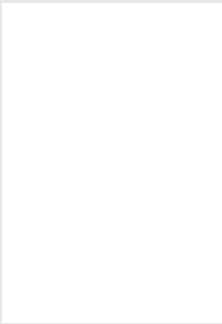




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LAKESIDE ON LOCKDOWN

Drill tests school's vulnerabilities



Webster Parish Sheriff's Captain Don Willis checks an outdoor access point at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School, as Sibley Police Officer Marshall Merritt, left, and Homeland Security Director John Stanley look on. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

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The outside doors were locked tight, classrooms were shut down and students were hidden away during a lockdown drill at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School.

The drill tested the faculty's knowledge of the school's plan and students' knowledge of what to do during an active shooter situation. It also let Principals Johnny Rowland and Michelle Finley know where vulnerabilities still lie.

"Compared to drills we did last year, it's been a vast improvement," Rowland said.

Sibley Police Officers Cody James and Marshall Merritt were the responding officers to the school.

Following the drill, faculty and officials sat down to discuss what vulnerabilities they did find, how well students and faculty followed procedure and what could be done to further strengthen procedures that work well already.

Homeland Security director John Stanley says drills have drastically changed since the days of Columbine. Law enforcement, school faculty and students are all too aware of what can happen in an active shooter situation. In fact, law enforcement and the schools drill for this very scenario yearly.

"Lots of things have changed since Columbine to

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Webster Parish Sheriff's Captain Don Willis checks a locker during a walkthrough at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School. The school practiced a lockdown drill in the event of an active shooter Monday morning. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

MINDEN CRIME

Woman charged in home invasion

Police say suspect bit wrong girl in jealous rage

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A Minden woman is behind bars after she allegedly went after the wrong woman in a home invasion.

Jimmeka Lutece Wilson, 22, of the 200 block of Deerfield Road, was charged with home invasion.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says the incident occurred when Wilson caught her boyfriend at another girl's apartment.

"She goes to the apartment and barges her way in and jumped on the wrong girl," Cropper said. "She forced her way into somebody else's apartment uninvited. She'd heard the boyfriend was allegedly there."

According to reports, Sgt. Ryan Barnette and Officer Mitch Hackett responded to the call, and upon arrival, Barnette noticed a female banging on the door of an apartment. When she came down the stairs, she reportedly told him she wanted to check on the people in the apartment because she'd heard some noise inside.

At that time, Ofc. Hackett arrived and stayed with the female, later identified as Wilson.

The occupant of the apartment told police Wilson was involved in the disturbance. The occupant told police she'd been dating a man and the disturbance began when Wilson found out her boyfriend was there, according to reports.

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SUMMER SEASON

Spring, summer ushering in mosquito season

WPPJ begins spraying, offers prevention tips

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With spring here and summer approaching, it means getting outside and enjoying the warmer weather. It also means the mosquitoes have returned.

The Webster Parish Police Jury has already begun its fight against

mosquitoes by spraying throughout the parish, but they say citizens can help control the mosquito population by doing a few simple things.

The police jury began spraying for mosquitoes last week, spraying every night for four hours each night. Although there is no set timeframe they start and stop during the year, Teddy Holloway,

police jury public works director, says they will spray at least through the summer.

He offered some tips that citizens can do to help in mosquito population control.

"The best thing is for people to take care of their yards; no standing water in their yards," he said. "Birdbaths, buckets with water in them, tires, anything that holds standing water."

The LSU AgCenter also offers a few tips to avoid mosquitoes. Lee

Faulk, LSU AgCenter extension agent for Claiborne and Webster parishes, says getting rid of standing water will go far in preventing the breeding of the insect.

"Mosquitoes require warm, wet environments to thrive and reproduce and can be a severe health hazard to people," he said. "Mosquitoes spread diseases such as West Nile virus, encephalitis and many others. Steps should be taken by the public to reduce the

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Budget work gets derailed Monday at Capitol

BATON ROUGE — Plans to start moving the pieces of a budget-balancing package of tax changes this week got derailed Monday.

The Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee was scheduled to consider a bill by Sen. Robert Adley, R-Benton, that would repeal a local prop-

erty tax on inventory. The repeal would save the state an estimated \$500 million a year on a tax credit tied to that inventory tax.

But at the last minute, Adley pulled the bill (Senate Bill 85) from consideration.

He said there were questions about the finan-

cial analysis, which showed no savings from the repeal in the upcoming budget year. He also said questions were raised about possible implications on education financing.

"I don't want to move forward unless I've got accurate numbers," Adley

said.

No follow-up hearing date from the Senate committee has been set, and Adley's proposal faces strong resistance from parishes and municipalities that rely on the inventory tax revenue to pay their bills.

With that proposal tem-

porarily shelved, the House Ways and Means Committee then scrapped plans to hear legislation Tuesday that would scale back tax break programs and raise the cigarette tax.

Ways and Means Chairman Joel Robideaux, R-Lafayette, said lawmakers on his committee don't

want to vote on "revenue-raisers" without the Senate advancing the inventory tax piece of the legislative package.

Lawmakers are trying to find a way to raise new dollars to help close a \$1.6 billion budget gap in next year's budget.



Holli Vining sworn in as president of LCCA

Webster Parish Clerk of Court Holli Vining was sworn in as the president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association Friday, April 10. She was sworn in by Judge Harmon Drew Jr. in Lafayette. Vining is the seventh female to serve in this capacity in the last 70 years. She is the second youngest to serve as president and has served on the board of directors for the Clerk's Association since 2011. Courtesy Photo

Webster Arrest Report

Arrests for the week of April 12 through April 20

Minden Police Department

■Brandi Hordemon, 40, 100 block of Oscar Moore Road in Dubberly. Charged with disturbing the peace

■Kendric Jackson, 31, 600 block of Long Street. Charged with violation of a protective order and simple assault.

