Justin (The Swediana Project), Possible Upcoming Discussion Topics

As promised, here's some more insight and some documents never seen, as to what my book really contains and thanks for the upcoming invitation to your PODCAST, which I accept; we'll work on the details later.

Please excuse the redacted information, that's black lined out in some emails provided; I've been watching too much Washington DC politics, but figured in a country town like Jennings its fair; everything will be revealed in the book.

What I am revealing today substantiates just how well connected some in law enforcement and politicians were connected with the very criminals committing the crimes and how crossing either, had consequences; the Jeff Davis 8 investigation is more than an anomaly in my opinion.

Again I'll say, all police or those in law enforcement, or local government are not bad, and such a fake narrative only serves to discredit any individual that speaks out about a few rotten apples.

So let's look at the documents presented by date:

In 2007 everybody knows Warren Gary is the Chief Criminal Investigator for Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff and that he gets caught buying and selling a vehicle that may have been used in a homicide; later he is fined 10K by the Louisiana Ethics Board; but who turned him in, I am just curious?

No one knows in 2011 when I arrived in Jennings completely unaware of the details of the murders or Gary's role, that he is the first person to ride down to my house and tell me, "Jennings is not a bad place and its drug activity is no worse than any other City"?

What a weird welcome neighbor that was; in hind sight, I thought it was odd, a kind of, I'm still a Sheriff Deputy so don't be alarmed by what you're fixing to see, "in this neighborhood maybe"?

Little did I know at the time, that he meant (was prepping me) for the frequenting passing by of his grandson and his accomplice, on their way for mischief most of the time.

In the next document dated June 13, 2013, I receive an email from Police Chief Todd D'Albor after I report, and he makes an arrest of an Unregistered Sex Offender living 50 ft from Jennings Elementary School for nearly two years. I thought, I was doing the right thing, protecting our children; if you were a parent back then with a child at that school, you should be outraged that I had been reporting this information to both JDSO and JPD long before any action was taken; so the question is, why did it take repeated reporting?

Getting off target "today's politics", or the flip side; looking at a fairly recent Jennings Daily News article dated December 6, 2019, Chief Semmes pokes an entire Community in the eyes, when he says "there were 150 witnesses at the crime scene but not 1 came forth". It would seem to me back when I reported information to him, back then and now, about suspect activity, that it's a no-win battle for the average citizen in Jennings; in that, unless law enforcement wants' to solve the crime your comments or insight are not welcomed at times. I don't believe no one saw or said nothing as he stated in the article; that's like saying, there are no good people over there.

But I'm sure by the next election cycle, many Politicians will say "let's join hands" to save our community, no more divide!

Hypocrisy at its worse, as the Louisiana Voice blogger, Tom Aswell might say.

In the next document, in June 2015 your Jennings Neighborhood Watch is hard at work reporting suspected activity, in which another person involved with the Jeff Davis 8 murders, is appearing with repeated frequency on our street. <u>James Carl Trahan</u>, next to Frankie Richard he is definitely at the top 10 of people you should know by now; question is, why was he in my neighborhood so often, speeding through at times as if on a mission? So here's a real cliff hanger in my book, look at the dates, they have a special meaning to some locals and the Neighborhood Watch knows why, and soon you'll know.

In the 2015 documents bottom-line, JPD at the top, Todd D'Albor and Danny Semmes had full knowledge of what was going on, and a known Jeff Davis 8 suspect was acting animated on my block and eventually confronts me; when I report this to my leadership neither as a Officer or as a citizen was I protected, or did they say anything; maybe, they expected that I would stop reporting, or fold under the pressure as others had?

So what happened, eventually, you'll know soon. It should be obvious by now, that I knew too much information, that neither Todd nor Danny wanted revealed. Don't be misled, this email chain is not the only hard evidence, it's a peek at what's to come.

If you know this story, now you understand the City's mischief.

In the next document, frustrated but unwilling to give up, I make a decision my Neighborhood Watch wasn't just for my near-by neighbors only or those that participated in the Watch, it's about my community, and I would continue no matter what.

In the next document, on Nov 28 2016, while reading back to back JDN news articles about Dedric Gant's Murder, I write an email update to Deputy Sheriff Chris Ivey; I had met with him and Sheriff Woods personally in 2015 to air my concerns.

In this instance (the email) I am literally connecting the dots that Ivey may or may not have relating to the murder of Dedric Gant, and he goes cold silent on me; in a second attempt within days, I indicate that I have a video of the possible suspects on the day a murder is committed (according to the Obituary), and I know where they were going; the silence continues until this day; need I say more?

I know his actions or lack thereof are not a reflection of all the good men and women that professionally and proudly serve our community without fault; I'm just saying, what happened needs explanation.

So what's in the video, look at it for yourself, I'm providing it for all to see; you decide if it was worthy of investigation or it's just carnival trash via drop-box; https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5d5ztv7eq4lyp4w/AABGhEBLCkl2JWndyN_lwTH3a?dl=0.

Of course I know the case is closed now, it wasn't back then.

There will be three separate videos of the suspects coming and going and rapid traffic on a Sunday, on a dead end street, and a clip of me asking them (suspects), why are they entering a locked boundary or private property; they complain then leave; since I've been fired by then, and believe like others I can't trust anyone, whom do you report such activity too? I thought my last resort was the Sheriff's Office?

Truth is, sometimes in Jennings when it comes whom to trust, your list can be real short!

To be clear, I knew the named suspects Ryan Cole and Parker Gary and where they had been going in the past, and what they were doing and how often; that's what I had on video for Deputy Ivey; I guess like Danny and the non compliant 150 witness Fiasco, "he just didn't give a crap", or what I had to share meant......?

