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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Coroner's bill gets second reading in House

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The second reading of House Bill 623, a bill asking for a vote of the people to fund the Webster Parish Coroner's Office by an ad valorem tax, was set to be read Tuesday.

District 10 Rep. Gene Reynolds, D-Minden, says the bill would take the burden off of municipalities and other government agencies in the parish to pay the coroner's office for

services provided.

"It will be on the floor probably next week," he said. "It passed out of committee with no negative votes. What this does is this will only set up a taxing district if the people vote for it. This is simply to put before the people the option of having a taxing district to pay for the coro-



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ner's expenses rather than the police jury and all the local cities paying for the coroner's expenses. It's not in addition to that, it's instead of."

If this is passed and it goes before the people, Reynolds says it would go on the October ballot and would be up to 8 mill ad valorem tax to Webster Parish citizens.

Tax Assessor Morris Guin says Coroner Carlos Irizarry would not ask for more than 3 mill, which would generate up to

\$600,000 for the office. If he asks for 2 mill, it would generate about \$500,000.

"The people will have to vote on a millage amount," Guin said. "It sounds like the people are going to vote on an 8 mill tax, but that's not what it is."

The funds generated would go to pay for the operations of the coroner's office such as the salaries for the coroner, his assistants, secretaries, stenographers, clerks, technicians, investigators, official photographers and all nec-

essary expenses related to the operation and functions of the office, according to the bill's digest.

It would also prohibit "the parish governing authority or other local municipality from being obligated to pay any fee or cost associated with the operation of the office," the digest continues.

If passed, ad valorem taxes would be collected the same way as other ad valorem taxes in Webster Parish.

CAMP MINDEN
CLEANUP

Open tray burn resolution to be filed this week

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The House Concurrent Resolution to ban the open tray burn method of munitions disposal in the state of Louisiana will likely be filed by the end of this week Rep. Gene Reynolds, D-Minden, said.

"We have DEQ, the governor's office, the state police, the fire marshal's office and others chiming in on it right now," he said, "and we're going to try to see if we can combine the three versions and get it filed. Then we can get busy and get it on out of here fairly quickly."

He says concerns arose about some of the language in the original draft.

"Some (of the concerns) were of unintended consequences that might deal with doing away with materials other than M6," he said. "It was broadly written, so we had to be more specific to Minden and M6 rather than a wide variety of the materials. That was the main hang up. I think we'll get it worked out."

It has not been issued a number and won't be until he files it.

He promised his constituents months ago that he would do what he could legislatively to ban the open tray burn method of disposal of the millions of pounds of munitions stored at Camp Minden.

If passed, this means the legislature is telling the state of Louisiana and its military that it cannot dis-

WEBSTER'S WICKED WEATHER

SWOLLEN

Recent rain brings rising water to Bayou Dorcheat



Bayou Dorcheat remains above flood stage. According to the National Weather Service office in Shreveport, flood stage for the bayou is at 14 feet. Wednesday morning, the NWS recorded the level at 16.02 feet. Over the last seven days, more than 3 inches of rain fell in Minden and forecasters say rain is expected through the next week with significant rainfall Sunday and Monday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



MINDEN CRIME

Police: Synthetic marijuana found in man's car

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A Minden man was arrested after reported synthetic marijuana was found in his vehicle.

Devryocky Fisher, 20, of the 400 block of Clerk Street, was arrested Friday, May 15, and charged with possession of synthetic marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says officers were outside walking across the parking lot at the LDWF building advising individuals there they had to leave.

"At that point in time, they noticed a vehicle with four individuals, and they approached these four individuals and told them they either had to go inside or leave," Cropper said. "Once they were at the window of the vehicle, officers observed a Swisher Sweets cigar, which is commonly used for smoking illegal narcotics, and loose tobacco in the vehicle."

When the officers asked all four occupants to exit the vehicle, they made contact with Fisher, Cropper says. When asked if he had any weapons on him, Fisher stated, "No," Cropper said.

"While conducting a frisk of Fisher's outer clothing, he gave permission to remove items from his outer pockets," Cropper said. "Upon doing so, three Swisher Sweets were found in his pocket along with suspected synthetic marijuana in the back left pocket."

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Jindal issues order after religious objections bill rejected

BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana lawmakers on Tuesday shelved a divisive religious objections bill pushed by Gov. Bobby Jindal that has thrust the state into the national debate about where religious freedoms end and the rights of same-sex couples begin.

But the Republican governor, who is courting Christian conservatives for a likely presidential bid, quickly fought back against the defeat, seeking to enact the bill's provisions without legislative support.

Both Republicans and Democrats on a House legal committee voted 10-2 for a procedural move designed to kill the proposal, ending weeks of controversy about the bill and handing Jindal a significant defeat for his legislative agenda.

Hours after the bill was rejected, Jindal issued an executive order aimed at doing the same thing as the bill, only on a smaller scale limited to the executive branch.

"What we are seeing today in America is an all-out assault on religious liberty," said Jindal, who called the executive order the "next best thing" to signing the bill.

The order would be effective several months beyond his administration's end unless Louisiana's next governor rescinds it, Jindal said.

Stephen Perry, a vocal critic of the bill who heads up the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau, dismissed Jindal's order as "largely a political statement" that "will have very little practical impact."

