

Gretna Picayune

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KEEPING THE FAITH

Baptist church marks 53rd anniversary

White Chapel Baptist Church, 1315 Estalotte Ave., Harvey, will celebrate its 53rd anniversary May 5 at 11 a.m. John Mason Sr. is pastor. The guest speaker will be Pastor Johnny McKinnies of Israel Baptist Church of Harvey.

The theme is "Jesus is the Foundation of the Church," Matthew 16:18. Sister Sheila Mason is chairwoman. Call 504.361.1570.

Westside Baptist Association will hold a rehearsal for its spring musical on April 29 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, 236 Robinson Ave., Marrero. Sister Martha Simon is president. Sister Charisse Mason is directress. The Rev. Melvin C. Zeno is moderator.

St. Paul Baptist Church, 1509 Monroe St., Gretna, will hold its Men's Conference May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon and Men's Day May 5 at 7 a.m. The theme for both occasions is "No More Excuses," Luke 9:57-62. The conference facilitator is Pastor Reggie Allen of Living Word Full Gospel Ministry, and the Men's Day guest minister is the Rev. Christopher J. Arvie, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church. The chairman for the Men's Conference and Men's Day is Joseph Pitts. For information, visit www.stpaulbaptist.org or call 504.367.4700. The Rev. Orin D. Grant Sr. is pastor-teacher.

First Baptist Church of Avondale, 360 S. Jamie Blvd., Avondale, makes Colleen's Closet ministry available to the community by appointment only. Call 504.436.7850 to make an appointment. Avondale Self Storage, 3701 U.S. 90, Avondale, (504.436.2020) accepts new or gently used clothing, appliances, electronics and furniture. Items are distributed to local families in need through local churches.

People Program registering seniors

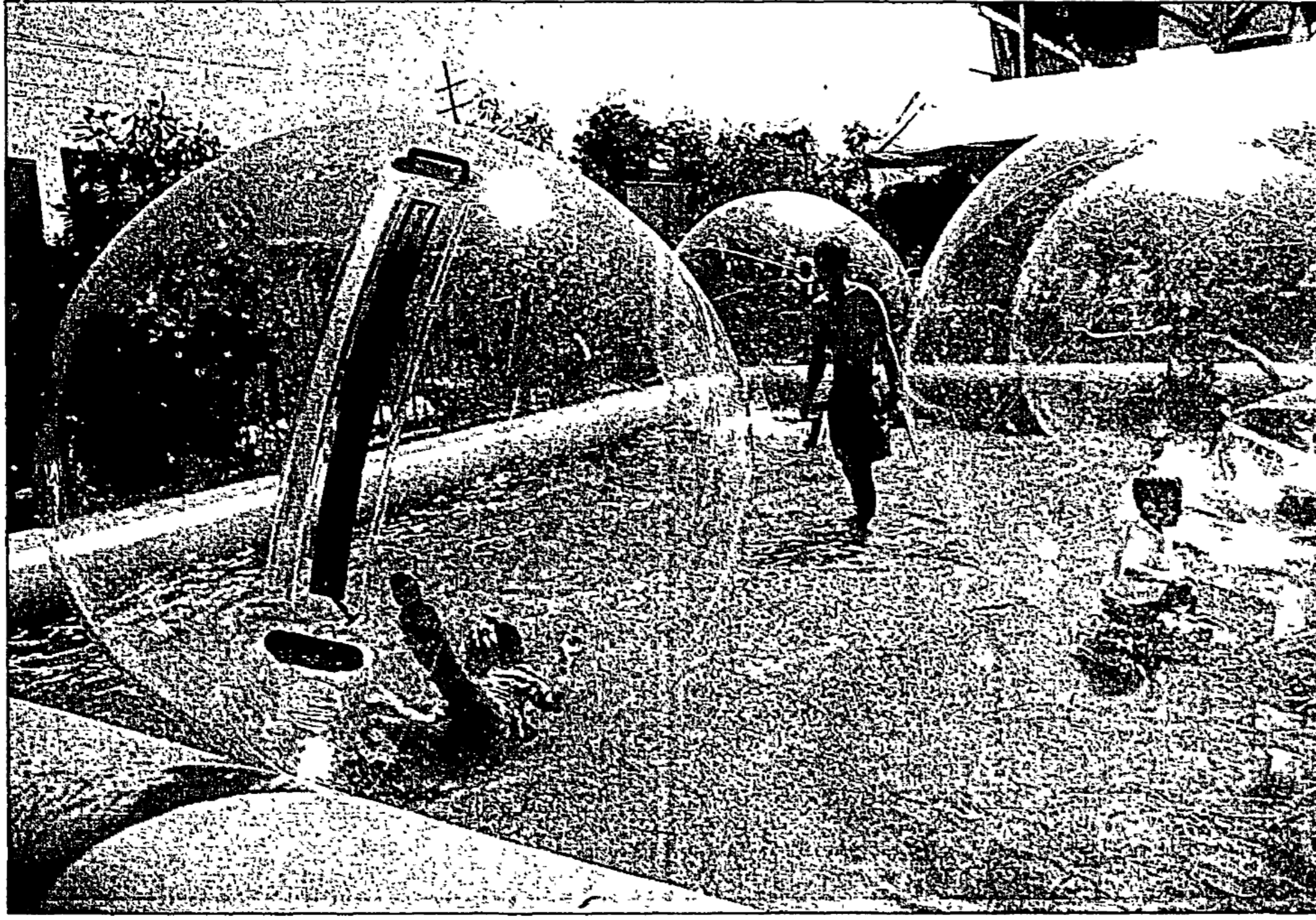
People Program will begin registering people ages 50 and older on May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. for summer and fall classes at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 6201 Stratford Place, Algiers, and at the program's Lakeshore campus, 2240 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans. Summer classes take place only at Lakeshore; fall classes are Aug. 19 through Dec. 6 at both campuses.

