend Mosul.

Christie tries to move past scandal with comedy

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Chris Christie's latest appearance on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" not only proved the man can bust a move and take a joke. It also provided an opportunity for the potential Republican presidential contender to put the traffic scandal in his rear-view mirror.

Christie poked fun at himself and the George Washington Bridge furor on Thursday night during his first late-night TV appearance since the story that has cast a cloud over his 2016 White House prospects broke several months ago.

Wearing a polo shirt and pleated, high-waisted khakis, he swiveled his hips and threw up his hands as he and Fallon demonstrated dorky, middle-aged dance moves in a comedy bit called "The Evolution of Dad Dancing."

When Fallon began to show off a move called the "This Bridge Is Closed," the governor pretended to walk off the stage in a huff.

Later on the program, Christie joked that as bad as the lane-closing scandal has been, the dance performance was far more humiliating to his family "because I actually did that."

Within minutes, videos of the appearance were flying around the Internet. The website Gawker chided Christie for dancing "like a buffoon that makes you want to scrub your eyes with bleach." Business Insider said the video would "blow your mind."

If it looked un-presidential to some viewers, the Christie camp didn't seem to be worried.

The governor's office eagerly promoted the appearance, sending out a news release to reporters Friday that read, "The Gov & Fallon Dance, Dish, And All Around Embarrass The Kids on The Tonight Show."

Mike DuHaime, who has served as the governor's campaign strategist, said it showed off Christie as a "down-to-

earth" guy with the ability to have fun. He rejected any suggestion the footage could come back to haunt Christie if he decides to run.

"I think the fact that he has got a sense of humor, I think people appreciate that," DuHaime said. "I think he was out there enjoying it, and if somebody wants to attack his dancing for political reasons, so be it. I'm not too worried about that."

The appearance brought Christie full circle in a way: He initially made a joke out of the traffic story, then took it seriously when it was reported that some of those around him engineered the grid-lock last September in an apparent act of political payback. He has denied any role in the scheme.

Some observers saw the "Tonight Show" appearance as part of a larger effort by Christie to revive his national poll numbers and earn the confidence of key GOP donors who may have been scared off by the scandal.

Baltimore police shoot cow running loose in city

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore police shot and killed a steer that escaped from a city slaughterhouse on a downtown street Friday morning, a spokeswoman said.

The animal was shot shortly after 10:15 a.m. in the Mount Vernon neighborhood, and police confirmed it escaped from the George G. Ruppberger and Sons Inc. slaughterhouse in west Baltimore.

Sgt. Sarah Connolly said police received calls from business owners concerned about the animal running loose. The neighborhood is home to numerous bars, restaurants and shops.

The animal was "increasingly aggressive," and offi-

cers made several attempts to trap it before killing it, police said on the department's Facebook page.

Sam Wirtz, who lives three blocks away, said he was walking to visit a friend when he saw the animal running down the street.

"I was trying to get other people to get the hell out of

the way," he said.

Wirtz, who grew up around livestock in Texas, said he heard four shots but didn't see the animal fall.

"This is normal for me, just not in Baltimore city," he said.

After the shooting, police moved their cars to block from view the dark-colored

animal, which was lying on its side next to a black pickup with limbs straight out.

The carcass was hauled away by representatives of a company that recycles restaurant grease and animal byproducts.

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Wisconsin judge puts same-sex marriages on hold

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal judge on Friday put same-sex marriages in Wisconsin on hold, a week after she struck down the state's same-sex marriage ban as unconstitutional, a move that allowed more than 500 couples to wed over the last eight days.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb's ruling Friday means that gay marriages will end while the appeal from Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen is pending. Couples who were in the middle of the five-day waiting period to get a license, which most counties waived, are caught in limbo.

Van Hollen requested Crabb put her ruling on hold, arguing that allowing the marriages while the underlying case was pending created confusion about the legality of those marriages.

In her order, Crabb expressed mixed feelings.