■Amber K. Jones, 27, 100 block of N. Cobert. Charged with misdemeanor theft.

■Cody Michael Ray Studdard, 25, 100 block of Timothy Drive. Charged with misdemeanor theft.

■Tabrintondrazeous Allen, 23, 500 block of Patrick Street. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS with intent to distribute (marijuana), driving under suspension, failure to signal lane change, aggravated flight and obstruction of justice.

■Grace E. Peterson, 22, 9000 block of Mansfield Road in Shreveport. Charged on felony theft of goods.

■Steven Christoph, 59, 5000 block of Highway

518, Athens. Charged with speeding and drug paraphernalia.

■Bobby Reynolds, 53, 1600 block of Springhill, Ringgold. Charged with one count of possession of Schedule III CDS and three counts of possession of Schedule IV CDS.

■Boss Walker, 33, 700 block of Sibley Road. Charged with possession with intent to distribute Schedule I CDS and possession with intent to distribute Schedule II CDS.

■Courtland Hill, 29, of 100 block of Rebecca Street. Charged with conspiracy to distribute Schedule I CDS and conspiracy to distribute Schedule II CDS.

■Traci Flint, 35, 2500 block of Old Arcadia Road. Arrested on a bench warrant for public drunk.

■Jimmeka Wilson, 22, 200 block of Deerfield Road. Charged with home invasion.

■Eric M. Denny, 34, 200 block of Lauren Lane. Charged with simple kidnapping.

Springhill Police Department

■Stephon White, 19,

700 block of Curry Street. Charged with resisting an officer, battery on a police officer, public intimidation and retaliation and resisting a police officer with force or violence.

■John Robert Scott Jr., 23, 200 block of Point Road, Bossier City. Charged with theft by shoplifting.

■Todd Anthony Gardner, 20, 30 block of Acorn Hill Loop in Haughton. Charged with theft by shoplifting.

■David Allen Glass, 33, 2400 block of Columbia Road, Emerson, Arkansas. Arrested on a warrant for remaining on premises/remaining after forbidden.

■Jason Christopher Garison, 33, 200 block of Belaire Drive, Doyline. Arrested on a warrant of violation of a protection order.

■Candy Ann Bridges, 35, 100 block of Machen Drive. Charged with disturbing the peace by fighting.

■Brittany Ann McCoy, 25, 300 block of Moore Street. Charged with theft of goods by shoplifting.

■Temeska Torsha Reynolds, 33, 2100 block of Barrett Street. Charged with theft of goods by shoplifting.

■Tiffany Cunningham, 26, 700 block of Dennis Street. Charged with disturbing the peace by fighting.

■Cody Wayne Tyson, 20, 800 block of Coyle Street. Arrested on warrants for second degree battery and disturbing the peace.

■Shania Shontel Chipps, 19, 900 block of 2nd Street SE. Arrested on warrant for theft of goods by shoplifting.

Webster Parish Sheriff's Office

■Curtis Keith Brazzel, 46, 1500 block of Gray Lake Drive in Princeton. Charged with no turn signal and driving while intoxicated.

■Duran Gibson, 57, 60 block of McClarahan in Dixie Inn. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

■Tyrone Nolan, 21, 200 block of Weatheron in Sibley. Charged with disturbing the peace.

MOSQUITO

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risk of mosquitoes on their property."

Mosquitoes spend half their life in water, according to a news release. Female mosquitoes lay their eggs in water or areas that may contain standing water.

"The eggs hatch in the water and the young mosquitoes will swim around and feed on microbes and other small particles in the water," AgCenter officials said. "Upon transforming from the pupae stage in the water into the adult stage, the adult mosquito flies off."

Here are some prevention tips homeowners can do to help keep the population down:

■ Removing any cans, bird baths, old tires or pipes and empty buckets are all items that can potentially hold water which is conducive to mosquito breeding.

■ Keeping your lawn cut low also makes it more difficult for mosquitoes to thrive.

■ Chemical controls do work well on mosquitoes. Repellants containing DEET or Picardin have both been proven very effective at repelling mos-

quito bites.

■ When purchasing repellants, pay close attention to the percent concentration of the product as some higher concentrations are unsafe for children. The label of the repellant will give you all the information you need to know about using the product safely.

■ For a more natural repellant, try products such as Citronella, Bite Blocker, OFF Botanical or Repel Eucalyptus.

"Other products on the market can be used to control mosquitoes outside, but aren't safe to apply to your clothing or person," Faulk said. "Some permethrins, pyrethrins and other chemicals are labeled for outdoor control of mosquitoes. As with all pesticides and repellants, please read the label on the product and follow its guidelines and directions. The label on the pesticides is the law."

He says the easiest prevention method is removing standing water and keeping lawns cut low.

For more information on mosquito control, contact the LSU AgCenter Extension Office at 318-927-3110 or 318-377-1371.

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When Wilson banged on the door, the boyfriend opened the door, and that's when Wilson pushed her way in and allegedly attacked a second occupant in the apartment – the occupant's younger sister, not the other girl Wilson's boyfriend had been dating.

"There were actually two females in the house," Cropper said.

During further investigation, reports indicate witnesses corroborated the occupants' story that they never left the apartment.

Wilson was taken into custody and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center on the above charge.

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EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

Common Core opponents fall short on La. House test vote

BATON ROUGE — If Common Core opponents want to get the education standards stripped from Louisiana's public schools, it looks as if they have more work to do to get lawmakers on their side.

Rep. Brett Geymann, R-Lake Charles, failed in a procedural maneuver Monday to get his bill — which would change the method for adopting education standards — moved to the full House without a committee hearing.

Geymann, a leader of the anti-Common Core movement in the Legislature, was trying to bypass

the House Education Committee. That committee refused to scrap the multi-state standards last year and is expected to make a similar decision this year.

But lawmakers voted 61-37 against the bypass maneuver.