Bottom-line, the no witnesses came forth, game in our City and Parish needs a remake; quit profiling the same old narrative, just because some in our community like it, and it's easy.

My rational of why Ivey's silence, or not retrieving my video and input, It became pretty obvious since Warren Gary had been a Deputy Sheriff and sanctioned for his actions in the past, and that other family members had worked in the department, that no ugly connection was to be made publicly between his role, or knowledge of the events in our neighborhood; events that he (Warren Gary) knew were taking place, that included his own grandson and accomplice.

My book, Neighborhood Watch "In The Bayou" isn't a repeat of facts by a third party trying to sort details; it's the one on one behind the door sitting at the Chief's desk listening to his philosophy about his own actions or lack thereof. It's about countless hours of documenting,

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH "IN THE BAYOU" copy righted 2-20-2020

videoing and taking pictures as the mischief and criminal activity happens through-out the City and on our street, and why.

My book spans three Mayors, and clarifies their roles to date and explains why, "it sometimes feels like we're all stuck the past".

Again I'll say, all police or those in law enforcement or local government are not bad, and such a fake narrative only serves to discredit any individual that speaks out about a few rotten apples.

The Swediana Project (PODCAST), to which I am responding, is providing an opportunity for others to step out of the dark and tell your story; Jennings, don't be afraid or shy, tell your story.

Christopher Lehman,
Retired United States Navy (Nuclear Submarines, Chief Petty Officer, E-7)
Retired Federal Government Civilian (GS-15)



Created By: Sylvia Scott on 07/02/2008 at 02:34 PM Category: Ethics Rulings
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LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: June 26, 2008 OPINION NO: 2007-489

RE: In the matter of Warren Gary

The Louisiana Board of Ethics (the "Board") pursuant to the authority contained in LSA-R.S. 42:1141, conducted a private investigation concerning information that Warren Gary, in his capacity as Chief Criminal Investigator for the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office, may have violated Sections 1115B and Section 1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics (LSA-R.S. 42:1101 et seq.) (the "Code") by virtue of negotiating the purchase of a vehicle from an inmate in the custody of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office, purchasing said vehicle on the inmate's release and profiting from the subsequent sale of the vehicle.

On the basis of information obtained by the Board during the course of the investigation, and with the concurrence of Warren Gary, the Board now makes the following essential:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

l.

Warren Gary has been employed with the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office since July 1, 1992. Mr. Gary has served as Chief Criminal Investigator since 1997.

2.

On or about March 20, 2007, a suspect was brought in the Sheriff's Office for questioning in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation.

3.

During the questioning of the suspect, the suspect mentioned that she needed to sell her vehicle to avoid repossession of the vehicle by the bank. During the questioning, a price was agreed to by the suspect and Mr. Gary for the purchase of the vehicle by Mr. Gary.

4.

On the afternoon of March 20, 2007, the suspect was arrested by the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office for the issuance of bad checks.

5.

Pursuant to the Sheriff's Office's internal policy, the Sheriff's Office will hold a vehicle

for ten (10) days if the owner is incarcerated and no one is able to pick up the vehicle.

6.

On March 29, 2007, Mr. Gary contacted the prison warden to have him inform the suspect that her vehicle would be transferred to a wrecker service the next day following the expiration of the ten (10) day holding period. At that time, the suspect informed Mr. Gary, through the warden, that she was still interested in selling her vehicle.

7.

On March 30, 2007, the suspect was released from prison.

8.

On March 30, 2007, Mr. Gary purchased the suspect's vehicle for \$8,748.90. Mr. Gary wrote a check to Jeff Davis Bank and Trust Company to pay off the loan amount. The suspect used the remainder of the money, \$3,207.13, to pay the Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney's Office for the bad checks she had issued.

9.

On April 20, 2007, Mr. Gary sold the vehicle for \$15,500.

II.

APPLICABLE LAW

At issue in this case is Section 1115B and 1116A of the Code. Section 1115B provides: §1115. Gifts

- B. No public employee shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if such public employee knows or reasonably should know that such person:
- (1) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the public employee's agency.
- (2) Has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the public employee's official duty.

Section 1116A of the Code provides:

§1116. Abuse of Office

A. No public servant shall use the authority of his office or position, directly or indirectly, in a manner intended to compel or coerce any person or other public servant to provide himself, any other public servant, or other person with any thing of economic value. This Subsection shall not be construed to limit that authority authorized by law, statute, ordinance, or legislative rule in carrying out official duties.

The term "thing of economic value," as used in the gift and abuse of office prohibition, is defined at Section 1102(22) of the Code.

Section 1102(22)(a) provides:

(22)(a) "Thing of economic value" means money or any other thing having economic value, except promotional items having no substantial resale value; food, drink, or refreshments consumed by a public servant, including reasonable transportation and entertainment incidental thereto, while the personal guest of some person, . . . and includes but is not limited to:

(iii) Any promise or undertaking for the present or future delivery or procurement of a thing of economic value.

III.

OPINION

It is the opinion of the Board that Warren Gary, in his capacity as the Chief Criminal Investigator for the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office, violated Sections 1115B and 1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics by negotiating and accepting an offer to purchase a vehicle from a suspect during Mr. Gary's questioning of said suspect in an ongoing criminal investigation. Mr. Gary sold the vehicle at a later date for a substantial profit. Section 1115B of the Code prohibited Mr. Gary from negotiating and accepting a thing of economic value from a person in his agency's custody, which is the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office, or from a person that has substantial economic interest that could be affected by the performance or nonperformance of his duties as the Chief Criminal Investigator with the Sheriff's office. Section 1116A of the Code prohibited Mr. Gary from using the authority or his office or position as an employee of the Sheriff's Office to obtain things of economic value for himself. The negotiation of a price and terms to purchase a vehicle, which he subsequently sold for a substantial profit, from a suspect upon her release from custody constitutes a thing of economic value. The Board is authorized to impose penalties up to \$10,000 per violation on finding that a violation of the Code has occurred. In this particular situation, given the facts outlined above, it is the conclusion of the Board that a penalty of \$10,000.00 be imposed on Warren Gary for the above-referenced violation of Sections 1115B and 1116A of the Code.