Perry, a former chief of staff to one of the state's previous Republican governors, said case law and even the state constitution limit the governor's ability to rule by fiat.

"No Executive Order of a governor may create substantive law, even in an emergency situation," he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mike Johnson, the lawmaker who sponsored the proposal, said he would push for another hearing this legislative session.

"We don't throw in the towel. We always stand for freedom," said the Bossier City Republican. "We're entering a new era in America where changing ideas about the institution of marriage conflict with the old ideas about religious freedom."

Louisiana's constitution bans same-sex marriage, and there are no statewide discrimination protections for gays and lesbians. But Johnson proposed the bill because he predicts a U.S. Supreme Court ruling expected in June will strike down gay marriage bans across the country.

As written, the proposed law would prohibit the state from denying individuals, businesses and nonprofits any licenses, benefits, jobs or tax deductions because of action taken "in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction" about marriage.

Like in Indiana and Arkansas, where backlash prompted changes to similar laws, the proposal faced formidable opposition from LGBT supporters and big business. Critics said the bill would sanction discrimination against LGBT couples — though Johnson disagrees.

What the measure would do is bar the state from taking some punitive actions against a person who refused to serve someone based on a belief about same-sex marriage.

That, in effect, would allow discrimination, critics say.

Perry, the head New Orleans tourism official, called the bill "radioactive" and said it would make Louisiana "complicit in

officially state-sanctioned bigotry." Any bid to host a Super Bowl, Final Four or college football championship in New Orleans would be doomed if the measure were approved, he said.

"We're attempting to ... carve out the ability to discriminate, the ability to be bigoted," Perry said.

Proponents of the bill

have cited wedding photographers, planners and bakers as examples of people who should have legal protection if they object to serving same-sex couples.

"It would effectively prevent you from getting the death penalty as a business owner if you stood by your traditional belief in marriage," Johnson said. "I think that's a belief that

worthy of protection."

But in the committee hearing Johnson acknowledged that the bill would also bar the state from firing or revoking the license of an emergency room surgeon who refused to operate on someone in a same-sex marriage, or a teacher who refuses to meet with a student's gay or lesbian parents.

"At any other time in history, the average person could live an entire life without having to publicly articulate a view on lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender politics," said Gene Mills, president of the conservative Louisiana Family Forum and a supporter of the bill. "Now we are being asked to choose sides in the culture war."

The Louisiana Democratic Party accused Jindal of being determined to "wreck" the state's tourism industry and called the executive order a "stunt."

"Louisiana taxpayers and businesses are once again being forced to foot the bill for Jindal's vanity," said Stephen Handwerk, the party's executive director, said in a statement.



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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Briefs from the Louisiana Legislature's regular session

BATON ROUGE— Local public school districts would have more freedom to choose their textbooks under a proposal that received unanimous support Tuesday from the Louisiana House.



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The bill (House Bill 287) by Rep. Gene Reynolds, D-Minden, would let local districts decide which books and materials should be used

in classrooms.

The state education department would review instructional materials in English, math, science and social studies to decide whether they meet state educational standards. But local districts wouldn't be bound by its approved list.

The education department would be required to post online the textbooks and instructional materials it reviews and to help with bulk purchasing to get deals.

A 96-0 House vote sent the proposal to the Senate for consideration.

PRAYER

The Louisiana Senate has gone on the record as supporting the rights of Louisiana's students to voluntarily gather for prayer.

With a 39-0 vote Tuesday, senators backed a resolution (Senate Concurrent Resolution 69) by Sen. Gerald Long, R-Winnfield, that he described as a "clear statement on the student's right of expression."

The resolution, which doesn't have the force of law, says the Legislature supports voluntary prayer

in public schools and the right to assemble for "religious expression." It doesn't give preference to any particular religion.

The measure heads next to the House for consideration.

GUN SAFETY

The House voted 93-3 for a bill allowing — but not requiring — public schools to teach gun safety and accident protection to their students. The proposal (House Bill 446) by Rep. Blake Miguez, R-Erath, heads next to the Senate for consideration.

ARREST

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He was placed under arrest for the above charges, and once Fisher was transported to the

police station, a warrant check revealed an outstanding warrant for a hit and run.

He was booked and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

BURN

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pose of munitions with the open tray burn. An alternative method of disposal will have to be chosen, he says.

Through a dialogue committee sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, the community fought for and won an alternate disposal method to eradicate nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant and clean burning igniter abandoned by Explo Systems Inc.

An explosion rocked the community of Doyline and surrounding areas in October 2012, when one of the bunkers at Camp Minden exploded. It shattered windows as far away as downtown Minden and sent a roughly 7,000-foot plume of smoke into the air.

Now that the contained burn method has been chosen, the Camp Minden Citizens Advisory Group has been formed, also sponsored by the EPA, to keep the public informed about the process, progress and monitoring of the clean up from beginning to end.

OBITUARIES

Guy Douglas Fussell

Funeral services for Guy Douglas Fussell will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden with the Rev. Leon Boggs officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.