For the summer, the cost is \$30 for one class and \$50 for more than one class. For the fall, the cost is \$150 for one or more classes.

People Program is a nonprofit organization for those 50 and older who are looking for creative ways to spend leisure time. Participants range in age from 50 to 96. More than 140 courses are offered, including strength training, nutrition, dance, language, computer, stress management, New Orleans history, and music. Go to www.peopleprogram.com for class offerings.

For information, contact Jan Martino, assistant director, at 504.284.7678 or email neworleans@peopleprogram.org. Registration days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Algiers and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Lakeshore campus.

CAJUN FEST



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There was plenty to do, see and hear at the annual Cajun Fest at Our Lady of Visitation School in Marrero. ABOVE: Youngsters play inside giant floating hamster balls. RIGHT: The Joey Thomas Band performs. The festival also featured performances by the schoolchildren, food and games.



Hornets help Bridge City students 'Bee Fit'



WESTWEGO WORD
Gina Rivere Babin

The New Orleans Hornets staff recently brought their "Bee Fit" challenge to the students of Mildred S. Harris Elementary School in Bridge City. More than 100 students in third, fourth and fifth grades learned the importance of exercise and adopting healthy habits.

Hugo the Hornet, members of the Honeybees and the Buzz Patrol

led the day's activities, teaching students about exercise and understanding healthy food choices.

The students participated in events such as relay races, standing long jump, hoop skills and team-work challenges. Students also had the opportunity to use exercise equipment in the Elmwood Fitness Center-mobile, which was parked in the schoolyard.

"This is an excellent experience

for me as a PE coach as well as for the kids," Coach Aaron Miller said.

Erikah Gros, a fifth-grader, said she enjoyed the program. "I think it is very fun and it is better to be healthy and fit."

Her classmate, Kyler Franklin, agreed. "It inspired me to exercise. It's better to be active than to be a couch potato."

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SHELITA DALTON
Terrytown Talk

Stop the Tolls founder addresses civic group

The Terrytown Civic Association meeting for the month of April boasted a full house and a plethora of guests. Patrick Hand, the lawyer who was instrumental in getting a judge to throw out the last Crescent City Connection toll renewal results, along with the founder of Stop the Tolls, Michael Teachworth, stopped by to present information to attendees about why they believe the tolls should not be renewed during the upcoming election on May 4.

Bob Masson, president and deputy chief for the Terrytown Volunteer Fire Department, and Assistant Chief and Treasurer William Townsend, also spoke briefly to the crowd about the importance of renewing the fire protection millage.

An officer with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office was also in attendance to update residents about a recent shooting that took place on Wright Avenue near the intersection of Ruby Street.

Andrew Peach, the new general manager of Oakwood Center, addressed residents' concerns about the mall, especially security issues.

Peach stressed that he is working diligently with the security department and he is also focusing his efforts on attracting new, upscale stores to the mall. He said he plans to attend more civic association meetings in the future.

Anyone who has any questions, comments or concerns

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Higgins senior wins prom takeover contest

Ladajah Steele planned to enjoy a true celebrity-style senior prom at the Mercedes Benz Superdome that she and some L.W. Higgins High School classmates from Marrero likely will never forget. Steele received the Q-93 Prom Takeover Award for writing the winning

essay, "How to Stop Crime in the Community."

Crimestoppers and Oceana Grill also sponsored the contest. Hundreds of entries from across the New Orleans area were entered, and her entry was selected as the best of all.

Her prize consists of a prom dress with all accessories, a

limousine ride and dinner for nine of her friends at the Oceana Grill in the French Quarter, a complete "Prom Takeover" from the Q-93 crew and other surprises.

Higgins Principal David Lewis said he, the entire staff and student body are all proud and excited to share the joy and recognition that Steele's winning essay brings

to their school and to the senior prom.

Higgins' art teachers Page Knapp and Ron Bennett recently displayed their students' art in the school's second annual Art Show at Higgins library on April 16 and 17.