IV. DECREE AND ORDER

For the foregoing reasons:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Board finds as a matter of fact and as a conclusion of law that Warren Gary violated Section 1115B of the Code of Governmental Ethics by negotiating and accepting an offer to purchase a vehicle from a suspect in the custody of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Department, at a time when he was employed as the Chief Criminal Investigator, which he subsequently sold for a substantial profit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Board finds as a matter of fact and as a conclusion of law that Warren Gary violated Section 1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics by using the authority or his office or position as an employee of the Sheriff's Office to negotiate a price and the terms to purchase a vehicle, which he subsequently sold for a substantial profit, from a suspect upon her release from custody of the sheriff's Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a penalty of \$10,000.00, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, be and is hereby imposed on Warren Gary for violating Sections 1115B and 1116A of the Code. By Order of the Board this 26th day of June, 2008.

s/Hank Perret s/John W. Greene

Henry C. Perret, Chairman Judge John W. Greene, Vice-Chairman

s/Herbert V. Baptiste, Sr. s/Joanne C. Ferriot

Dr. Herbert V. Baptiste, Sr. Dr. Joanne C. Ferriot

s/Gwendolyn P. Hamilton s/Michael T. Johnson Gwendolyn P. Hamilton Michael T. Johnson

s/C. W. Lowrey, M.D. Absent and did not participate.

Dr. Cedric Lowrey Joseph Maselli

s/Ernest Douglas Peterson Absent and did not participate.

Dr. Ernest Douglas Peterson Dr. Dolores R. Spikes

Vacant

CONSENT

The undersigned (a) stipulates to the facts found by the Board; (b) waives the procedural requirements contained in Section 1141 of the Code; (c) admits that his conduct, as described above, violated Sections 1115B and 1116A of the Code; (d) consents to the publication of this opinion; (e) agrees to comply with the conditions and orders set forth in

this	opinion; and (f)	agrees not to	seek judicial	review	of the	findings	and actions	taken in
this	opinion.		-			J		

s/Warren Gary 4/4/08

Warren Gary Date

----Original Message---From: tdalbor < tdalbor@jenningspolice.com>
To: clehmanwrites < <u>clehmanwrites@aol.com</u>>
Sent: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 3:07 pm
Subject: RE: PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Chris,

Have you ever considered Law Enforcement work? Whether full-time or parttime, I would like to see what we can do to get you involved in our department. It's people such as yourself that can make a difference in the community. Let me know your thoughts...

------ Original Message -------Subject: PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY
From: clehmanwrites@aol.com
Date: Fri, June 21, 2013 11:48 am

To: tdalbor@jenningspolice.com

Chief,

My name is Christopher Lehman and my wife Angela Lehman both live at 1010 ISABEL ST. Jennings LA., between the Acadian apartments and the City water treatment facility. I'm originally from Jennings, in fact this neighborhood has been in our family since 1950. I'm now a 21 year retired Navy Veteran and I did another 10 years as a government Civil servant out of Washington DC.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: JAMIE OR CAMARO JUST MADE 3RD-4TH TRANSIT DOWN ISABELLE

TONIGHT

From: "Todd D'Albor" < tdalbor@jenningspolice.com >

Date: Tue, June 16, 2015 10:48 am To: < clehman@jenningspolice.com>

Make no mistake, the guys told Jamie that they want the information of what's going on back there. As I understand further, he is supposed to be meeting with the guys tomorrow to gather info...

Todd A. D'Albor, Chief of Police

Jennings Police Department
tdalbor@jenningspolice.com

337-821-5530 (Office)

337-616-4315 (Fax)

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: JAMIE OR CAMARO JUST MADE 3RD-4TH TRANSIT DOWN

ISABELLE TONIGHT

From: Todd D'Albor < tdalbor@jenningspolice.com >

Date: Tue, June 16, 2015 6:45 am

To: "<<u>clehman@jenningspolice.com</u>>" <<u>clehman@jenningspolice.com</u>>

I'm understanding that he is living back there. The team is trying to get him to turn over but seems he is staying loyal for now because they are letting him live there.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 16, 2015, at 12:05 AM, < clehman@jenningspolice.com wrote:

Chief,

I'm just making sure you're aware today Jamie Trahan or at least the car he's been driving all weekend just made the 3-4th visit; the last started at 11:10 PM and he was out by 11:45 PM.

From: clehmanwrites <clehmanwrites@aol.com>

To: civey <civey@jdpso.org>
Subject: Re: Dedrick Gant Homicide
Date: Wed, Nov 30, 2016 1:43 pm

Chris,

I saw today's paper and I'll add my last two cents. I know that Parker and Pablo traveled up and down Isabelle, It was always my suspicions that because they used the ditch path from Isabelle to the Public Park, that they would then go east to

south from Isabelle to the Park, because the City started locking it and he was going to go around it.

Along with making there way to I believe they were stashing stuff somewhere along the wood lines between the ditch and the animal facility. A couple times I tried to see where they ducked in, but they always knew I was watching and magically they would bounce out of the woods as if just walking.

I became familiar with Parker because his grandpa Warren was living just down the street and I'd see Parker sometimes alone.

bouse. I think I have the Video from my last encounter with him.