FUSSELL

Guy was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Taylor, Arkansas and entered into rest May 18, 2015, in Bossier City. He served his country in the United States Army during WWII, and fought in two major battles. He worked at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant for 38 years. Daddy was a very special person and was loved by everyone who knew him. He loved God, his church, his family, cattle farming, the St. Louis Cardinals and country music.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dollie Fussell; sons, Gerald Fussell and Dennis Fussell; grandson, Bobby Graves; and son-in-law Mike Graves.

He is survived by his daughters, Sharon Walker and husband Earl of Homer, Sandra McNatt and husband Frank of Haughton, Sheila Austin and husband Sam of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, Ginger Savage and Shane Roten

of Minden, daughter-in-law Becky Fussell of Henderson, Texas; grandchildren, Cheri Merritt, Jeremy Botica, Jennifer Botica, Casey Axlerod, Kelly Gavin, Carrie Bickley, Jake Austin, Chase Austin, Eric Savage and Drake Roten; 16 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild and special friend Opal Floyd.

Robert L. Gilbert Sr.

Graveside services for Robert L. Gilbert Sr. will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Gardens of Memory in Minden with the Rev. Phillip Farris officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Robert was born March 24, 1935, in Bordentown, New Jersey, and entered into rest May 18, 2015, in Minden. Robert served his country and retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant and then worked at Madden Contracting Company for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Annis Gilbert.

He is survived by his son, Robert Louis Gilbert Jr. of Florida; daughters, Robin Ann Gilbert Norris of North Carolina, Tracy Hammontree and husband Adrian of Minden; siblings, Rose Marie and Edward; extended family Angie Meek and husband Greg of Minden, Richard Desadier of Minden; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Update safeguards for student privacy

Getting an education should not require losing privacy. The digital age, however, makes it too easy for students — and their parents — to lose control of school data.

The bipartisan Protecting Student Privacy Act was reintroduced in Congress last week by Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Edward Markey, D-Mass. It first was introduced last year.

Some privacy protections exist from the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. But that law was crafted during the days when most records were kept in file folders and file cabinets. The Hatch-Markey bill is keyed to the privacy demands of the digital age. It would apply only to schools receiving federal funds, which includes all public K-12 schools in California, but would exclude private schools not receiving such aid.

According to a May 15 opinion column the two senators wrote for The Hill, "Increasingly, American schools are outsourcing to private companies the work of retaining and processing educational records." We favor privatization, when appropriate, to reduce costs and increase efficiencies.

But safeguards must be taken. The senators noted, "Unfortunately, many parents don't even know that schools are sending their child's data to a private company for analysis, and parents who do know rarely have access to their child's records to correct faulty information."

The new legislation would update the 1974 law to put parents in control of their children's digital data to limit what can be seen by sources outside a school and to correct defective data. And, in the bill's words, it "requires that all personally identifiable information on an individual student held by any outside party be destroyed when the information is no longer needed for the specified purpose."

The bill's intent is to prevent "data mining" by companies, in particular, to sell things to students. When you sign up for Amazon, Apple, Google, Facebook or other online services, you voluntarily give these companies your information, which they use to market specifically to you.

But truancy laws mandate attendance at public schools, which also are paid for by the taxpayers. We urge congressional lawmakers to back these added protections for students.

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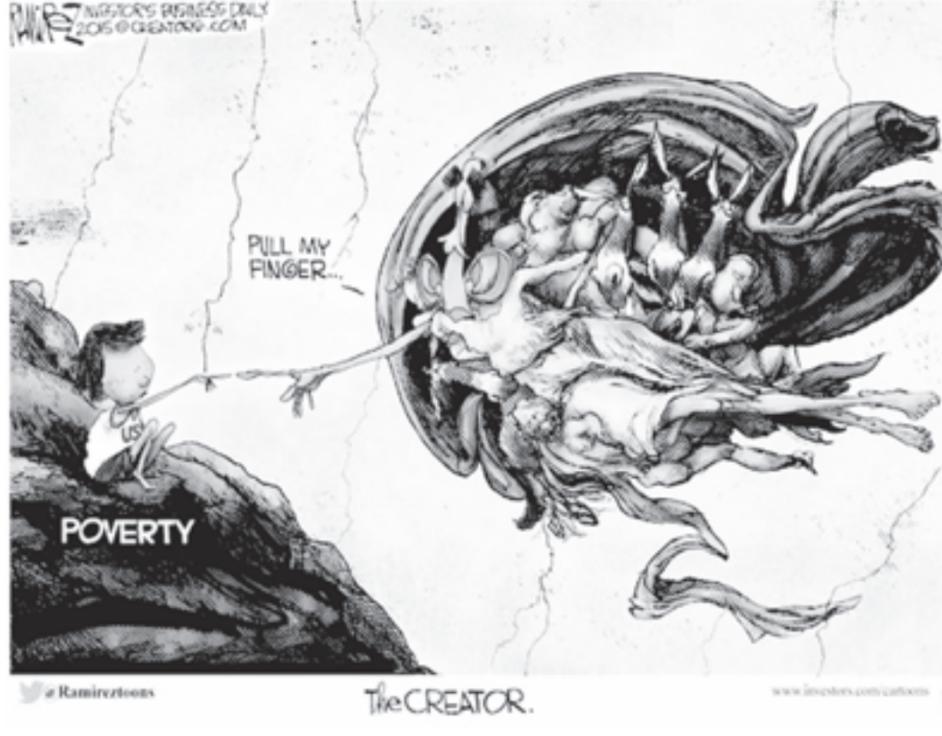
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PERSPECTIVE

The true black tragedy

Hustlers and people with little understanding want us to believe that today's black problems are the continuing result of a legacy of slavery, poverty and racial discrimination. The fact is that most of the social pathology seen in poor black neighborhoods is entirely new in black history. Let's look at some of it.