That was seen as a test vote and considered a sign that Common Core opponents don't have support from a majority, or 53 members, of the House.

"It certainly is a benchmark on where we are. Whether we can get to a majority or not is a challenge," Geymann said after the vote.

Whether Louisiana's public schools should continue using the multistate standards in English and math is a contentious issue in the legislative session. Gov. Bobby Jindal has made shelving Common Core one of his priorities.

Supporters say Common Core better prepares students for college and the workforce, but opponents call the standards an effort by the Obama administration to nationalize education.

Geymann said parents who oppose Common Core don't feel they can get a fair hearing in the educa-

tion committee after its chairman, Rep. Steve Carter, was listed supporting an organization that Geymann said "mocked and ridiculed" opponents of the standards.

"The parents believe that the process has been poisoned," he said.

The organization, Alliance for Better Classrooms, distributed stuffed animal unicorns to lawmakers last week that suggested many of the criticisms lawmakers have heard about Common Core are as mythical as unicorns.

Carter, R-Baton Rouge,

said he was committed to a fair hearing on the Common Core legislation and said he wasn't behind the unicorns. Several committee members bristled at suggestions they wouldn't do an adequate job with the bill review.

"You will get a fair hearing. We may not agree, but we will treat you with respect," said Rep. Chris Broadwater, R-Hammond.

Rep. Rob Shadoin, an education committee member, voted with Geymann on an anti-Common Core bill last year. But he voted against Geymann Monday, saying he didn't

think it was proper to sidestep the existing process for vetting bills.

"This little pink and white unicorn has not swayed me one way or the other," he said, holding the stuffed animal.

Lawmakers who sided with Geymann said the standards debate was so important that all members of the House should have to consider the matter, rather than just a committee.

"I want the opportunity to debate this bill in front of everyone," said Rep. John Schroder, R-Covington.

OBITUARY

Earl Franklin Gorman

Earl Franklin Gorman, 96, of Hampton, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Medical Center of South Arkansas in El Dorado, Arkansas.

The son of Grover and Della Byrd Gorman, he was born Jan. 15, 1919 in Bradley County. He served his country during World War II in the Arkansas Army National Guard. He retired from the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden in 1975 after 13 years of service.

After retirement, he spent his time working for Shell Oil Company, tending his small farm, and taking care of Union Grove Cemetery.

He was a member of Union Grove Assembly of God Church where he served as deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years. He was happiest when surrounded by his family and was truly a pillar of support and source of strength for each of them. He lived his life with his ultimate goal always in mind. He has now reached that goal and will be dearly missed.

His parents preceded him in death, as did his wife of 60 years, Vergie Sue Madera

Gorman, and a son, Larry Earl Gorman. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Everett, Edward, and Nolan Gorman.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Billy Pope of Minden and Shelley and Ricky Hargett of El Dorado, Arkansas; grandchildren, Erin Shaffer (Shayne), Whitney Pearson (Blake), Wesley and Aubrey Hargett, all of El Dorado, Arkansas and David Gorman of Haughton; great grandchildren Jansen and Levi Shaffer and Kyle Gorman.

Visitation was Sunday from 6 until 8 p.m. at Benton Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday at Union Grove Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Ricky Smith and the Rev. Beauford Rash officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery under the direction of Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce/Hampton. Memorials may be made to Union Grove Cemetery Fund 5965 Calhoun 94 Hampton, Arkansas 71744 or First Bank (Union Grove Cemetery Fund) PO Box 8 Hampton, Arkansas 71744. To sign the online register visit www.bentonfuneralhome.net.

Minden High School hosting blood drive Wednesday

Lifeshare Blood Centers will be hosting a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday at Minden High School.

Lifeshare representative Mary Joe Henderson says the goal is to reach 85 units during the drive. If the goal of 85 units is collected, Minden High will be awarded a \$500 scholarship from Lifeshare Blood Centers.

Henderson says donations can be given in busses parked outside the school or in the auditorium, but reminds that guests must check in at the office when giving inside the school.



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nobody went into the building to now the first guy reporting goes into the building," Stanley said. "The first officer on scene enters the building, because if he can stop the shooter, you save multiple lives. The other thing is to get medical response in the school as quickly as it's safe for them to get in."

Webster's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Jenny Reynolds says this is nationwide.

"The new training on the medical is they go in with a security escort too," she said. "It's for basic triage."

Stanley says the officers will first go in to eliminate the threat and then their job is to escort medical personnel.

"We can't just allow them to go into the building with no security," he

said.

Reynolds says the one thing they learned following the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary is that lives could have been saved if they'd have been able to get medical personnel in behind law enforcement as they cleared the building.

"If you can go in and clear portions of the building, and then have your secondary team to secure your first round of medical triage," she said. "Sometimes a tourniquet is all

that's needed to save someone's life."

"The more often the drills occur, the better the schools' are at adapting to a scenario," Capt. Don Willis, with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, said.

The rules of thumb for a scenario like this, Reynolds says, is lights out, out of sight and no noise.

"And that's what this is all about – shortening the response time and minimizing injury," Stanley said.

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Deepwater Horizon: Five years later

*Governor Jindal issues
statement on Gulf
of Mexico disaster*

*Monday, Governor Jindal
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five years after the Deepwater
Horizon Oil Spill:*

Governor Jindal said, "Five years ago today, eleven honorable men were taken from us far too soon in the tragic Deepwater Horizon explosion off of our coast. This year, as we reflect upon each individual who lost their lives that fateful day, our hearts and prayers go out to the families and friends of these men. They worked tirelessly for countless hours on the rig to provide for their families, and their work helped drive an industry that supports thousands more families across our state. Although they are no longer with us, they will forever be in our memory."