"After seeing the expressions of joy on the faces of so many newly wedded couples featured in media reports, I find it difficult to impose a stay on the event that is responsible for eliciting that emotion, even if the stay is only temporary," Crabb said in her order. "Same-sex couples have waited many years to receive equal treatment under the law, so it is understandable that they do not want to wait any longer. However, a federal district court is required to follow the guidance provided by the Supreme Court."

The ruling came exactly one week after Crabb declared the state's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional. But Crabb didn't issue any orders on how state officials were to implement her decision, and amid the uncertainty, nearly every Wisconsin county — 60 of 72 — issued licenses.

Crabb issued an order preventing clerks from denying same-sex couples marriage licenses, but then put that on hold as well as her earlier ruling striking down the law as unconstitutional.

John Knight, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which challenged the law, called Crabb's decision to put her order on hold disappointing.

"But we will fight for a quick resolution on appeal and are confident that marriage will be a reality in Wisconsin very soon for lesbian and gay couples who have waited much too long already," he said in an email.

Van Hollen said he was "very pleased" with the ruling.

"County clerks do not have authority under Wisconsin law to issue same-sex marriage licenses," he said in a statement. "Judge Crabb's stay makes this abundantly

clear." Van Hollen said he will appeal her ruling striking down the law to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court.

Allen Rasmussen, 46, and Keith Kitsemel, 49, who have been together for 14 years, asked the Portage County clerk nine times since Monday to get a marriage license.

"I think it's ridiculous," Kitsemel said after the ruling Friday. "I furthermore am very, very, very disappointed in our county clerk in Portage County. We had a small window of opportunity to get married, and she refused to grant us a license nine times in five days."

They were part of a silent protest Friday outside the Portage County courthouse.

As of midday Thursday, 555 same-sex couples had gotten married in the state, based on an Associated Press survey of all 72 counties.

Van Hollen said Thursday that same-sex couples with marriage licenses aren't legally married because Crabb hasn't issued an order telling county clerks how to interpret her ruling striking down the law. Van Hollen also said district attorneys could charge clerks who issued licenses with a crime.

Crabb reiterated in Friday's 30-minute hearing that clerks were issuing licenses to same-sex couples on their own.

"I never told them not to and I never told them to do it," Crabb said.

The ACLU and others say because Crabb found the law unconstitutional, and didn't order clerks not to issue licenses, they could legally give them to couples seeking to get married.

Crabb's order did not address whether same-sex marriages completed over the past week are valid.

Wisconsin's constitutional amendment, approved by 59 percent of voters in 2006,

outlawed gay marriage or anything substantially similar. The ACLU said the ban violated the constitutional rights of eight gay couples to equal protection and due process and Crabb agreed.

Gay rights activists have won 15 consecutive lower court cases since a landmark Supreme Court ruling last summer, with Wisconsin being the latest.

Wisconsin is among 13 states with gay marriage cases pending before appeals courts.

Feds renew tariff on frozen Chinese crawfish

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The International Trade Commission has renewed the antidumping tariff on frozen Chinese crawfish meat into 2017 — expected but good news after a bad crawfish season.

The tariff was first imposed in September 1997, after the Commerce Department found that U.S. producers were being hurt by Chinese crawfish tail meat dumped on the market at considerably less than market value. The tariff would expire after five years without ITC renewal; this is the third such renewal.

"It's a good thing. I wish it were ten times as much," said Stephen Minvielle, who farms 80 acres of crawfish and is director of the Louisiana Crawfish Research and Promotion Board. He said earlier this week that he'd expected the renewal. "It was pretty much a no-brainer."

The trade commission said revoking the antidumping duty would have probably lead to serious damage to U.S. crawfish processors, all of which are in Louisiana. The number has risen from 40 in 1997 to 53 this year, it said.

No Chinese businesses or agencies answered the commission's request for information, according to a report recently made public on the ITC website.