Chris

----Original Message----

From: clehmanwrites <clehmanwrites@aol.com>

To: civey <<u>civey@idpso.org</u>> Sent: Mon, Nov 28, 2016 9:56 pm Subject: Dedrick Gant Homicide

Chris,

I don't know if this is anything new or has value in your homicide case concerning Dedrick Gant?

Just to refresh your memory; the state of th

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Hope this helps in some way.

Chris

Dedrick Demon Gant

February 21, 1976 - October 30, 2016

Dedrick Demon Gant, 40, passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Gant was a native of Jennings, LA. He was born on February 21, 1976 to Melvin Boxie and the late Carla D. Gant. Gant was a certified welder with Lee Vac Industries Shipyard.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 AM Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Love of Christ Ministries, 615 W. Division Street, in Jennings, LA., with Minister Betty Etienne, Officiating.

Gant is survived by his father, Melvin Boxie, one daughter, Britney Bouley, two sons, Dezrick Mcdowell and Derrick Flemming. One brother, Melvin L. Gant, one sister, Ruby Lennet Gant, two grandkids, Da'Coby Bouley and Kesleigh Savoy.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carla D. Gant, and brother, Trey Gant.



Born: February 21, 1976 Death: October 30, 2016

Survived By:
Melvin Boxie, Father
Ruby Lennet Gant, Sister
Britney Bouley, Daughter
Dezrick Mcdowell, Son
Derrick Flemming, Son
Melvin L. Gant, Brother
Da'Coby Bouley, Grandson
KesLeigh Savoy, Granddaughter

>Preceded By: Carla Gant, Mother Trey Gant, Brother



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Death ruled homicide



The death of Dedrick Gant has officially been ruled a homicide by the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's

Gant's body was discovered floating in the West Bayou Grand Marais canal

south of Aaron Road last Wednesday moming after a farmer reported seeing suspicious.
According to Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff's Office (DSO) Chief Deputy Chris Ivey, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office Marine Division and Forensic

Investigative Unit (FIU) assisted in the recovery of the body, which was severely decomposed. The body was transported to the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office where an autopsy was performed, where it was later identified as Gant.

Detectives are continu-ing the investigation, gath-ering evidence and interviewing acquaintances of Gant. Anyone with any information regarding the conditions surrounding Gant's death are asked to please contact the Sheriff's office at (337) 821-2100.

Winter is coming

Heating precautions urged during falling temperatures

By AUBREY BROUSSARD

Homeowners should be pre-paring for the upcoming drop in temperatures before cold weather arrives. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), nearly half of all home-heating fires occur between the months of December and February. Heating units used only sea-sonally are susceptible to collect-ting dust, debris and pet hair in the intervorking of the unit, as well as over the pilor light and ignition. This debris can increase the risk of fires and carbon monoxide (CO)

fires and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Jennings Fire Chief Hulin Theriot

Jennings Fire Chief Hulin Therlot emphasized the importance of having units and detectors checked early in the winter season. "We've already begun to see a slight drop in temperatures, but not yet typically low enough to metit the use of heaters," he said. "However, it is a good indicator that it's time to begin preparing for more extreme colder temperatures. Don't wait until the first real cold front to decide to light your gas heater for the first time this season." season.'

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Theriot said the department typically sees an increase in structure fires and CO calls at this time of year largely due to improper maintenance of gas heaters.

"Any fuel-burning equipment or appliance, including wood stoves, fireplaces, space heaters, barbecue grills, furnaces, water heaters, boilers and ranges, has the potential to produce carbon monoxide, as well as an increase in fire risks." he said. "Annual checkups of those appliances help ensure proper and safe operation. Also, be sure to only use heating appliances for their intended purposes. Do not use stovetop burners or ovens to heat a room. burners or ovens to heat a room. This is not what they are designed to do."

to do."

According to the NFPA, based on the 2009 to 2013 annual averages, space heaters account for two out of very five (40 percent) home heating fires and four out of every heating fires and four out of every five (84 percent) home heating fire deaths. When using space heaters. Thertot noted extra precautions should be taken regarding anything with an open flame of heating coils. "Another common issue we see during this season is combus-tion of house hold materials that come into close contact with the

come into close contact with the open flame of a gas heater, or the heating element of a space heater," said Theritor. "Be sure to leave a minimum of three to four feet of space between the heat source and any material, people or pets in the room. Any time you leave the house, don't forget to turn your heater off Amphing can heapen. heater off. Anything can happen

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Lake Arthur prepares for annual Christmas tradition

By AUBREY BROUSSARD

Christmas wonderland.
The Lake Arthur Hall of
Trees has been a Christmas
tradition for many years, and LAKE ARTHUR - The community here is gearing up for the holiday season with a

est of Christmas trees.
"This year we've really gone over the top,"
said volunteer Monica
Lejeune. "One of our volunteers purchased some
of the large Christmas
cutouts last year from
the Zigler Museum, and
they have set the theme they have set the theme for this year's main tree in the hall."

the hall."

The cutouts depict polar bears and penguins trolicking in a winter wonderland with traditional Christmas colors on a white and ice blue North Pole background. In keeping with the theme, the featured Christmas tree

Christmas.
"We don't have an official committee to do this each year," said volunteer Sherry Womack. "We just have a group of us who come out here and put it together. My mother did it for many My mother did it for many years, and I would come to help her out. Each year some volunteers may vary, but we always have a great turnout and everyone works so hard to not only keep this tradition alive, but to make it a spectacular showcase. This wouldn't be possible without

celebrating a North Pole Christmas.