"The images of oil-drenched wildlife and marshes have been seared into our memories, but our spirit and perseverance are stronger than ever before. As we look back over these past five years, we have seen our coast continue to rebound from the oil-battered wetlands and beaches we saw in the months after the spill. Although we will not know the full extent of the damage until a final assessment is completed, response and recovery efforts are ongoing, and scientists say our habitats and ecosystems are slowly coming back. However, there is more work to do as oil continues to wash ashore here in our state – and we won't stop working until our coast and wetlands are fully restored."

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill began off of Louisiana's coast on April 20, 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico after an explosion occurred on an oil rig owned by BP and operated by Transocean. The initial explosion tragically killed 11 people and injured 17 others. More than 200 million gallons (4.9 million barrels) of crude oil was pumped into the Gulf of Mexico for a total of 87 days until it was capped on July 15, 2010 – making it the biggest oil spill in U.S. history. By April of 2014, over 15 million pounds of oily material had been removed from Louisiana's coast alone.

Today, five years after the spill, Louisiana continues to battle re-oiling. Tarballs, tarmats, sheening and oozing oil still appear on shores and wetlands in several of the state's coastal areas. As recently as March of this year, a submerged tar mat was located on the East Grand Terre barrier island, resulting in the removal of nearly 14,000 pounds of oily material over the course of just a few days. Assessments are still ongoing to measure the full impact of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Louisiana's coast; however, response efforts will continue by state and federal workers as long as necessary to restore it.



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PERSPECTIVE

Freedom of and from religion

Religious oppression was one reason many of our ancestors came to America. They wanted to escape rulers who demanded that everyone worship their way. In Ireland, Catholics couldn't vote or own a gun.

I assumed that because many of America's founders came here to escape such repression, they were eager to allow religious freedom in America. After all, the very First Amendment in the Bill of Rights says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

But I was wrong. On my TV show this week, Chapman University economist Larry Iannaccone explains that many American settlers were just as tyrannical about insisting that everyone follow their religion: "In the Northeast, it was Puritanism or Calvinism. In New York and Virginia, Anglicanism, the Church of England. Elsewhere, it was Catholicism."

Only when colonists tried to form a nation, and met with others who practiced different religions (or none, like Thomas Jefferson), did they put freedom of religion in the Bill of Rights.

So what does that mean today? President Obama tells religious people that he supports "the right to practice our faith how we choose."

But Obamacare functionaries ordered Christian groups to fund employees' purchase of birth control and the morning-after abortion pill. Some religious people believe both pills are a form of murder. Would their president force them to pay for what they consider murder? You betcha.

The Green family, which owns Hobby Lobby, sued, and the Supremes ruled that some faith-based corporations can get an exemption from Obamacare. But it was a pathetically narrow victo-

ry, applying only to small, privately-held companies, and they still must hire lawyers to beg for an exemption. Non-profits and bigger groups such as Notre Dame still must fund what they consider to be murder.

Leftists still assailed the court for granting even this tiny exemption. Sen. Elizabeth Warren said she "can't believe we live in a world where we'd even consider letting big corps deny women access to basic care."

Harry Reid said, "If the Supreme Court will not protect women's access to health care, then Democrats will."

What utter nonsense! No one was "denied access" to anything.

Anyone with a prescription can buy birth control pills at Wal-Mart for \$9. Are leftists so in love with big government that they think government not funding something is akin to banning it? Apparently they do.

Hobby Lobby's owners were represented in court by a group called the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Becket's director, Kristina Arriaga, says Hobby Lobby isn't stingy or cruel: "The Green family pays twice the minimum wage, closes on Sundays, gives very generous benefits to their employees, and they did not object to 16 out of the 20 drugs (for which coverage was mandated)."

I say it shouldn't matter whether the Green family is good to its employees. No one is forced to work for them or any company.

If business owners don't want to fund birth control, alcohol rehab, haircuts or anything, that should be their right.

They created the company (or paid to buy it), and as long as they don't collude with competitors, they should be allowed to impose whatever rules they want. Employees aren't trapped. Anyone can quit. Companies that give more generous benefits will attract better employees. That competition protects workers better than government mandates ever will.

Letting government make so many one-size-fits-all decisions creates new problems. Iannaccone argues that religion is more vibrant in the U.S. because the American government has mostly left religion alone. In Europe, governments subsidized religion or set the rules. The state promised protection for all but ended up becoming an enforcer of orthodoxy. That made religion more homogeneous and less appealing. Forty percent of Americans say they go to church every week. In England and France, only 10 percent do. In Denmark, only 3 percent attend.

"Religion is a market phenomenon like other ones," Iannaccone says, "and when you make the government the arbiter, the funder, (religion) operates like a typical lazy monopoly. Incentives are lost. The clergy get focused on pleasing politicians rather than the people."

Government ought to leave us alone so we can do as we please, in collaboration with whatever God we believe in.

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



JOHN STOSSEL

PERSPECTIVE

Thorns or Roses

"But he who dares not grasp the thorns should never crave the roses." Anne Bronte

"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses." Alphonse Karr in A Tour Round My Garden.

"You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can be grateful that thorn bushes have roses." Tom Wilson in Plants Are Some of My Favorite People.

Roses are some of my favorite flowers, however, as most of you know, I do not have a green thumb. So I have very few to show my love of them.

We had a beautiful Lady Banks Rose but did not trim and care for it as we should have, so it became a nuisance. So, what did we do, but pull it up. We have transplanted some small cuttings in hopes we can grow another one. And we'll try to tend it better.

We also have two smaller roses that we set out and one treasured antique rose bush that originated in the yard of my grandmother, and passed down to my mother. It has been in this spot in my yard for at least 50 years. Sometimes it doesn't look like much, but at this time of the year it is beginning to put out its delicate pink blossoms.

In order to have these rose bushes and enjoy their beauty, we must be willing to see the thorns and realize they are a part of having beautiful roses.