Today the overwhelming majority of black children are raised in single female-headed families. As early as the 1880s, three-quarters of black families were two-parent. In 1925 New York City, 85 percent of black families were two-parent. One study of 19th-century slave families found that in up to three-fourths of the families, all the children had the same mother and father.

Today's black illegitimacy rate of nearly 75 percent is also entirely new. In 1940, black illegitimacy stood at 14 percent. It had risen to 25 percent by 1965, when Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action" and was widely condemned as a racist. By 1980, the black illegitimacy rate had more than doubled, to 56 percent, and it has been growing since. Both during slavery and as late as 1920, a teenage girl raising a child without a man present was rare among blacks.

Much of today's pathology seen among many blacks is an outgrowth of the welfare

state that has made self-destructive behavior less costly for the individual. Having children without the benefit of marriage is less burdensome if the mother receives housing subsidies, welfare payments and food stamps. Plus, the social stigma associated with unwed motherhood has vanished. Female-headed households, whether black or white, are a ticket for dependency and all of its associated problems. Ignored in all discussions is the fact that the poverty rate among black married couples has been in single digits since 1994.

Black youth unemployment in some cities is over 50 percent. But high black youth unemployment is also new. In 1948, the unemployment rate for black teens was slightly less than that of their white counterparts — 9.4 percent compared with 10.2.

During that same period, black youths were either just as active in the labor force or more so than white youths. Since the 1960s, both the labor force participation rate and the employment rate of black youths have fallen to what they are today. Why? Are employers more racially discriminatory today than yesterday? Were black youths of yesteryear more skilled than whites of yesteryear? The answer to both questions is a big fat no.

The minimum wage law and other labor regulations have cut off the bottom rungs of the economic ladder. Put yourself in the place of an employer, and ask: If I must pay \$7.25 an hour — plus mandated fringes, such as Social Security and workers' compensation — would it

pay me to hire a worker who is so unfortunate as to possess skills that enable him to produce only \$5 worth of value per hour? Most employers view that as a losing economic proposition. Thus, the minimum wage law discriminates against the employment of low-skilled workers, who are most often youths — particularly black youths.

The little bit of money a teenager can earn through after-school, weekend and summer employment is not nearly so important as the other things he gains from early work experiences. He acquires skills and develops good work habits, such as being prompt, following orders and respecting supervisors. In addition, there are the self-respect and pride that a youngster gains from being financially semi-independent. All of these gains from early work experiences are important for any teen but are even more important for black teens. If black teens are going to learn anything that will make them a more valuable employee in the future, they aren't going to learn it from their rotten schools, their dysfunctional families or their crime-ridden neighborhoods. They must learn it on the job.

The bulk of today's problems for many blacks are a result of politicians and civil rights organizations using government in the name of helping blacks when in fact they are serving the purposes of powerful interest groups.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

PERSPECTIVE

Check it out

The library has been my friend, especially in the past few months.

I've always been a patron of the library, but often I would just drift into the building with no idea of what I was looking for. I would usually just look quickly over the new additions, and then move on to the stacks. Many times I would hesitate by the Large Print section and think maybe I can find something here that's interesting and that I haven't read.

It seemed that I always looked at the covers, then the titles and then the blurb which told briefly what the story was about. After a while I would pick up two or three and go to the checkout, then head home with what I hoped would be some good reading.

This went on for months until I finally realized I was always getting the same story. Different characters, different settings, but same plot.

The young single woman (divorced or never married), starting over in a new place. She meets a new man, but with lots of baggage or other traits that turns her off, and their personalities spar for most of the book. As you near the end, you can see her relenting and deciding this is just what she's been looking for, so they live happily ever after.

It seems that no matter how I tried, I always came away with these kinds of books.

I finally made up my mind to try a new tactic. Now, when I enter the library, I go with a purpose. I usually carry a reading list and if the books aren't available, the staff is nice enough to request them from another facility. Therefore, for some time now I have enjoyed some good reading.

Sometimes I have several choices but other times I just have one or two. But having a list really has helped.

I've started scanning the book and library columns in the daily newspaper to find suggestions for my list.

Often, these columns suggest and comment on good books that others are reading and recommending. Sometimes, it's just the list of new books or the best seller lists.

I will warn you, however, that I have been fooled by some of these suggested titles. For the most part, they have all been good books, but I don't hesitate to return a book, unread, if it is full of foul or crude language.

I believe a writer can tell a good story using language that is acceptable to the majority of readers and not have to resort to "gutter" language.

Having lived a fairly sheltered life, I was never exposed to such language and I can't believe that most people use that manner of speech.

I suppose the writers are aiming for a more sophisticated audience, but I would like to let them know that there are probably millions of readers who prefer a different approach.

