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Kindergarten and 1st grade at J.A. Phillips?

Committee set to make recommendation to board

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The Webster Parish Schools buildings and maintenance committee is set to recommend to the full board next Monday that the kindergarten and first grade students at J.E.

Harper Elementary School be moved to J.A. Phillips Middle School.

The recommendation will come with the stipulation that Harper not be left vacant.

The plan put on the table Monday during a special called meeting is to

use \$4 million from the District 6 half cent sales tax to construct two new wings, one at Webster Junior High School and one at Phillips. The new wing at WJHS will house the sixth grade students currently at Phillips and the other will house the increased influx of students coming from Harper.

However, there are still concerns in that \$4 million is stretching what could be

used for the project. Business and Finance Director Crevonne Odom was reluctant to say that \$4 million is a good number, saying instead that \$3 million or \$3.5 million was a better number. This would leave funds for the rest of the

schools in District 6, she says.

Board member John Madden cautioned board members that with the price tag of roughly \$6 million, that number could increase as the project goes through to completion. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls told board members to keep in mind that everything changes



RAWLS

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ALWAYS REMEMBER. NEVER FORGET.



CALUMET TRANSPORTS WORLD TRADE CENTER BEAM

Calumet Industries in Cotton Valley took part in transporting a piece of history to Bossier City Tuesday morning. A 16-foot steel beam from Ground Zero in New York City following the attacks on the World Trade Center was taken to the Bossier City Municipal Complex as part of the Liberty Garden display between the Bossier City Fire and Police Departments. Keith Chandler, with Calumet, says the company hired a contractor to transport it, and was expected to arrive by 10 a.m. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

WEATHER

No official forecast yet for Red River crest at Shreveport

SHREVEPORT — It's still too early for any official forecast of the Red River's crest at Shreveport, the National Weather Service said Sunday.

"The rise is going to occur during the last few days of June and early July," meteorologist Patrick Omundson said Sunday.

He said there have been "some speculations and projections," but nothing

official. Figures ranging from 34 feet to 30.5 feet have been discussed. The Times reported. Omundson said 34 feet was the high end of a range.

Jeff Grascel, a weather service hydrologist, told the newspaper that it's possible the Red might reach major flood stage of 33 feet, but there's still a lot of uncertainty.

Northwest Louisiana residents were told to "hold tight," leave sandbags in place and stop extensive cleanup efforts until there's certainty about crest projections.

"If you flooded before and had mud in your home, I would stop what I'm doing because more than likely you're going to get water in your home again," Bossier Parish

Sheriff Julian Whittington said.

Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker recommended leaving sandbags in place, as did Shreveport officials.

The flood kept Jason Bragg from moving into his home. He was one week away from completing construction on the house in Les Maisons Sur La Rouge — in English, Houses on the Red — when he

had to stop. He said he would re-stack the sandbag wall around his home.

"We prepared for a certain level of rise. I understand prediction levels changed every day by feet, at some point, and that's the thing that hurt us," he said.

Weather service projec-

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MINDEN CRIME

Man arrested, accused of attacking woman

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A Minden man found himself in handcuffs as police sought to deescalate a domestic situation.

Lonnie Ray Burris, 59, of the 800 block of Plum Street, was arrested Sunday, June 21, and arrested for domestic abuse battery and resisting an officer.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Officer First

Class Clint Smith and Officer Jamie Franklin responded to the Minden Motel in reference to a domestic disturbance. When the two officers arrived, they talked with the complainant who said she'd come home from church and Burris approached her as soon as she entered the room.

"For some unknown reason, he approached her immediately after she entered



BURRIS

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Jindal agrees to legislative review of consulting contracts

BATON ROUGE — Lawmakers will have new approval authority over consulting contracts signed across state agencies, in response to complaints about wasteful spending and after a state representative's five-year struggle to get the provisions put in law.

In the end, Rep. Jerome "Dee" Richard said he got his bill signed by voting with Gov. Bobby Jindal on another bill that was part of a state budget agreement.

"I made a deal," Richard, an independent from Thibodaux, said Monday. "I didn't like it, but it's an avenue to fund higher education. This was for the state of Louisiana. It's a reform measure that we haven't done in years. It brings transparency." Most consulting and



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professional services contracts with a state price tag topping \$40,000 annually will be subject to review from the Legislature's joint budget committee for the next three years.

If the committee doesn't request a review within 30 days from receiving information about the contract, it will be deemed approved. If the committee rejects or reworks a contract, savings will go to a higher education fund.