A visiting minister, in asking the congregation how they saw people, commented on this idea of roses and thorns. He then went on to expound on how we look at people around us and what we really see when we look at someone different from us. Do we see a rose or do we see a thorn?

This made me start thinking more about how I look at people.

I, like probably most of you, have friends that are very similar to me. The same socioeconomic and racial backgrounds with the same likes and dislikes, and often, we may toss in the idea of the same political preferences.

How do we see people who are different?

When we see someone who appears dirty and unkempt, do we ever consider that the person could be homeless? I was always guilty of judging them and saying, "they could at least take a bath". That isn't necessarily so in every situation, as sometimes he may not have access to facilities for bathing.

Someone standing on a street corner asking for a handout – do we see a person or do we think, if I give him money will he spend it for food, or something else? It is not our responsibility to judge this person, but to help in some way. Instead of giving him money for food would we want to take him to a restaurant for a meal, or would we be ashamed to be seen in his company?

Do we invite people who are different into our homes to share a meal? Or do we stick with our tiny circle of favorite people with which to show hospitality?

How do we really see people? As they appear – ragged, dirty, belligerent, begging, or in some way beneath us? Or do we see them as more of God's creations?

That sermon really spoke to me and now I ask myself how I will look at people in the future.

Will I see only the thorns, or will I look deeper and see the roses?

Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects.



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Around Town

Tuesday, April 21 - Friday, April 24

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will host its spring revival. At 7 p.m. each night: April 21: Pastor Billy Hawkins, Mt. Pilgrim BC, April 22: Pastor Ray Jiles, Valley Spring BC, April 23: Pastor John Cole, Mt. Comfort BC, and April 24: Pastor Royal Scott Jr., Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.

Tuesday, April 21 - Thursday, April 23

Pleasant Valley Christ Church in Athens Annual Spring Revival will be at 7:15 nightly. Pastor Jerry Allen of Mt. Zion and Shiloh Baptist Churches in Homer will be the evangelists.

Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26

The 10th pastoral appreciation honoring Bishop Charles A. Blanks will be at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 329 Shady Oak Ext., in Springhill. The guest speakers will be Bishop Kimberly Randle at 7 p.m., Friday, April 24, a musical at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25, and Pastor Rodney Williams at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, April 25

Eastside Missionary Baptist Youth Fundraiser "Race Towards a Mission" will begin at 8 a.m. with a Fun Run at the church. There will be a 5K at 8:30 a.m., a photo booth and face painting. Register online at www.active.com or call 393-6150 for a race application. Prizes will be available for the winner of every age group.

Pine Grove Baptist Church will celebrate "Annual Women's Day" at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Sister Lillie M. Norton of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

Excel to the Top (a community-wide youth extravaganza) for kids age 12 and older will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Central Community Center, 5500 Hwy 531., Dubberly. Free breakfast, lunch and registration with breakfast/registration from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by Marilyn Wallace.

Pine Grove Baptist Church will hold its first leadership workshop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration is from 8 until 9 a.m. Worship speakers include the Rev. James Smith and Sister Rashunda Myles of Galilee Baptist Church in Dubberly, Sister Rosie Horne of Saint Joe Baptist Church in Rayville and Sister Ophelia Green of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Minden.

Sunday, April 26

EDUCATION

Louisiana Tech announces high school rally winners

Winners in the 2015 North Louisiana District Rally qualifying for the state rally in Baton Rouge or who won first through fifth place in a subject for which there is only district testing have been announced following competition at Louisiana Tech University on Saturday, March 21.

Approximately 1,600 students from 18 north Louisiana parishes competed. Schools also compete for the sweepstakes award in each division. Testing in 49 subjects is separated into five divisions based on school size.

"The North Louisiana rally allows individual students an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and to test themselves against their peers," Joan Edinger, director of the North Louisiana High School Rally, said. "Louisiana Tech is honored and delighted to have a part in this program."

"We are also grateful to our dedicated Tech faculty members who give their time and effort to proctor the testing sessions," Edinger continued. "This competition helps the students to develop academically and personally. It gives them and their families something to be proud of."

The state rally is scheduled for April 25 on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Listed below are students from Webster Parish who qualified for state rally or who won first through fifth place in a subject that has only district competition (as indicated by an asterisk).

Doyline High School (V) – Civics, Jatavion Jackson, 2; English III, Abigail Smith, 1; English IV, Faith Noe, 1; Environmental Science, Bryce Taylor, 2; Financial Mathematics, Justin Darbonne, 2; World Geography, Joshua Jordan, 3

Glenbrook School (V) – Advanced Mathematics-Functions and Statistics, Justin Le, 2; Agriscience II, Thomas Sanders, 2; Algebra I, Jemma Killingworth, 4; Algebra II, Peyton Page, 2; Biology, Caleb Dossett, 4; Biology II, Bridget Cone, 1; Civics, Amelia Christy, 1; English I, Cody

Chase, 5; English II, Abigail Gilbert, 2; English III, Kathy Moore, 5; English Literature, Amanda McLemore, 1*; English Pronunciation, Bridget Cone, 2*; Environmental Application, Jennifer Nguyen, 1; Fine Arts Survey, Graham Lemoine, 2; Introduction to Business Computer, Anne Durr, 2; Journalism I, Laurin Clemons, 2; Nutrition and Food, Olivia Dalton, 3; Parenthood Education, Lauren Windham, 1; Physical Science, Dakota McGarity, 1; Physics, Marcus Sobol, 1; Principles Of Business, Sam Marvin, 1; Psychology, Gracyn Gorman, 2; Sociology, Clay Simonton, 1; Spelling 10, Peyton Page, 2*; Spelling 11, Kathy Moore, 2*; Spelling 9, Amelia Christy, 2*