The books I've discovered recently have been, by and large, acceptable and quite enjoyable. I've discovered all kinds of new topics and I've finally left the light love story genre behind.

So, if you're like I was, stuck in a rut, then check the recommendations of others, look at the new books and try something new and different.

Then enjoy your new reading experience.

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



FANNIE MOORE

CLASS OF 2015

Shine graduates from GSU

Academic success beyond the hardwood has been a constant reminder and pursuit for former Minden High School basketball standout A'torri (AJ) Shine. Shine graduated from Grambling State University with a B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice.

While at Grambling, Shine played D1 basketball under coaches Joseph Price and Shawn Walker. On March 7, 2015, during senior night, Shine accompanied by his mother, Tayama Shine and brother Cameron, was presented with a framed keepsake of one his playing jerseys. Shine led the G-men in scoring this year averaging 12 points per games.



NANCY'S KITCHEN

Pat's drop sugar cookies

Each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day, Rocky Springs Baptist Church in Lisbon, Louisiana has a Memorial Service to honor families that have relatives buried in the church's cemetery. Some of the gravesites go back as far as the 1800s. It is where my husband Leland's (Mac) family's parents and he are buried. Monetary contributions go toward a trust for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds.



MCWHORTER

Following the service, there is a luncheon. In the past, the meal consisted of various dishes brought by those in attendance. However, this year the meal

was different. The main course of fried chicken, baked beans and potato salad was provided by the church. This year, as was instructed, only desserts were furnished by the attendees.

One of the best things about having been married to Mac, I acquired a sweet, loving family. My sister-in-law, Joyce Patricia (Pat) is married to Norm Walker. They live in Garden Valley, Texas; a small town within a few miles of Tyler and have a beautiful home on a large acreage. Pat is a Master Gardener. One of her and Norm's favorite pastimes is working outside, maintaining an outstanding yard of lovely trees and flowers. They are a special pair; I am blessed that they are now part of my family. Pat is an incredible

cook and enjoys experimenting with new and various kinds of recipes. Since she lives a good distance from Lisbon, she decided that cookies would travel best for her dessert; it was a delicious addition to the meal. I thought adding Rosemary was an unusual ingredient for cookies but it only added to the wonderful flavor. Although I am not one to bake cookies often (I like eating them), I will keep this KEEPER recipe to bake for a special occasion.

PAT'S DROP SUGAR COOKIES
(From the Recipe Files of Pat Walker)

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar

- ½ cup cooking oil
- 1 egg
- 2 cups + 2 Tbsp. flour
- ½ tsp. soda
- ½ tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 tsp. finely chopped fresh Rosemary, optional

In a large bowl and using an electric mixer, combine butter and sugars. Add cooking oil and egg; mix well. Add and blend in additional ingredients. Drop by teaspoon (Pat uses a small scoop) onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Using the bottom of a glass dipped in water and sugar, slightly press to lightly flatten each cookie (colored sugar may be used if preparing for Christmas). Bake at 350 degrees for 8 - 10 minutes until cookies are light brown around the edges. Yields 4 dozen cookies

Around Town

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Friday, May 29

Y-Line's 3rd Annual Reunion will be at 6 p.m. at Dorcheat Seafood Frill (Bayou Inn) in Dixie Inn. For more information call Fannie Ashley at 318-564-6688 or Bettye Herring at 318-578-4757.

Sunday, May 31

Mt. Zion CME Temple will honor Elder Arnold B. Caesar and first lady Daisey Caesar at 3 p.m.

The Pastor Aide Auxiliary of Union Grove Baptist Church cordially invite you to come worship and get your praise on at the Minister Solo Singing Program (featuring Pastors / Ministers/ Evangelists from the surrounding area) at 6 p.m. Special guest will be Interfaith Voices of Deliverance from Arcadia.

Antioch Baptist Church located on Hwy 79 in Minden will host its Fellowship Program at 2:20 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Ray D. Jiles of Valley Springs Baptist Church.

Tillman Church of God in Christ located at 972 Tillman Church Road in Heflin will have a free hot dog give away from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. or until all gone. For information call Roy at 377-3205.

Sunday, May 24

Hopewell Baptist Church will celebrate its 128th church anniversary at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Henderson.

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church will host a Veterans and Memorial Day program at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Bonner. All active duty veterans, law enforcement and fire fighters are invited to attend.

Pine Grove Baptist Church will host an 11th anniversary celebration for the Reverend and Sister Donald Russell at 11 a.m.

Parade of States will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Songs of Praise will be rendered by Mary Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Shreveport.

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NBA

Warriors outlast Rockets, 110-106

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Down big at home, the Golden State Warriors went small.

It turned out to make a huge difference.

Stephen Curry hit two free throws in the final seconds to finish with 34 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to beat the Houston Rockets 110-106 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

With the Rockets seemingly ready to rout the home team, the Warriors used a smaller lineup featuring 6-foot-7 Draymond Green at center and closed the first half on a 21-4 run. Shaun Livingston scored 14 of his 18 points in the quarter, helping Golden State go ahead 58-55 at halftime.

The Warriors held off James Harden and Houston in the fourth quarter again behind their undersized lineup, which worked especially well after Rockets center Dwight Howard departed with a left knee injury.