Jindal vetoed the proposal a year ago.

Richard said he got Jindal's signature in a trade for his vote on another bill the governor sought as part of a budget and tax deal. Richard said he agreed to support the creation of a tax credit, only on paper, that Jindal wanted to protect his anti-tax record nationally.

Asked if the measure was signed in exchange for Richard's tax credit vote, Jindal spokesman Mike Reed issued a statement: "We signed the bill because it is good legisla-

tion that will provide the opportunity for more legislative input in the contracting process."

Last year, Jindal wrote in his veto message the bill created an "arbitrary and burdensome process" that could hinder the providing of services and discourage businesses from seeking contracts.

Richard and Treasurer John Kennedy pushed the oversight legislation for five years to add new hurdles for the contracting, saying Louisiana wastes

millions on such arrangements.

"Contracts for out-of-state consultants now will have to be vetted before the public. Like roaches scurrying away when the lights come on, the ridiculous contracts — and there are many of them — won't be able to withstand public scrutiny," Kennedy said in a statement.

The bill expires in July 2018.



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HARPER

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once construction begins, especially changing a school to meet the needs of the incoming students.

"When you change grade configurations of a school, everything comes into play," he said. "We have to check everything, and it has to be age appropriate. Everything we do at that school has to meet age appropriateness."

Another concern is board member Brandon Edens had a problem with leaving Harper vacant or turning it into a magnet school, saying the parish couldn't afford to start a new school. With all the talk of charter schools coming, he and others, he says, are fearful of a charter school buying the facility.

After discussion of possibly tearing down the alternative school and moving the technology center to the Harper site, he says he's fine with the

plan as long as the building isn't left vacant. However, the idea of tearing down the alternative school and moving the technology center is not set in stone, and the expense to move the equipment that makes up the technology center could prove to be too expensive, they said.

Buster Flowers, maintenance and security supervisor, says the wings would have to be built in phases due to the fact that students will be in school during construction. Madden countered, saying the architect recommended construction on both sites be done simultaneously.

Also of concern is that Phillips is a transfer site, meaning kids are bussed to

Phillips to catch another bus to their respective schools. Flowers says Phillips is the biggest "walk zone" in the district, saying

more kids walk to the school to catch the bus than any other in the district. Having J.L. Jones as a designated transfer site has helped, he says, but it still doesn't change what would have to take place to lessen the bus traffic as well as the foot traffic.

"That will remain," he said. "There's nothing we can do about that. We did a study and it would take 12 busses to stop all the walkers. That would also mean running double routes."

The school board will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, June 29, at Central Office.

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DR. DAN RAWLS
SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

RIVER

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tions changed seven times in two weeks as the river rose earlier this month as floodwaters drained from Oklahoma and Texas. The river finally crested at 37.14 feet at Shreveport.

The weather service and corps of engineers used 1990 data as reference points even though up-to-date data was available. North Louisiana Congressmen want to know why.

U.S. senators Bill Cassidy and David Vitter and U.S. Reps. Ralph Abraham and John Fleming penned a strongly-worded letter, dated June 18, to high-ranking Washington officials in the Army, Army Corps of Engineers and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Communities throughout the state rely heavily on

timely and accurate information from Army Corps and NWS on how threats from natural disasters will potentially impact life and property," the letter said. "The constant change in crest predictions presented significant challenges for state and local first responders."

The weather service bases river forecasts calibrated from historical data. They account for rainfall, both forecast and observed, soil conditions and other elements, hydrologists said.

Graschel said one problem with the weather service's models was that stage levels around 34 to 37 feet hadn't been seen since the 1940s.

"The channels changed since then," Graschel said. He said the Corps' discharge measurements had a different relationship between flow to stage.

"That's when we had to start making adjustments

and increase our forecast for the Shreveport area," Graschel said. "Because of the channel changes and stuff, we were a little bit into unknown territories as to exactly what the peak flows would be at Shreveport."

He said hydrologists now have a better under-

standing of the discharge levels up to 37 feet, though anything higher would remain problematic.

They've also learned Red River at Shreveport has less capacity to hold water flowing through it than it used to have, he said.

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IN THE COURTS

Abortion clinic likely to close if law enforced

NEW ORLEANS — The medical director of a northwest Louisiana abortion clinic testified Monday that it probably would close if the state is allowed to enforce a law requiring doctors who perform the procedure to be able to admit patients to a hospital within 30 miles of their clinics.