Jennings man arrested for juvenile cruelty

By AUBREY BROUSSARD

A Jennings man was arrested for multiple traffic and drug charges, as well as endangering the life of a toddler. While working traffic detail near the intersection of West Academy Road and Elton Road on Priday afternoon, Nov. 23, a parrol unit with the Jennings Police Department (JPD) observed a blue Chevrolet Corvette

turn west on West Academy Road, off of Elton Road. The officer observed the driver of the vehicle not wearing a seatbelt, as well as a small child not restrained in the car. "The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle, and the Corvette began to accelerate when the officer activated the emergency lights," said IPD Deputy Chief Danny Semmas. "The Corvette traveled at speeds in excess of 65 miles per hour (mph) in a 25 mph zone."

Semmes said the vehicle continued towards the neighborhood of Down Street before pulling up at a residence at the 1100 block of Courts Street

block of Cecile Street.
"The subject then exited the Corvette and nesubjectmen exited the Corvette and attempted to flee on foot, "said Sermnes. "The subject, later identified as 23-year-old Keondre T. Harmon of South Craig Street in Jennings, was seen pulling a wallet from this back pocket and tossing it onto the trunk of a vehicle parked at the residence. The offi-

cer issued loud verbal commands for the subject to get on the ground, where he was apprehended."

apprehended."

During this time, the 2-year-old in the vehicle appeared to be convulsing and spitting up from the mouth, and an ambulance was called for the child.

"Medics at the scene stated the baby appeared to have signs of whiplash," said Semmes. "The toddler was transported to

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JENNINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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Jailed teens charged in Gant m

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Detectives with the left Davis Parish Sheriff's Office (JDSO) have charged two teens already in custody on unrelated charges with the homicide of 40-year-old Dedrick Gant.

Parker Gary and Ryan Cole, both 17 and of Jennings, have been charged with the first-degree murder of the victim. According to IDSO Chief Deputy Chris Ivey, Gant's body was discovered in the

West Bayou Grand Marais Canal last Wednesday Canal last Wednesday morning. The severely decomposed body was recovered from the water-way and transported to the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office for an autopsy. Through the investigation, the cause of death was ruled a homicide.

Detectives obtained arrest warrants at approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday and served





the subjects, who were already incarcerated in the parish jall in connec-tion with the burglary and Nov. 15 murder of Gary's grandfather, Warren Gary. Parker Gary was liv-ter with ble grandfather.

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Ryan Cole ing with his grandfather when Warren Gary was discovered dead in his home. At the time, the younger Gary claimed someone had killed his grandfather while intending to

target him.
Just two days prior, Warren Gary contacted the Jennings Police Department to report the theft of his extensive guo, ammo and hunting equipment collection while he was away from home. Shortly after he was killed, following the arrest of Parker Gary, the stolen weapons and ammo were discovered in Cole's home.

It was a detectives are still involved in the investigation, and no additional information may be released at this time.

Early voting for runoffs underway

Daily News Staff Report

Early voting is underway

Early Voting is underway through Saturday for the Dec. 10 runoffs. Jeff Davis voters can cast early ballots at the Registar of Voters office in Jennings from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

daily.

Voters will be deciding on two important seats, including that of United States Senator and United States Representative for the 3rd Congressional District. Democrat Foster Campbell and Republican John Kennedy are vying for the Senate while Republicans Scott Angelle and Clay Higgins are pursuing the US Representative

Meanwhile, Lake Arthur is the only community seeing a local matter on ballots. Citizens there will have to decide between Kirk J. Conner and Auldon Robinson, Sr. to fill a remaining seat on the town

council. Voters can view sample Voters can view sample ballots or find polling loca-tions and other election information by download-ing the state's free Geaux Vote app.

The last day to request an absentee-by-mail ballot for the Dec. 10 election is

by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 6.

For more information on early voting or the upcoming election, visit geauxvote.com or call the Jeff Davis Parish Registrar ofVoters office at 824-0834.

santa'shelpers

Make Christmas a little easier through generosity

By HOLLI BRUCHHAUS

news2@erningstailynewsnet

The left Davis Patish (IDP) ASSIST
Agency has once again tearned up
with Mattne Corps Forces Reserve
Lost Veterans Inc. in help local lowincome families provide Christmas
gifts for their children.

"The Martine Corps does a wonderfuljob with the Toys for Tots canpaign," ASSIST Agency Eligibility
Service Coordinator III Carla Billups
said. "The ASSIST Agency works
with them in Jeft Davis Parish to give
to the children, but we need donations to make this possible."

Now that the application process for the IDP 2016 Toys for Tots
Campaign is complete, the
ASSIST Agency is focusing on
collecting toy and monetary
donations to fulfill the childrens' wishes for the items
on their Christmas lists.

With over 52 area familles participating and an
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illes participating average of three chi per family, Billups sada, she is hoping for enough donations to provide each child with three gifts. "We will be doing hings a little different this year," she said. "All toys will be brought to a brought to a church hall. The entire hall will then be set up like "Santa's up like "Santa's Workshop". The

goal is for the kids to be brought in to the workshop, without parents, and be given the opportunity pick out three toys. Hopefully we will have enough donations for at least three per child."

Monetary and toy donations can be dropped off at the ASSIST Agency, located at 107 Bast Nezpique Street in Jennings, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. In addition, several Toys for Tots collection sites are also currently set up at different businesses throughout the parish for donation drop offs. A monetary

businesses throughout the parish for donation drop offs. A monetary drop-off box will soon be available at Stage in Jennings as well.

"The toys donated in Jeff Davis Parish and go to local farmilies," Billuy said. "It's important for the community to come together and give so that the less fortunate can receive."

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Billups
explained that explained that without the generosity and participation of the community, there is a possibility in the future, local JDP families will have to travel to Lake Charles See HELP Page 2

to

noon.