Harden, the runner-up to Curry in the MVP voting, nearly brought the Rockets back without Howard in the fourth. Harden finished with 28 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and four steals, but his late push fell short.

NHL

Blackhawks win in 3OT thriller

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Blackhawks tried just about everything to get a puck past Frederik Andersen while Game 2 of the Western Conference finals wound through three overtime periods and deep into the night, eventually becoming the longest game in Chicago's 89-year history.

Andrew Shaw even headed the puck into the net — which was amazing, but illegal.

After nearly 110 consecutive scoreless minutes by Chicago, Marcus Kruger got it done with plain old work in front of the net, ending a landmark game and evening a series that's already the endurance test everyone expected.

Kruger batted home Brent Seabrook's shot 16:12 into the third OT, and the Blackhawks earned a 3-2 victory over the Anaheim Ducks in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

"I got lucky," Kruger said. "Happy to see that go in."

Shaw and Marian Hossa scored power-play goals in the opening minutes, but Chicago couldn't score again in the longest game in Honda Center history until Kruger got in front and forced a ricochet past Andersen, who made a career-high 53 saves.

The Blackhawks celebrated with more relief than excitement, realizing they only had about 42 hours until the puck drops for Game 3 in Chicago on Thursday.

"I just hope we don't have any more like that," Shaw said. "I think this helps us, and showed us what can happen if we keep sticking to it and competing. We'll find a way to win."

SAINTS LEADERSHIP CAMP

ZALDIVAR LEARNING TO LEAD



BLAKE BRANCH
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Lakeside's Zac Zaldivar was lucky enough to be chosen by the NFL to attend the New Orleans Saints leadership camp in New Orleans, on April 25.

Zaldivar, a senior-to-be at Lakeside, was the only camper to hail from north Louisiana, impressing the Saints' coaching staff on hand to run the camp.

Zaldivar said the camp was held at the Saints facility was very informative in going over leadership skills such as attitude, how to lead by example and even the risky business accompanied with social media use.

"They talked about the bad stuff you post on social media," Zaldivar said. "You have to watch the stuff you post."

Zaldivar said he is ready to



Zac Zaldivar accepts an award from a member of the Saints leadership staff. Courtesy Photo/Andrew Zaldivar

use the lessons learned at camp back in Sibley.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," Zaldivar said. "We learned a lot about being leaders; I am very grateful I was presented this opportunity."

It's an opportunity that would have passed him by, had it not

been for the recommendation of Lakeside head football coach Joey Pesses.

"I immediately recommended Zac," Pesses said. "Zac called and told me about everything they were doing as far as learning how to be leaders and good people. He was very excited

about it."

Pesses described Zaldivar's character this way.

"He takes criticism in a positive manner," Pesses said. "He tries to lead by example and he does well in school. Heart and determination go a long way, and that's what Zac has."

TRACK & FIELD

Lewis earns All-American honors once again



Chris Lewis (left) running for Lakeside back in his high school days. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch



Special to the Press-Herald

Chris Lewis started this season as an All-American and ended the year with the same status.

The former Lakeside and current Meridian Community College sprinter earned the honor by finishing second in the 100 meters at the National College

Championship Meet in Hutchinson, Kansas.

In March, Lewis took indoor track All-American honors while placing second in the 60 meters with a personal best at 6.61.

Lewis qualified for the 100 meters with the fourth best time of 10.29 in the prelims.

In a cold, blustery finals,

Lewis sped to a second place finish with a time of 10.57.

This was runner-up to his MCC teammate, Kendrick Smith, who won with a time of 10.48.

Lewis, who won All-State honors in all four years of high school for Lakeside, will now begin his summer training in pursuit of a spot on the U.S. Pan American Team.

KARATE

Long journey to black belt finally over

Special to the Press-Herald

Linda Fomby's long journey to becoming a black belt began on September 1, 1983, when she started training in karate with Sensei Clyde Stanley.

She was a very serious and dedicated student who was always eager to help new students. Linda may have come to class with a smile on her face but she was a true warrior in every sense.

In 1991 Linda was on track to receive her promotion to black belt, but in a series of coincidences, that promotion was delayed for almost 25 years.

During 1991, the karate school was closed in order to move to its new and current location at 702 Main Street in Minden. While the new school was being renovated, the Fomby's moved away from Minden.

"I hadn't seen Linda or her husband Steve since they moved," Sensei Stanley said. "I had always regretted that circumstances prevented

Linda from receiving a much deserved promotion to black belt."

So about a month ago, a black belt was ordered with Linda's name monogrammed on it. I then contacted Steve and asked if he and Linda could come in to receive her long overdue promotion. He was shocked and excited to hear that she was going to receive a black belt after all these years.

Steve wanted the presentation to be a surprise to Linda. He and daughter Stephanie secretly contacted friends and relatives who agreed to assemble at Clyde Stanley's Martial Arts School on Saturday afternoon, May 2.

Stephanie told her mom that she was taking her to Minden on a shopping trip. During that trip Stephanie walked her mom into the dojo where everyone had gathered to honor her. It took some time for Linda to realize what was happening because she was totally surprised.