The doctor, testifying behind a black curtain as "John Doe No. 3" told U.S. District Judge John DeGravelles that it could leave him the only abortion provider in the state, and "that, I believe, makes me a target.... All they would have to do is eliminate me like they did to Dr. Tiller."

His reference was to Dr. George Tiller, a Kansas abortion provider shot through the eye and killed by an anti-abortion

activist as Tiller ushered at his church in 2009.

"If you were the last abortion provider in North Louisiana, would security still be an issue?" deGravelles asked the doctor, one of two providing abortions at Hope Medical Group for Women in Shreveport and three in north Louisiana.

"I would be fearful. ... If they eliminate me, they've eliminated abortion in northwest Louisiana," the doctor said. He also said he could not give enough time to the clinic, because he doesn't want to give up his private obstetric and gynecological practice, which he said is the rea-



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son he has admitting privileges. He works 70 to 80 hours a week in private practice and 10 to 15 hours a week at Hope, he said, and physically cannot add more hours

The doctor also said he lost admitting privileges at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport three years ago because he hadn't been admitting many patients there — and women who get abortions rarely need to be hospitalized. He said he knew of only four sent from the clinic to the hospital in the past 20 years.

Kyle Duncan, a Washington attorney representing the state asked about the two hospitals where he now has admitting privileges, and others where he has had them over the years: "Is it fair to say that your providing abortions in the area is not an

impediment to your receiving admitting privileges at any of these hospitals?"

"That is correct," the doctor said.

Earlier, Hope administrator Kathaleen Pittman testified that the medical director does about 30 percent of the clinic's abortions, and the doctor who does the rest has not been able to get admitting privileges to nearby hospitals.

She said both doctors have agreements with local hospitals to take patients from Hope in emergencies. She also testified that most patients live closer to hospitals outside Shreveport and would go to those hospitals if they had an emergency after returning home.

DeGravelles has set

aside six days for the trial in Baton Rouge.

Duncan said before trial that lawyers for both sides have waived opening and closing statements. DeGravelles has taken other steps to speed the trial, such as letting attorneys make blanket objections to certain types of testimony so they don't have to take time by objecting to each instance.

Louisiana's law is among hundreds of abortion restrictions passed across the country in the past several years. Lawyers for the state of Louisiana say this one was written to protect women. Opponents say it was meant to make it essentially impossible to get abortions.

The judge said he will wait until after the trial to decide whether to throw out claims that the law

was passed to keep women from getting abortions. Duncan said that claim was erased by a federal appeals court ruling that largely upheld a Texas law which not only required admitting privileges but also required abortion clinics to meet hospital standards. The 5th Circuit sets law for Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi unless the Supreme Court overturns it.

David Brown, a Center for Reproductive Rights attorney who is working on both the Texas and Louisiana lawsuits, said attorneys will ask the nation's highest court sometime this summer to consider the Texas ruling.

ARREST

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the room, and at that point in time grabbed her

around the neck and pushed her to the bed," he said. "She was trying to get off the bed and exit the room; Mr. Burris continued to push her. He grabbed her by the head of

her hair and attempted to drag her outside. That's about the time officers got there."

Cropper says Burris exited the motel room and began cursing loudly. He

was asked to go back inside and stop cursing.

"He apparently told the officers he wasn't going anywhere in a not so polite way," he said.

He went back into the

residence, the chief says, trying to walk away from officers. They were trying to restrain him, and he began to pull away from officers.

"They had to lay him

across the bed on his stomach, and he was taken into custody," Cropper said.

He was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, the chief says.

OBITUARIES

Charles Kennon

Charles Kennon was born June 24, 1943 in Sibley to the late J.T. Price and Mary Kennon Cotton.

He departed this earthly life on June 17 in Winnfield. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his two sisters, Pamela K. Cotton and Mae Catherine Walker.

Charles Kennon leaves to cherish his memories one daughter, Donna Kennon of Minden; two sons, Tracy Kennon (Barbara) of Heflin and Travis Moore; five grandchildren, DeCarlos Kennon of Cedar Hills, Texas, Shontee Webb of Minden, Victoria Kennon-Webb of Homer, Curtis Webb Jr. of Minden and Traci Kennon of Minden; seven great-grandchildren; nephews, Jimmy Kennon, Victor Walker and Jerome Walker; and niece, Jackie Walker; and a host other relatives and friends.

Memorial service for Charles Kennon will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 24 in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary with the Rev. James Smith officiating

Email condolences may be sent to kennonsmortuary@suddenlink.net.