Lakeside High School (III) – Biology, Chandler Perry, 3; Business Computer Application, Megan Osborne, 2; English I, Michaela Gusman, 2; English Pronunciation, Austin Underwood, 1*; Health, Jesse Ward, 2; Physical Science, Jaidan Turner, 3; Spelling 10, Anna Lopez, 1*; Spelling 11, Katelyn Bowers, 2*; Spelling 9, Justin Barnes, 2*

Minden High School (II) – Algebra II, Emme Mayfield, 1; Biology, Cassidy McKinney, 3; Business Computer Application, Cassie Balsamo, 2; Civics, Kirsten Parker, 3; Computer Science I, Troy West, 1; English I, Kirsten Sibbey, 2; English II, Anna Tucker, 3; English III, Zack Brown, 3; English IV, Katherine Murphey, 2; English Literature, Nick Joslin, 2*; Health, Brawley Andrews, 2; Parenthood Education, Cassie Langley, 2; Physical Science, Christopher Stephens, 1; Spanish I, Tatum Terral, 2; Spelling 9, Adaja Harris, 3*; World Geography, Mary Clair Booth, 3; World History, Dillon Harrington, 2

North Webster High School (II) – Accounting, Eboni Hawkins, 2; Civics, Brittany Harper, 2; English I, Jessie Thomas, 1; English III, Allison Treece, 2; English IV, Cassie Thomas, 1; Introduction To Business Computer, Jake Scarberry, 3; Principles Of Business, John Jacobs, 1; Spanish II, Abi Shirley, 3; World Geography, Keaton Berry, 1;

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NBA

Pelicans fall to

Warriors in game 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr likes to say his team teeters on "explosive and careless" basketball, pulling off an astonishing play one moment and a perplexing one the next.

Kerr saw both extremes Monday night.

And the better half was just good enough to defend home court.

Klay Thompson scored 26 points, Stephen Curry had 22 points and six assists and the Warriors regrouped from an early deficit to beat the New Orleans Pelicans 97-87 and take a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

"We still get excited at times and do some crazy things. I kind of like the fact that we walk that line," Kerr said. "It's what makes us who we are."

The top-seeded Warriors fell behind by 13 points in the first quarter after a strong start by Anthony Davis and Eric Gordon quieted an announced sellout crowd of 19,596 wearing golden yellow shirts. But a big burst before halftime pushed the Warriors ahead, and their defense clamped down in the closing moments to put away the pesky Pelicans.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is Thursday night in New Orleans.

Davis had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Gordon scored 23 points for a Pelicans team that played with more poise and passion than it did in the series opener.

"We just have to stick with it," Gordon said.

"We're playing the best team in the league and we're fighting tooth and nail," Pelicans coach Monty Williams added. "Our guys are grouping up on the fly."

NFL

Tebow takes over Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tebowmania swept through Philly before Tim Tebow's return to the NFL even became official.

By the time the Philadelphia Eagles announced late Monday afternoon that Tebow signed a one-year contract, the city was buzzing about Chip Kelly's latest move. Tebow dominated newspaper headlines, social media conversation and sports talk radio. A pretzel factory even made "Tebowing" shaped pretzels.

Some fans applauded the move, while others claimed Kelly lost his mind. Talk show hosts debated the signing and questioned everything about Tebow from his passing skills to his faith and intelligence.

"Chip doesn't care what the outside world is going to say about it," former Eagles All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, who played with Tebow in Denver, said on a local radio station.

Tebow will wear No. 11. His jersey already was listed for sale on the team's website.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

BASKETBALL BANQUET



Top photo, Jacques Mitchell speaks to the crowd. Bottom Photo, Kevin Hamilton is all smiles as he accepts his offensive MVP award. Press-Herald Photos/Blake Branch



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Minden High School held their annual basketball banquet Monday to celebrate the accomplishments of the Crimson Tide and Lady Tiders this season.

The evening began with a speech to the teams by guest speaker Jacques Mitchell.

Mitchell, a 2003 graduate of Minden High School who received his nursing degree from Grambling state, gave a brief speech directed to the players in the audience.

He hit on talking points such as setting goals, staying focused, working hard and never giving up.

After the conclusion of Mitchell's talk, Lady Tider head coach Jacob Brown got the awards portion of the evening underway.

Brown began by recapping the Lady Tider campaign, a 16-12 season with a third place finish in district.

"I was impressed with the growth of this team all year," Brown said. "They never quit. They kept fight-

ing hard and it was a joy to see their development."

Jasmine Goodman received the hustle award, Sha'Terra Batton the coaches award, Ashley Shine the sportsmanship award and Marlena Hill was most improved.

Then awards were given out for statistical leaders in each category before moving on to MVP awards.

Sha'Terra Batton was voted offensive MVP by her teammates, Sha Whiting was voted defensive MVP, and Tiaga Pugh and Sha'Terra Batton shared overall MVP honors.

Then it was time for head coach Alan Shaw to present the boys' awards.

"We went 19-11," Shaw said. "It was a roller-coaster season, highlighted by winning our tournament, the Minden Holiday Classic."

D.J. Elkins was named freshman MVP and Zikerrion Baker the junior varsity MVP.

For the varsity, Kedarrius Walker received the hustle award, Brennan Myles the academic award, Anfernee Red the rebounding and field goal percentage award, Kevin Hamilton was the offensive MVP and J'Larenz Beene the defensive MVP.

L'Jarius "JJ" Sneed took home overall MVP and to conclude the ceremony Ladarius Morgan received the Ricky Frazier award.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Crimson Tide take down Falcons at home, 8-0



The Crimson Tide got a complete game shutout from Trace Francis on the mound and did some timely hitting to smash their way past the Northwood Falcons 8-0 Tuesday at Griffith Stadium.

The win keeps Minden firmly in the playoff picture as the season enters

its final week of regular season play.

Several players had a fine day at the dish for Minden, led by Trace Francis, who was 3-4 with a trio of singles to go with two RBI.