Several of Sensei



Linda Fomby is all smiles with her newly awarded black belt. Courtesy Photo/Patricia Stanley

Stanley's black belt students lined up in front of the class to officially pass her new black belt from one to another.

Once it was passed to

Sensei Stanley, he presented Linda with her new black belt and rank certificate. Although the ceremony was short, it was filled with emotion.

So, Linda's long journey to become a black belt had finally reached its destination. As the saying goes - good things come to those who wait!

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Morris Busby: Dedicated educator, family man and spiritual leader

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

First published March 31, 2004.

Just to talk to him lets you know just how much he is interested in education, and in Minden High School. I started out by telling him I would like to do a Cameo on him if he would promise me he would not accept the Superintendent's job in a nearby parish. He got a laugh out of that, but he didn't make a promise.

There are "first" in his life that make him special to Minden. He said he was the first in his family to go on and receive not only a first degree but a Masters Degree from college. His parents are so proud of this man. The next "first" would be he is the first Minden High School graduate to return to be principal of Minden High School.

He is a native of Minden, born in 1956, attended Stewart Elementary School, Lowe Jr. High School, and graduated from Minden High School in 1975.

Due to illness he was unable to attend school regularly in the first grade and it was decided that he would be better off repeating the first grade. Mrs.

Gay Jones was his teacher both years. He resolved in his heart that he would finish college at the same time those he had begun first grade with. That meant that he would have to take a heavy load of hours each semester in college. He attended Northwestern State University, and graduated in December of 1978 with a degree in Social Studies Education and a minor in Mathematics. And so he fulfilled the promise he had made to himself that he would finish on time.

He continued his education at La. Tech University, receiving his Masters Degree in History and his Plus 30 in Administration in 1986.

In The Classroom
Meanwhile from, 1978 until 1980, he worked as manager of Bonanza Steak House here in Minden. But in 1980 he went to Shongaloo to teach Math. This community was proud of its school and the young people reflected their parents interest in education. In 1991 he became principal of Shongaloo High School. He immediately began working toward securing a new school building for this area. The people were interested in backing his plans, and the tax proposal was passed. A new school plant was erected and he served as principal there for six years.

Of course, I am talking about Morris Busby who is our Cameo Personality for this week. He said that he

had wonderful years at Shongaloo, but the most touching thing about his stay there was the expressions of love and appreciation when he left Shongaloo to become principal of Minden High School in 1998.

Family Ties
Morris is part of a blended family. His father, Percy Busby, brought two daughters, Betty and Dorothy, into the marriage, and his mother, Artemis Busby, brought a daughter, Bessie. Together they had Morris and his sister, Kim. His parents were so proud that Morris was the first of their children to go to college and receive a degree. He said that in addition to his parents, others helped him and encouraged him in his studies. While at Minden High School he was encouraged by Sonny Taylor, West Moses and Carolyn Boyett.

In 1987 Morris married Connie Thompson whom he had met through a religious choir group that both sang in. It was composed of young people from several churches. Today Connie is principal of Harper Elementary School here. They are the parents of Ashleigh, 16, and Bethany, 14. Ashleigh is a Sophomore at Minden High School and Bethany is a Freshman. He is so proud of these daughters who have never given their parents any trouble, but are dedicated Christian young ladies..

The family are active

members of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where Morris has just completed serving as Chairman of the Building Committee that supervised the construction of the beautiful new church plant at the intersection of Highway 531 and Homer Road. Morris has served as S. S. Superintendent, Deacon, and has worked with the Training Union, and has taught Sunday School Classes. He did not share this information with me, but members of his church did. He is part of a quartet that sings regularly in his church, and he also sings solos, and of course, he is a member of the choir.

Influence
Morris has served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. While in Shongaloo he served on the Leton Water Board, and the Evergreen Fire Department. His church activities keep him too busy to belong to many clubs.

We talked of the new high school building that is to be constructed as a result of the recent tax election that authorized that new structure. He has dreams of a school that excels in Academia. He would like to have a good athletic program, but would like the young people to be good students as well as good athletes. A well balanced program emphasizing both sports as well as encouraging academic achievements is

his desire.

His influence is still felt in the Shongaloo area, and he is remembered for the wonderful job he did with the school. The beautiful new school building is a living monument to his efforts in that community. It was hard for a principal to follow Morris Busby in the Shongaloo school. People constantly referred to the many wonderful things that Morris had done for the school and the community. Morris has vivid memories about one incident while he was principal at Shongaloo.

Seeking Shelter
On April 4, 1997, at 4:52 P. M. he was working at the school. It was a Friday afternoon and everyone had gone home. A tornado came through the community and the school was in its path. When Morris realized what was happening he sought shelter under his desk. He's a big man, and that desk only offered partial shelter, but he was uninjured. He said even though the roof was torn off and there were other damages, his desk was untouched, and neither was he hurt. He said that they worked all through the weekend to get the school ready to open on Monday, and on Monday morning school was held as usual. This is just another of life's miracles, and we can see the hand of God protecting Morris.