KENNON

Tony Ray Taylor

Tony Ray Taylor, 49, of Sarepta, passed away on June 19, 2015. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley; burial will follow the funeral at Cotton Valley Cemetery in Cotton Valley. Pastor Andrew Maddox of Living Word Minden will be officiating. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley.

Tony was born in Shreveport on June 20, 1965. He graduated from Cotton Valley High School.

Tony was married to Margie Chance Taylor on June 5, 1995; they were married 20 years.

Tony worked for the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He enjoyed his work and loved everyone there and was loved by all. He enjoyed fishing with his wife, nephew's family, children, grandchild and great nieces. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Tony is survived by his wife, Margie Chance Taylor; six children, Melissa and



TAYLOR

Tony Glass, Melanie and Ronnie Barnett, Melinda and Duane Lee, Melody and Brian Shelley, Meleighah and Paul Sweet, Melaine and Bobby Vidrine; sister, Katherine and Thomas Broadhead; nephew, Timmy and Samantha Billups, Jason Oller; niece, Kimberly Oller; and great-nieces, Lydia and Lyndsey Billups; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tony was preceded in death by his par-

ents, Raymond Taylor and Linda Taylor, his sister, Tammy Holder and his brother, David Taylor.

Pallbearers will be from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office; honorary pallbearers will be Sgt. Jerry Byrd, Sgt. Jerry Ray, Josh Glass, Chase Shelley, AJ Stephens, Cameron Barnett, Tyler Lee and Jarod Barnett.

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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Battle with the critters

Well, it seems as if we've retired from gardening. The fence is down and the spot has been bush hogged.

For the past several years, our gardening efforts dwindled a bit more each year. Last year we had a few tomatoes, squash and cucumbers but the watermelons and cantaloupes were a complete bust.

An electric fence succeeded fairly well in deterring the deer, however, the wild hogs, raccoons and other critters continued to find a way in.

The melons grew and as they began to ripen, Hubby walked through to see if any were ready to pick. What he found was surprising and totally disgusting.

It seems the sly little 'coons had slipped in at night, eaten holes in the ends of the ripe ones and methodically reached in and "pawed" most of the melon out. We were so upset with those creatures, however, there wasn't much we could do but bemoan the fact they beat us to them.

This year was going to be one more try. With all the rains and cool ground temperature, it was late before we got them in the ground. Hubby set out six tomato plants, three of which lived, and planted two or three rows of watermelons and one of cantaloupes. He checked them almost daily, anxious for them to break through the ground. Finally he saw one or two and he began to have hope. But that was short-lived.

A few mornings later as he inspected the garden, he saw deer tracks and what appeared to be hog tracks. It seemed as if they just took delight in walking straight down the rows, trampling the delicate plants into the dirt.

So that was the end of the melons. By then, it was too late to re-plant, and why bother, as the same thing would probably happen again.

By the end of last year's garden, the fence was already partially down. It was torn down on one side by a visiting cow, who seemed to make her way into it every day. We didn't bother to repair it before we planted, which, I suppose, was a mistake. But by then we were tired of battling animals.

So this year, we tried again with the fence partially down. We knew better. If they got in last year with the fence up, what could we expect if it was down? Oh, well, lesson learned.

Of the three tomato plants, one is thriving and has a few good-sized tomatoes on it. I am starving for some good home grown tomatoes and, so far, have been unable to find any. My next try will be to visit a produce stand where surely there will be some. I think the local farmers' market was having trouble, as the tomatoes were all late this year.

So, last week, Hubby announced he was taking the fence down and removing the electric wire that was leading to it. I was kind of surprised, but not too unhappy about it.

He worked on the project until he had the fencing removed, the wire rolled up, posts pulled up and the electric wire removed. Then, our son appeared with his tractor and bus hog and in a short while the area looked nice, flat and green. Only one problem, there's more yard to mow.

As of now, we're waiting on our few tomatoes to grow and ripen. Just hope we can get them before the wild critters discover them.