According to JDSO
Chief Deputy Chris Ivey,
narcotics detectives
arranged an undercover
buy with the subjects and
arranged to meet them in
the EZ Mart patking lot.
Eric Jackson, 22, of
15313 South Frontage
Road in Welsh, and
Rachlyn Chasity Benoit,
21, also of 15313 South
Frontage Road in Welsh,



Eric Jackson Rachlyn Benoit

were arrested and booked with possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous sub-stance (CDS) Schedule I stance (CDS) Schedule I marijuana and possession of marijuana. Jackson was also charged with driving under suspension. Both were booked into the par-ish jail with no bond.

Locally Led Conservation meeting set for Dec. 13 By HOLLI BRUCHHAUS

All partners involved in conservation are encouraged to attend a Locally Led Conservation meeting to identify resource concerns for local Jefferson Davis Soil and Water

to attend a Locally Led Conservation meeting to identify resource concerns for local Jefferson Davis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Themeeting, beldbytherNaturalResources Conservation Service (NRCS), will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center at 2003 Port Drive in Jennings. Attendees will be able to voice concerns as well as provide comments and help to identify conservation issues. "A meeting is held once a year to give producers the opportunity to express their opinions about the different resource concerns in the parish," NRCS Soil Conservationist Erin Hamilton explained. "Hearing from local producers helps us to further address possible problems."

Immediately following the meeting, Chairman of the Jefferson Davis SWCD Tim Wild will hold a Local Work Group meeting to access and prioritize the resource concerns on the arms. The community level. Local natural resource priorities help direct technical and financial assistance decisions that the NRCS and the SWCD make throughout the year.

The meeting is open to the public and Hamilton encourages anyone interested to attend.

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Two arrested in drug bust

Daily News Staff Report

Detectives with the Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff's Office (IDSO) arrested two indi-viduals for distribution of marijuana Tuesday after-





CHIPS students gathered at the Strand Theatre in Jennings Tuesday evening to rehearse for their upcoming performance of A Chip off the Old Block's production of "Ho Ho Ho! The Santa Claus Chronicles." The play will hit the stage for the first time Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and again Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m







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Arrest warrants issued for four additional suspects

Five in custody for Chaisson murder

By ALLISON CRYER

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Five suspects are currently in custody for the murden of a Jennings man that took place at a private party last week.

"After an extensive investigation with the assistance of local jurisdictions, investigative resources, analyzing evidence and numerous police interviews, police were able to identify multiple suspects involved in the homicide," said Jennings Police Department Chief Danny Semmes.

Iayden Grant Theunissen, 19, David Santelle Kelly, 20, and Thervion Djon Kelly, 20, all of Welsh, were each charged with second-degree murder.

Tramaine Dvon Kelly, 18, and Damien Guidry, Ir, both of Welsh, were charged with principal to second-degree murder.

Artest warrants for second-degree murder.

der were also issued for Keghan Moore, of Lake Charles and Dymond Brown of Welsh.

Welsh. An arrest warrant for accessory after-the-fact second-degree murder was issued for Daren Zeno, of Welsh. Additionally, an arrest warrant for carrying a firearm was issued for Casey Carter of Jennings. Dakota Chaisson, 22, of Jennings, was targeted and shot at a private party last week at on South Main Street. He was pronounced dead at the scene after multiple attenties were made to resociate him.

attempts were made to resuscitate him.
"We were able to prove the involve-ment of all of these individuals in the death of Dakota Chaisson," Semmes said Thursday.
Investigators are on the way to identi-fying a motive for the murder, however,

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Parish rice producer meeting set for Jan. 7

Daily News Staff Report

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of meetings to be held throughout the state in 2020.

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The LSU AgCenter announced this week the times and locations of heir annual reponduces meetings.

The JESU AgCenter and the new farm bill, said Resident Coordinator of the LSU AgCenter their annual reponduces meetings.

In Jeff Davis Parish, the meeting will be held at a am. on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Welsh Community Center.

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AgCenter Communications writer Bruce Schultz, rice farmers will also receive updated information on new products and technologies.

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Application period opens for scholarship contests

By STACEY FONTENOT Daily News Staff Writer

The Optimist Club of Jennings is now taking applications for two scholarship opportunities. The organization will sponsor their annual, state-wide seasy contest and oratoial contest. Both are open to students who are under the age of 19 by Oct. 1, 2019.

"Students can be enrolled in public, parochial, private and online or home schools," said Optimist Club vice president and district governor Gayle Jones. "The deadline to submit an essay is Feb. 12, 2020." Date deadline to apply for the oratorical contest is Feb. 24, 2020." Jones said applications are available at https://www.optimist.org/forms/19-20_Tessay_Application.pdf and https://www.optimist.org/forms/19-20_Oratorical_Application.pdf.
"Essays must be emailed, hand-delivered or mailed by the deadline," said Jones. "Send mailed applications to Optimist Club of Jennings, Irce, P.O. Box 873. Letters must be postmarked by Feb. 12, 2020 to be considered." She said the writing would be judged on how well the students stay on the topic, word requirements, grammar and punctuation.

"The word count is very important," said Jones. "The essay must be 700-800 words and every word will be counted. Points will be deducted for not meeting the assigned word count." The Optimist Club of Jennings is now taking applica-

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Good luck to Bulldog Nation as family, friends and fans head to Pan American Stadium in NOLA. There the Jennings High Bulldogs will face McDonogh 35 tonight in the semi-final round of Class 3A playoffs. Tonight's victor will advance to the finals scheduled for next week.







Sailor who killed 2, himself at Pearl Harbor identified

HONOLULU (AP) — A public.

Navy sailor shot three civilians, killing two of them, before taking his own life at Pearl Harbor just days before thousands were scheduled to gather at the storied military base for storied military base to mark the 78th anniversary

mark the 78th anniversary of the Japanese bombing that launched the U.S. into World War II. Rear Adm. Robert Chadwick, the commander of Navy Region Hawaii, said the service would evaluate whether security should be upgraded before the annual ceremony. About a dozen survivors of the 1941 bombing were expected to attend, along with dignitaries and service members. The shooter was identified.

