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uisiana. We didn't miss a
at," he said.
Hovland said the dental school
a huge debt of gratitude to
many private practice den-
tists who accepted LSU's call to
be as mentors and teachers
seniors following Katrina.
Those dentists became their
"family," he said.
"Considering the circum-
stances that led to the LSU den-
tal school receiving the Gies-
hard, Hovland was asked if he
would prefer not to win the
award again.
"Maybe we can win it for an-

other reason," he said.
Gies, who died in 1956, was a
pioneer in dental education. He
was one of the founders of the
Columbia University School of
Dental and Oral Surgery.
The LSU dental school re-
turned to its New Orleans cam-
pus near City Park in Septem-
ber, resuming classes and pa-
tient care.
"We're happy to be home,"
Hovland said, noting that the
school decided after the storm
to retain a clinical presence in
Baton Rouge.
The dental school educates

about 75 percent of the dental
professionals practicing in
Louisiana and is home to the
state's only research center for
oral health. The school also is a
primary provider of continuing
education and forensic dental
services to police and emer-
gency personnel in Louisiana
and Mississippi.
The dental school headed up
the Dental DMORT Unit which
processed more than 1,000 vic-
tims of the flooding following
Katrina. DMORT stands for
Disaster Mortuary Operational
Response Team.

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town has maintained he
t to the scene as Brooks'
n representative and simi-
d not remember who was
e. Michael Dubos, who re-
ported Brown, told the jury
client was incidental to the
case. He said the government
is "willing to sacrifice"
wn to get Brooks.
Brooks resigned from the po-
sition in the department last year.
Hovland took a medical retire-
ment in 2007 because of an old
injury.

Iberville jury acquits BR man in murder case

Westside bureau
PLAQUEMINE — An Iberville
Parish jury on Thursday night
found Leverezen S. Hall, 20, of
Baton Rouge, not guilty of second-
degree murder.
The 10:15 p.m. verdict ended a
three-day trial for Hall, accused
of the fatal shooting of Karl
Joseph, 22, of Plaquemine, on
Aug. 8, 2005. The shooting grew
out of a dispute among several

people at a Plaquemine truck
stop, law enforcement authori-
ties reported at the time.
Judge Alvin Batiste of 18th Ju-
dicial District Court presided
over the trial. District Attorney
Ricky Ward represented the
state, along with lead prosecutor
Tony Clayton and Assistant Dis-
trict Attorney Dana Larpenteur.
James Manasseh was Hall's
defense attorney.



Show time
Fourteen-year-old Emily Gyan, right, at the Theater for the Performing Arts Friday and Jan. 25, 26 and 27.

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approved by the state De-
partment of Education to offer
supplemental services.
The Learning Center of
Baton Rouge charges the board \$36
hour for its services, while
other two charge \$50 per
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NEW ORLEANS — The culture
and creativity in this city, per-
haps best known for its food
and jazz, make it as good a
place as any to capitalize on the
digital economy, the founder of
Monster.com said Friday. But
Jeff Taylor said it all comes
down to execution.
"You can decide that you're
going to be a corridor for four
different types of business,"
Taylor told The Associated
Press before giving a speech to
the Louisiana Technology
Council, a group whose de-
clared goal is to turn this tradi-
tional oil-and-gas state into the
"Tech Capitol of the South."
"The reality is, it's hard to
move the needle very far. Be-

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