Austin Keough also went 3-4 with three singles, adding one RBI for the Tide.

Gunner Stephens, Matt Eskew, and Gavin Smith all had two hits each for Minden and all had RBI's as well.

Cade Coleman added a base hit and an RBI and Cameron Morgan pitched

in with a single.

On the bump, Francis was stellar in stifling the Falcons' lineup.

He went all seven innings, striking out seven, giving up four hits and allowing no runs to take the win.

The Crimson Tide have another crucial game on their hands tonight as they travel to Shreveport to face the Huntington Raiders at 6 p.m.

Also, senior night will be Thursday night at 6 p.m. as the Tide take on Fair Park in their home finale.



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LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Old gun continues to work magic

I still remember the first photo I ever saw of someone in Louisiana with a wild turkey gobbler. Thirty years or so ago, north Louisiana had few wild turkeys with a short season and areas open to hunting few and far between. Anyone who could bag a gobbler under these conditions had something special going for him. He had to be either extremely lucky, or he was a darn good turkey hunter.

The photo I saw of a "darn good" turkey hunter with his downed gobbler was Choudrant's Pete Brister. A scant handful of hunters even bothered to turkey hunt back then; most of us knew little and cared less about spending springtime hours in the woods after a gobbler; we were on the lake fishing for bedded bluegills and spawning bass.

Pete Brister was differ-

ent. Finding the challenge of outwitting a gobbler enticing enough to hunt not only in Louisiana but neighboring states, Brister evolved into a savvy turkey hunter, packing his trusty 12 gauge Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun. On April 17, 1998, Brister and his brother were on a turkey hunt in Mississippi. Riding along with them was Brister's teenage son Mike. Something happened that day that is riveted in Mike's memory and is still hard for him to talk about.

"I was sitting in the truck between my dad and my uncle when my dad suddenly slumped over and died of a massive heart attack," Brister told me, his voice choked with emotion.

After Pete Brister's death, Mike fell heir to the old Remington. Following in his dad's footsteps, Mike, like his dad before him, has developed into an expert turkey hunter and the old shotgun has done the number on scores of gobblers.

"I can't tell you just how special it was to learn from my dad about hunting wild turkeys and I'm so thankful he took the time to teach me what he knew because like him, I am passionate about chasing springtime gobblers," Mike said.

Brister could be using a more modern shotgun to turkey hunt. Guns today specifically for turkey hunting have special chokes that keep the pellets closer together for longer distances, assuring

tighter patterns. Pete Brister's old gun has a 28 inch full choke barrel and although Mike could have it configured to receive a modern turkey choke, he doesn't want to change the gun one iota from the one his dad used.

"I've probably shot 40 turkeys with the gun and I wouldn't change a thing about it; every time I go in the woods with it, I feel like my dad is right there with me," he said.

The old shotgun spanned another generation last week when Mike's 18 year old son, Lane, hunted with his dad on a lease in Jackson Parish. The gun he was packing? Pete Brister's Remington 870.

"We set up on a pipeline after hearing a roost gobble and I began calling. Before long, three gobblers stepped out on the line in full strut, eyeing the decoy we had out. One of the birds separated

himself enough for the shot and Lane downed him. I was so overcome with emotion I looked toward Heaven and said 'thank you, dad'", Mike told me, his voice quavering.

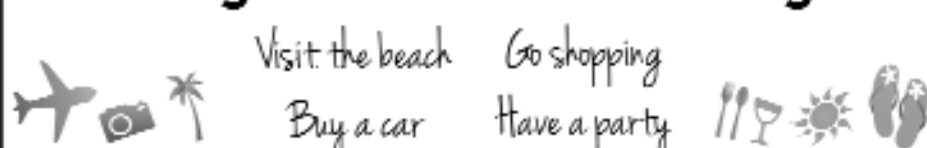
Lane's gobbler was a trophy, weighing 20 pounds with a beard spanning almost 11 inches.

The statistics on this gobbler were not the important element of this hunt. Pete Brister had bagged turkeys with it; Mike Brister had bagged turkeys with it and now Mike's son, Lane, had followed suit.

The most important player in this story is an old shotgun that continues to make memories through three generations.

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Box Office Top 20: ‘Furious 7’ nears \$300M

LOS ANGELES — Newcomers "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2" and "Unfriended" were still no match for "Furious 7" in its third week in release. Universal's high-octane movie took in \$29.2 million, bringing its domestic total to a stunning \$294.5 million. With \$1.15 billion in worldwide receipts, "Furious 7" has become the seventh highest-grossing film of all time, behind "Iron Man 3."

Despite lackluster reviews, Sony's "Paul Blart" sequel opened stronger than expected with \$23.8 million on a \$30 million budget, while Universal and Blumhouse's micro-bud-

get horror film "Unfriended" well surpassed its \$1 million production budget, taking in \$15.8 million in its first week in release.

Lionsgate's "Child 44," starring Tom Hardy, did not fare so well. The R-rated thriller opened to a disappointing \$621,812 from 510 locations.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Rentrak:

1. "Furious 7,"

Universal, \$29,156,595, 3,964 locations, \$7,355 average, \$294,510,675, 3 weeks.

2. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2," Sony, \$23,762,435, 3,633 locations, \$6,541 average, \$23,762,435, 1 week.

3. "Unfriended," Universal, \$15,845,115, 2,739 locations, \$5,785 average, \$15,845,115, 1 week.

4. "Home," 20th Century Fox, \$10,608,947, 3,488 locations, \$3,042 average, \$142,917,827, 4 weeks.

5. "The Longest Ride," 20th Century Fox, \$7,020,782, 3,371 locations, \$2,083 average, \$23,681,298, 2 weeks.

6. "Get Hard," Warner Bros., \$4,944,381, 2,655 locations, \$1,862 average, \$78,393,149, 4 weeks.