Now Morris is again having the opportunity to be a part of another new

building program here in Minden. Even though he has a degree in History, and a Masters Degree in History there has never been an opportunity for him to teach history

A 'Clone'
Becky Anderson, who is a School Secretary in the office there at Minden High School, told me that Morris has to have been "cloned" because she cannot see how he manages to make all the meetings, and the places that he has to be at almost the same time -- and yet he is there, meeting with students, with parents, with school organizations, School Board meetings, athletic events, and on and on - the list is endless. It is a good thing that he is a young man so that he can physically hold up under all these requirements.

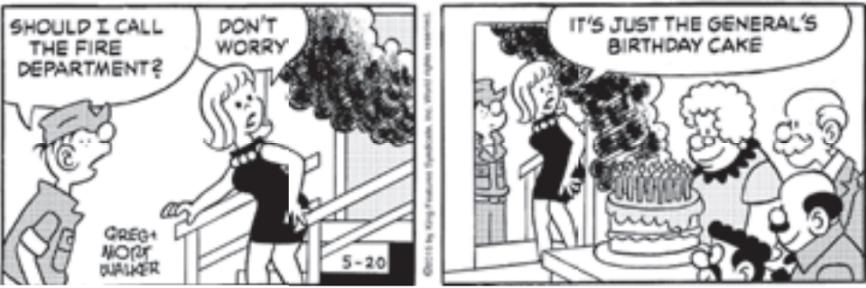
Morris Busby has a strong desire to see Minden High School be the best in every area. With the help of a good teaching staff, perhaps Minden High School can be all that he hopes they achieve, and all that he plans to work toward. Folks, we don't need to let this one get away. We need to keep him here in Minden. O. K.?

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

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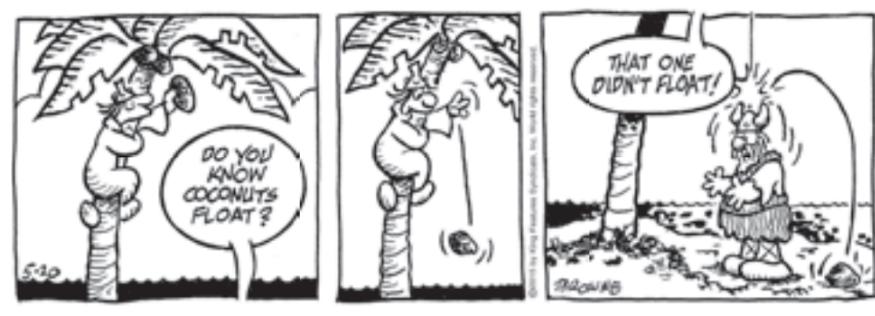
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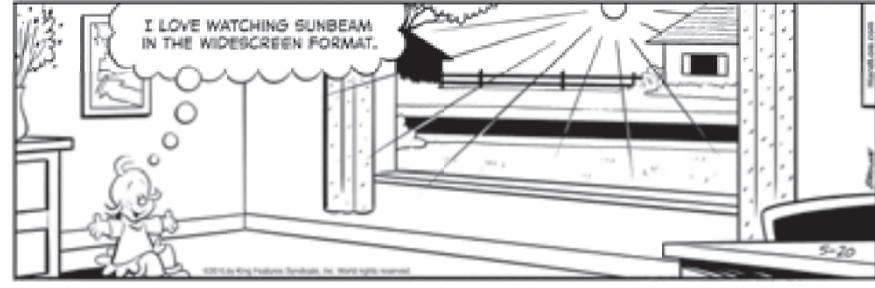
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Organic Chemical Contaminants- including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants- which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact CHARLES HOLCOMBE at 318-745-2968.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. JENKINS COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The

tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2014. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In tables B-H on page(s) 9, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)- one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)- one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)- picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL)- the Maximum Allowed MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)- the Goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL)- The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)- The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

During the period covered by this report we had noted violations of drinking water regulations in tables B-H

Our water system tested a minimum of 1 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted (In table B) detections

for microbiological contaminants.

In tables D-H we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

+++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++ Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the JENKINS COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

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Table A

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #2, EAST OF PLANT	Ground Water
WELL #1 (@ PLANT)	Ground Water
WELL #3, PLANT (EAST)	Ground Water

THANK YOU FOR READING!

Table B

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2014			

Table C

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2014				

Table D

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	7/30/2012	1	1	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Di(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	7/30/2012	0.56	0.51 - 0.56	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
FLUORIDE	7/30/2012	0.8	0.7 - 0.8	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Table E

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	7/30/2012	5	4 - 5	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/l is used as a screening level.

Table F

Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
LEAD	2010 - 2012	2	1 - 3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Table G

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LBAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	FOREMAN ROAD	2014	17	17.2 - 17.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	MELVIN THOMAS ROAD	2014	15	15.9 - 15.9	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	FOREMAN ROAD	2014	60	59.8 - 59.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	MELVIN THOMAS ROAD	2014	66	66.1 - 66.1	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Table H

In the table below, we have shown the deficiencies that were identified during our latest survey done by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. These are deficiencies that we are currently working to resolve.

Date Identified	Facility	Category Code	Activity Name	Due Date	Comments
12/18/2014	WELL #2, EAST OF PLANT	5030			SRV WL - TSS 3.2.7.3.a.4 - G/W - Check and Shut-off Valve, Pressure Gauge, Flow Meter, and Sample Tap



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