It said the Crawfish Producers Association cited quarterly average prices for frozen U.S. crawfish meat at \$10.62 to \$13.46 per pound in 2012, compared to \$6.21 to \$6.38 per pound for Chinese imports.

That difference "would seem to support the CPA's contention that underselling in the U.S. crawfish market is a continuing issue of concern," the report said.

The tariffs vary but can range as high as 223 percent based on the value of the shipment, according to the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Dana Frey of D and G Frey Crawfish LLC said the tariff has helped increase the price of Chinese crawfish. "It's been helping us a lot," she said.

Frey employs about 15 people to fish and clean crawfish on 1,500 acres of crawfish ponds in Iota; she also owns a processing plant that usually employs

50 people.

She had fewer employees this year because the long, frigid winter cut the catch drastically. "We usually catch a million-plus pounds a year," she said. This year, she said, it was about half that.

Normally, it gets cold enough in Iota for a skin of ice to form on the ponds at least once. This year, there were many hard freezes. "Guys could walk on top of the ice with the boat," she said.

Statewide, Minvielle estimated, revenues were probably down about 60 percent for crawfish farmers and fishermen.


January, February and the first two weeks of March were catastrophic losses, but production improved in the spring and "took off" in May, he said.

"It's one of those years where you were lucky to get your investment back. If you made a small profit, hallelujah," Minvielle said.

Earlier in the year, he had worried about mass bankruptcies in the crawfish business.

"It wasn't that bad, thank God," he said. "But it was not good."

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Crape myrtles remain a Louisiana favorite

By **DAN GILL**
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Although native to the Far East, crape myrtles are almost indispensable in the Southern landscape. Their vibrantly colored flowers in shades of pink, purple, red and white from May to September virtually define the summer season here. The relatively small size of crape myrtle trees and long, colorful blooming season make them useful in a variety of landscape situations.

During the long blooming season, however, old flowers drop out of the trees constantly. This is a nuisance when trees are planted near patios, pools and where cars are parked regularly. Keep this in mind when deciding where to plant them in your landscape.

Crape myrtles are often planted at the corners of the front of a house to frame it. If you do that, make sure you locate them at least 8 to 10 feet away to accommodate their growth and eventual size.

A common problem with crape myrtles is the careless use of mowers and string trimmers around the base of these thin-barked trees. This type of equipment can easily damage the base of the trunk, leading to sickly, stunted trees. To prevent this type of damage, do not allow grass to grow within a foot of the trunk. To deter weeds, keep the area mulched with about 4 inches of pine straw pulled back slightly from the trunk.

To maintain a pleasing tree shape, regularly remove shoots – called suckers – that grow up from the base of the trunk. Prune them all the way back to their point of origin at the trunk or root. Make a flush cut, and don't leave a stub – or several suckers will appear for every one you cut off.

To prevent suckers from growing back so fast, treat the freshly cut areas with a product such as Monterey Sucker Stopper or Ferti-lome Sprout Inhibitor. Some local nurseries may carry these, or you can order them online.

A few insects and diseases attack crape myrtles, but they generally don't cause significant damage. Common problems are crape myrtle aphids, powdery mildew and Cercospora

leaf spot. Caterpillars also are an occasional problem.

Crape myrtle aphids are common, but control is really necessary only when populations are high year-to-year. The aphids excrete a sugary liquid called honeydew, which accumulates on the leaves and branches, and a black fungus called sooty mold grows on it. Heavy infestations of aphids can lead to so much sooty mold as to turn the tree almost all black.

You can control aphids by spraying the tree with any commercially available insecticide labeled to control aphids, such as permethrin. A light, paraffinic oil, such as Year Round Spray

Oil and other brands, is your least toxic option. It can be used in summer and will help dislodge the sooty mold as well as kill the aphids. It will take repeated applications, however, as aphid populations return.

If don't want to spray, you can control the aphids by drenching the base of the tree with the systemic insecticide imidacloprid. Check with the staff at your local nursery for the brands they carry. It is best to apply a systemic insecticide early in the season, around April or May, but you should get some late-summer benefit if you apply one now.