The shooter was identi-fied Thursday as 22-year-old G. Romero, according to a military official who spoke on condition of ano-

was hospitalized.

It wasn't known if the sailor and the three male civilians had any type of relationship, or what the motive was for the shoot-ing Chadwick said.

"We have no indication yet whether they were tar-geted or if twee a random

geted or if it was a random shooting," Chadwick said. The sailor was assigned to the fast attack submarine

to the last attack submarine USS Columbia, which is at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for maintenance. He was identified as a 22-year-old enlisted sailor, according to a military official coordination. cutal speaking on condition for any order of anonymity to provide details that hadn't been made public. The shipyard repairs, maintains and modernized maintains and modernized maintains and modernized maintains and modernized.

known what type of weap-on was used or how many of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, shots were fired. Chadwick which is headquartered said that was part of the Personal investigation. Personal weapons are not allowed on base. Names of the victims will

not be released until next of kin have been notified.

"Our thoughts are with the families of the victims and everyone involved. I can say that we are mobi lizing support services for naval shipyard personnel as well as everyone else who may be affected by this tragic event," Chadwick said.

The base went into lock-

The base went into lock-down at about 2:30 p.m. when the first active shoot-er reports were received. The base reopened a few hours later. Witnesses were

hills above Honolulu. is the home port for 10 destroyers and 15 subma-rines. It also hosts Air Force units. ms. Hawaii Gov. David Ige

said the White House has

said the White House has offered assistance from federal agencies and that the state is also ready to help if needed. "I join in solidarity with the people of Hawaii as we express our hearthreak over this tragedy and concern for those affected by the shooting," Ige said in a statement. statement. Mass shootings and gun

violence are rare in Hawaii. In 1999, a Xerox service technician fatally shot seven coworkers. In 2006, a man fatally shot his taxi driver and a couple taking photos of the city lights from a lookout point in the

Hawaii had the lowest gun death rate among the states in 2017, according to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. The islands have strict firearms laws, including a ban on assault weapons and large capacity ammunition mag

The shipvard is across wreckage of USS Arizona, which sank in the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack. It's also across from the visitors center, which will host Saturday's cer-emony. More than 2,300 emony. More than 2,300 Americans were killed in

Football championship sidelines La. inaugural ball

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards won't have an inaugural ball to celebrate the start of his second term in office, a disruption to tradition caused by college football's national championship game.

caused by college tootonus is nanonal championismy garne. The Democratic governor will be sworm in for his sec-ond term, along with other statewide elected officials, at 1130 a.m. on Jan. 13 on the steps of the Louisiana Capitol. College football's championship game is scheduled for that evening at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, the same night that the inaugural ball would usu-

Oliedins, the same upin that the many distribution and other Louisiana football fans hoping LSU will reach the championship, Edwards announced Wednesday that the scheduling conflict will sideline the ball. If LSU is in the game, Edwards would be watching if from the onvernor's suite in the stadium.

sideline the ball. If ISU is in the game, Edwards would be watching it from the governor's suite in the stadium. Tentative plans are being made for a "Governor's Ball" in New Orleans to be held later in 2020.

This isn't the first time a football championship has disrupted inaugural ball plans. In 2012, then-Gov. Bobby Jindal moved the ball to the night before his second inauguration because ISU was playing Alabama in the Superdome in that year's college football championship game on inauguration day.

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vehicle regulation.

The meetings are being held on the following dates:

• Jan. 7 at 8 a.m. at the Welsh Community Center in Welsh.

Welsh.

• Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. at the Crawfish Barn near Vidrine in Evangeline Parish.

• Jan. 9 at 8 a.m. at the AgCenter Acadia Parish office in

Crowley.

• Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. at the AgCenter DeWitt Livestock Facility south of Alexandria

• Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. at the Vermillion Parish Extension Office in Albevrille.

Office in Abbeville.
• Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Rayville Civic Center in Rayville Visit LSU AgCenter's website at www.lsuagcenter.com for more information.

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Semmes said that at this time no information is being released.
Semmes said they received no cooperation from the 150 wintersess that were in the venue.
"We went out to locate these subjects and bring them into interview with no information volunteered from eyewinesses. Thank goodness for the police officers of the Jennings Police Department, Welsh Police Department, Jeff Davis Sheiff's Office and the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Sheriff's Office and the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. This was a cooperative effort between all these agencies and these officers put in long hard hours and a lot of good old-fashioned police work."

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New Orleans is home to mystical academy in new Marvel comic

crete — at least in the Marvel comics miverse.

Marvel announced plans Thursday to debut a new comic book, "Strange Academy," in March. Described as a supernatural coming of-age saga, it's set at a New Orleans school for teenagers from across the universe who have a variety of mystical powers. The youngsters, facing typical adolescent anxieties and atypical creatures from other dimensions, will be new characters. But they'll be under the tutelage of some Marvel stalwarts, including the school's flamboyant caped namesake, Doctor Strange.

Veteran Marvel writer and artist Skottie Young is working with long-

Skottie Young is working with long-time Marvel artist Humberto Ramos on the project. In an interview this week, Young said he and co-workers first thought about setting the story in New York, where the Doctor Strange character resides.

Young however, had recently vis-ited New Orleans for the first time,

celebrating his 40th birthday.

"It just kind of occurred to me that there's a nice history and folk-lore about magic and the mystic arts and the first that kind of surround the mythos of New Ordeans, 'Young said.' Having just gone there myself for my 40th, it hought that would be a great place to set it. And that it would be a wesome just to go back again and do a nice little research trip.'