7. "Woman In Gold," The Weinstein Company, \$4,596,287, 2,011 locations, \$2,286 average, \$15,951,799, 3 weeks.

8. "Monkey Kingdom," Disney, \$4,577,861, 2,012 locations, \$2,275 average, \$4,577,861, 1 week.

9. "The Divergent Series: Insurgent," Lionsgate, \$4,096,952, 2,542 locations, \$1,612 average, \$120,552,425, 5 weeks.

10. "Cinderella," Disney, \$4,025,469, 2,414 locations, \$1,668 average, \$186,478,482, 6 weeks.

11. "True Story," Fox

Searchlight, \$1,950,214, 831 locations, \$2,347 average, \$1,950,214, 1 week.

12. "While We're Young," A24 Films, \$1,438,384, 713 locations, \$2,017 average, \$4,006,203, 4 weeks.

13. "Danny Collins," Bleeker Street, \$893,551, 648 locations, \$1,379 average, \$3,881,050, 5 weeks.

14. "It Follows," Radius-TWC, \$820,187, 941 locations, \$872 average, \$13,281,332, 6 weeks.

15. "Ex Machina," A24 Films, \$798,661, 39 locations, \$20,478 average, \$1,126,277, 2 weeks.

16. "Kingsman: The Secret Service," 20th Century Fox, \$678,874, 556 locations, \$1,221 average,

\$125,659,122, 10 weeks.

17. "Child 44,"

Lionsgate, \$621,812, 510 locations, \$1,219 average, \$621,812, 1 week.

18. "American Sniper,"

Warner Bros., \$379,718, 445 locations, \$853 average, \$347,762,902, 17 weeks.

19. "Do You Believe?,"

Pure Flix, \$368,013, 449 locations, \$820 average, \$12,227,429, 5 weeks.

20. "SpongeBob Squarepants: Sponge Out Of Water," Paramount, \$357,715, 328 locations, \$1,091 average, \$161,709,302, 11 weeks.

Bobby Brown’s lawyer: Bobbi Kristina Brown has opened eyes

Bobby Brown's lawyer issued a statement Monday saying the singer's daughter has "opened her eyes" nearly three months after being found unresponsive in a bathtub in her Georgia home.

Attorney Christopher Brown said he issued the statement to clarify comments the singer made during a concert over the weekend about his daughter's condition. The statement goes on to say that "there has been improvement" in her condition.

However, it also adds that Bobbi Kristina Brown is just now beginning rehabilitation "and the quality of her life will not be known for years to come."

Bobbi Kristina Brown is the only child of Bobby Brown and the late Whitney Houston.

Houston was found face-down and unresponsive in about a foot of water in a bathtub in a Beverly Hills hotel room Feb. 11, 2012, just before the Grammys. She later

died, and authorities concluded she had accidentally drowned. Investigators found a dozen prescription-drug bottles in the suite and listed heart disease and cocaine use as contributors to her death.

On Saturday night, an emotional Bobby Brown told concertgoers that Bobbi Kristina was "awake" and "she is watching me."

Bobby Brown's wife, Alicia Etheredge-Brown, added in the statement that during the concert, Brown "made an attempt to correct the negative comments he must endure on a daily basis from both family and the public regarding his daughter's medical condition."

"He is encouraged by the steps that Bobbi Kristina has made since her hospitalization on January 31, 2015," Etheredge-Brown said. "She has made it out of ICU, opened her eyes, and started a rehabilitation that will be long and hard."



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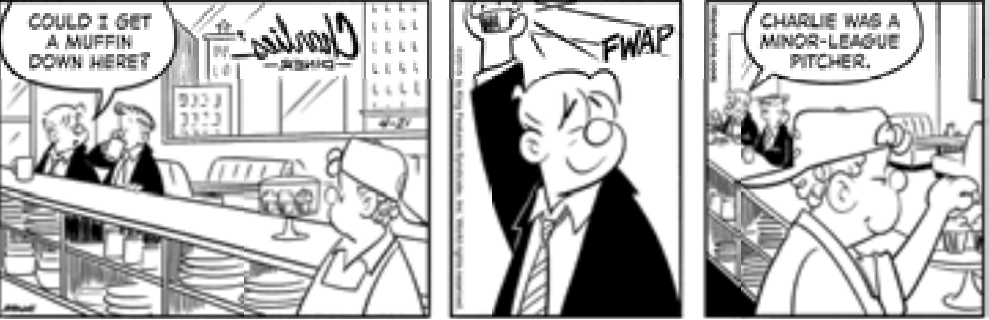
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April 14, 2015

The Sibley Town
Council met in
regular session on
Tuesday, April 14,
2015 at 6pm in the
Sibley Town Hall
Meeting Room.

Members present
were Mayor Jimmy
Williams; Aldermen
Doyle Chanler,
Richard Davis,
John Langford,
Larry Merritt and
Alan Myers.

Mayor Williams
opened the
meeting in prayer,
then led the Pledge
of Allegiance.

Larry Merritt
motioned to adopt
the March 10, 2015
Regular Meeting
minutes as read.
John Langford
seconded. Motion

carried.

Richard Davis
motioned to adopt
the March 25, 2015
Special Meeting
minutes as read.
Doyle Chanler
seconded. Motion
carried.

No new items
were added to the
agenda.

Larry Merritt gave
a monthly report on
the Sibley Volunteer
Fire Department
including their
annual Bass
Tournament.

Officer Cody James
gave a monthly
report on the Sibley
Police Department.

Under Oral
Communication the
mayor informed the
Board of Aldermen
and those present
of the April 28, 2015
Budget workshop.
He also spoke of
the success of the
Annual Clean Up
Day, some minor
flooding and the
possible purchase
of a mosquito
machine. The
State of Louisiana
budget, water tower
grant and Camp
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also, topics of
discussion.

Richard Davis
motioned to
adjourn. Alan
Myers seconded.
Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.

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