Powdery mildew is a common disease in early summer during hot, dry weather. It appears as a white, powdery coating or spots on leaves and flower buds. Treatment is rarely needed, although heavy infections of the flower buds can cause them to abort. Chlorothalonil can be applied in situations where the damage warrants treatment.

Cercospora leaf spot is a fungus disease that occurs more in mid- to late summer, particularly when weather is rainy. Dark spots show up on the leaves, which then turn yellow or orange and drop. Even though trees may lose a large portion of their leaves, there are no long-term, serious health effects. Spraying when you see the disease is not effective. By the time you see this disease, infection has occurred, and it's too late to spray for it.

Cercospora leaf spot is not life-threatening and does not significantly affect the overall, long-term health of the trees. It is not practical to spray, and there is no need to do so.

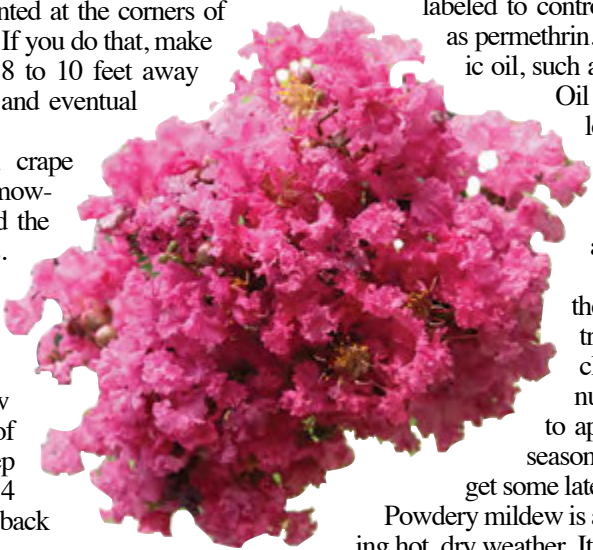
Lack of flowers is a complaint I hear occasionally. Common reasons for lack of blooms include young trees, trees getting too much shade, trees that are sickly or low in vigor, and heavy insect or disease problems. Given time, good care and proper growing conditions, crape myrtle flowers are as certain as summer.

When it comes to choosing which crape myrtle to plant, it's not just a matter of selecting a particular color. The desired mature size is also a very important consideration.

Crape myrtles are available in a range of sizes – from 10 to 12 feet to 25 to 30 feet tall. If you need a smaller crape myrtle, choose a smaller variety. If you want a white-flowering crape myrtle, for instance, you may plant an Acoma that grows to be 10 to 12 feet tall or a Natchez that grows to be 25 to 30 feet tall. Which size is best for the location where it will be planted? That's up to you and the situation. But think about it and choose appropriately.

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Louviere Receives Award

At the 96th Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Louisiana in Kenner on June 7, John Louviere (left) of James O. Hall Post 19 of the American Legion in Jennings received an award for second place in consideration for the state-level Post Publicity Chairman Award for American Legion Posts with fewer than 300 members. Department Commander (State Commander) Jim Jackson (right) presented the award. In addition to his work with Post 19's Publicity Committee, Louviere is a member of the Post's Honor Guard and he is a Corporate Director with the Board of Directors of Jennings American Legion Hospital. Louviere was Post 19's Commander (local president) from 2009 to 2011.

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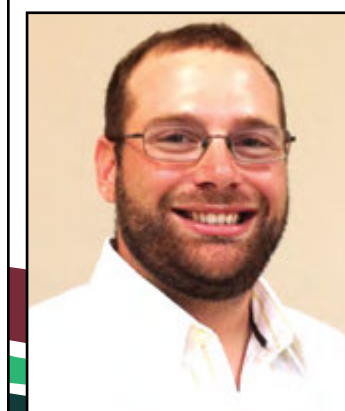
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