Marvel editors accompanied Young on a return trip. Visits to a French Quarter Voodoo museum, a 280-year-old candle-lit bar on Bouthon Street, courtyrads with rusty gates and untamed greenery — all will inform the story lines and art of the new publication.

Young and said the series is aimed at a broad comic book audience but also will appeal to young adult readers who in the past might have been fass of the Harry Potter novels or similar works.

"What we're really trying to do is

fans of the Harry Fouer noves or similar works. "What we're really trying to do is tell those classic coming of age sto-nies that we've seen in so many other properties or other projects out there in the world whether it be TV or film or novels or comics," Young said.

"Whether it's kids running around mazes or kids at a magic school or people running around trying to survive a post-apocalyptic landscape."
Ramos, perhapsbest knownamong comic fans for his work on Spider-Man comics, said in an emailed statement that Young pitched the idea to him more than a year ago.
"I told him I have and always will love Spider-Man, but I wanted to try something new and exciting with my friends and my Marvel family. He began to pitch me on an incredible project for the rest of the weekend," Ramos said.

Not that the new project will nec-

Ramos said.

Not that the new project will necessarily keep Ramos from drawing Spider-Man. As any fan of Marvel comies or the Marvel Studios movies knows, characters from one series often pop up in another. Doctor Voodoo and Seatlet Witch are Marvel Characters who will teach at Strange Academy.

Tt would not be out of left field.

"It would not be out of left field for us to throw Spider-Man into an issue if we wanted, or have Wolverine come in," Young said. "For a while Wolverine ran a mutants' school. So he understands the ins and outs of teaching kids with this level of power."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

the sheriff's office said.

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Marine patrol deputies were nearby recovering a sunken boat when they received the call, Lt. Bill Davis said in a statement.

The parish corner's office will perform an autopsy to

determine a cause of death, news outlets reported. The man hasn't been identified. Louisiana lab owner admits to filing false tax returns

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A Louisiana business owner has pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns.
Robert Poimboeuf, 57, and his wife owned and operated D&G Holdings, LLC, a Shreveport medical business operating as Doctors Lab that provided laboratory and phlebotomy services, U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph said a news release on Tuesday. From 2011 through 2015, Poimboeuf filed false returns

that under reported gross receipts. As a result, the filing caused a tax loss of more than \$1.9 million to the Internal

Revenue Service.

"Mr. Poimboeuf cheated on his taxes in order to lower

"Mr. Poimboeuf cheated on his taxes in order to lower his ax bill. In doing so, he committed a crime and failed in a duty we allowe as American critizens," Joseph said.

Sentencing is set for April 21, 2020 before Chief U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks Jr. in Shreveport. Poimboeuf faces a maximum sentence of six years in prison, as well as a period of supervised release and monetary penalties.

Joseph said Poimboeuf has agreed to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$1,904,477.

Nearly \$9M of Mississippi Lottery tickets sold in 1st days

IACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Lottery sold nearly \$9 million in tickets during its first six days of opera-

intensity 35 minimi uncerstiming is lines in to aly on opera-tion.

About \$3.8 million of the money was awarded in prizes, and nearly \$2 million of it will go into the state budget to help pay for roads and bridges. The Mississippi Lottery Corporation started selling tickets Nov. 25, and it announced the initial sales figures in a news release Wednesday.

The corporation says the largest prize awarded has been \$15,000. It says most people who are collecting money so far are choosing to remain anonymous.

Mississippi had been one of six states without a lottery, but people from the state were driving to Arkansas,

Fisherman discovers man's body floating in Louisiana and Tennessee to buy tickets. Mississippi legislaturs voted in 2018 to create the games of chance as a way trying to identify a body found floating in the Red River early Wednesday morning. Afsherman near the Red River South Marina in Bossier City reported the man's body to Bossier Parish deputies,

Alabama beach town reconsidering Hangout music festival

GULF SHORES, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama town is reconsidering whether to allow a beachfront music festival that has become a staple on the northern Gulf Coast.

WPMLTV reported Wednesday that officials in Gulf Shores say citizen complaints may result in them not renewing a permit for the Hangout Fest in 2020.

The weekend festival draws tens of thousands of people

The weeken lestival craws rens ort nousans or people to the municipal beach each spring, but city spokesman Grant Brown said officials have gotten multiple complaints about the event. Those include festival-goers roaming the streets, parking and sleeping on private prop-

erty, he said.

The four-day event is under contract in Gulf Shores through 2025, but city officials said the owner needs to

make changes.

"We, as the city, have to react to those problems that

We, as the city, have to react to mose problems un-occur. So we're requiring the festival to mitigate as many of those problems as they can, "said Brown. Next year's festival is set for mid-May with acts includ-ing Billie Eilish, Post Malone and the Red Hot Chili

Peppers.
City officials said Hangout owner Shaul Zislin is working on a solution, and a meeting is set for Thursday night. The festival began in 2010 as a way to draw tourists back to the beach after the Gulf oil spill.

Tis the season: Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lights up

Christmas tree lights up
NEW YORK (AP) — One of the brightest signs of the
holiday season has come to light. The Rockefeller Center
Christmas tree was officially turned on Wednesday night,
at an event fearning celebrities including Jdina Menzel,
Lea Michele and Ne-Yo among the performers.
The tree, a Norway spruce that's more than 60 years
old, stands 77 feet (23.5 meters) tall and was lit up in colorful Christmas lights before 10 p.m.
It was on the property of Carol Schultz in the village of
Florida, New York, and was cut down last month.
The tree was decorated with miles of lights, with a huge
Swarowski crystal star at the top.

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It stays in place until January 17, when it will be taken down and donated to Habitat for Humanity to help build

homes.
There's been a tree in Rockefeller Center since 1931.
The holiday lighting has been broadcast since 1951.