Joshua Taylor, a fine arts

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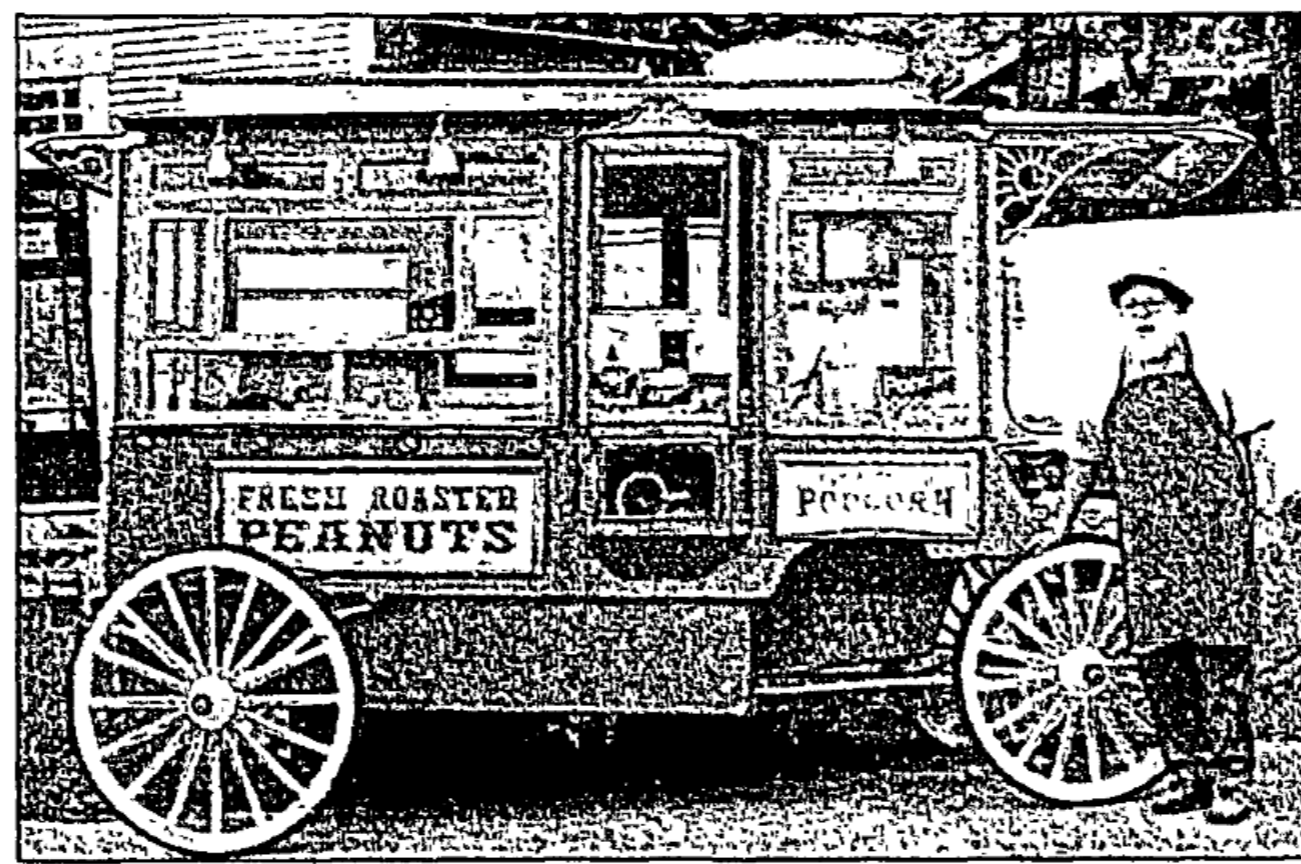
MARRERO MUSINGS
Rosalie Simmons

CRUISING WITH THE CLASSICS

RUSTY SCHLIEVERT OF ALGIERS

Vehicle: 1908 Cretors Popcorn Wagon
History: Schlievert bought the popcorn wagon in 2006 in Kansas City, Kan. When he bought it, the wagon was stored in 16 different boxes. Schlievert, with help from his wife, Connie, replaced the panels, which were rusted out, and painted the wagon. He also replaced the popper with a 1960s popper and installed sinks for hot and cold water. Schlievert ordered wheels from the Amish in Ohio to replace the original ones, which were no longer usable.

Other vehicles in collection: Schlievert has two other popcorn wagons he has restored, and a 1928 Model A Ford popcorn truck that he is restoring.
Schlievert: "I'm 71 years old, and I've had a fascination with popcorn wagons since I was



about 7. I grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and my mother and father would take me to the zoo. At the zoo's front entrance, there was always a popcorn wagon. When my parents couldn't find

me, they always knew they could go to the popcorn wagon and that's where I would be. I was so fascinated by the popcorn wagon and the music. Even then as a kid, I always wanted to own one myself, but that didn't happen until much later in life when I started an antique business. In 1983, I bought my first popcorn wagon in South Dakota and restored it. Since then, I've restored five popcorn wagons. The popcorn wagon brings back many good memories in my life. And I've noticed that older people seem to have a greater appreciation for them than younger people do. I think that's because it brings back good memories for them as well."

To have your vehicle in Cruising with the Classics contact Earl Hodges at earlhodges@msn.com or 504.887.4731.