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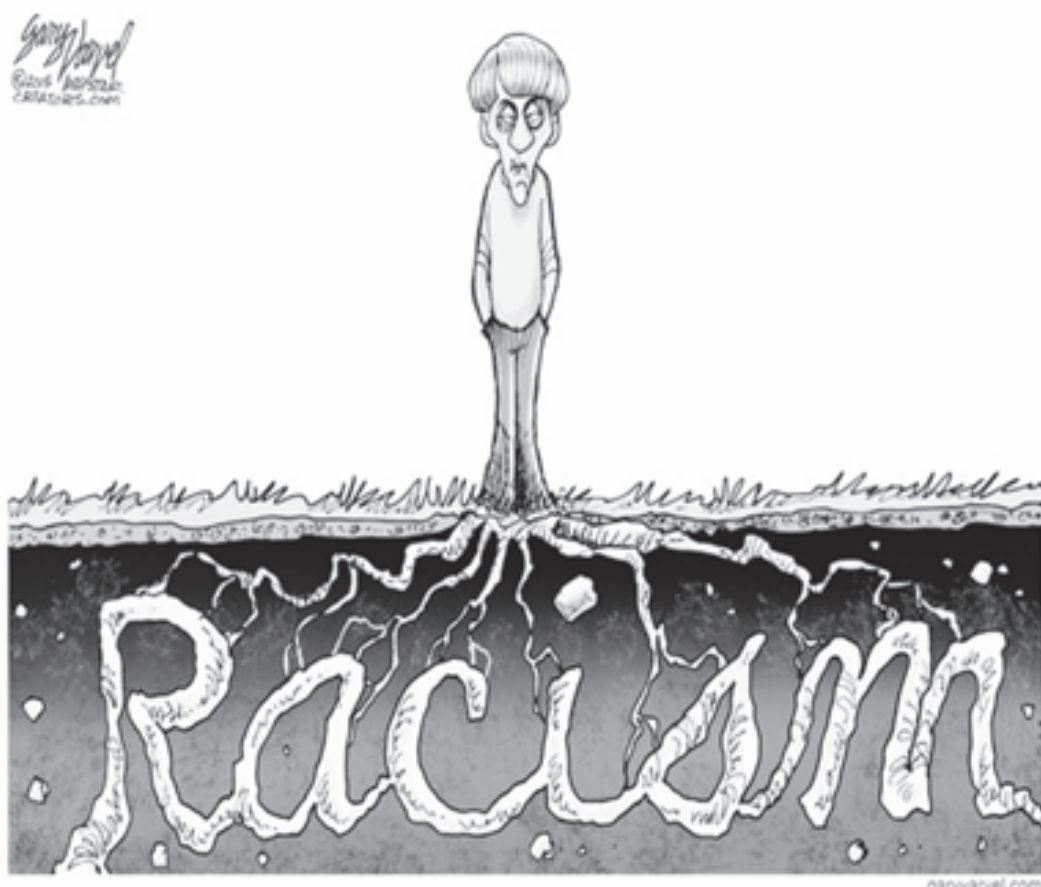
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PERSPECTIVE

The anti-science left

This year is the 10th anniversary of a book called "The Republican War on Science." I could just as easily write a book called "The Democratic War on Science."

The conflict conservatives have with science is mostly caused by religion. Some religious conservatives reject evolution, and some oppose stem cell research.

But neither belief has a big impact on our day-to-day lives. Species continue to evolve regardless of what conservatives believe, and if conservatives ban government funding of stem cell research, private investors will continue the work.

By contrast, the left's bad ideas about science do more harm.

Many on the left — including a few of my fellow libertarians — are paranoid about genetically modified organisms. These are crops that have DNA altered to make them grow faster or be more pest-resistant. The left calls that "playing with nature" and worries that eating GMO food will cause infertility, premature aging and a host of other problems.

The fear makes little scientific sense. There is no reason to think that precise changes in a plant's genes are more dangerous than, say, the cross-breeding of corn done by American Indians centuries ago or a new type of tomato arising in someone's organic garden. Nature makes wilder and more unpredictable changes in

plant DNA all the time.

Yet the left's fear of GMOs led activists to destroy fields of experimental crops in Europe and, most tragically, bans on GMO foods that might help prevent hunger and malnutrition in African and Asian nations.

Leftists often claim to be defenders of progress, but they sound more like religious conservatives when they oppose "tampering with nature."

The new movie "Jurassic World," in which scientists tamper with DNA to create a super-dinosaur that gets out of control, doesn't just recycle ideas from the original "Jurassic Park." It recycles the same fears that inspired the novel "Frankenstein" 200 years ago — the idea that if humans alter nature's perfect design, we'll pay a terrible price.

But it's nature that is terrible. We should alter it. "Living with nature" means fighting for food, freezing in the cold and dying young.

The left's anti-science fears also prevent us from building new nuclear reactors, especially after Fukushima and Chernobyl. But those reactor designs were already considered obsolete. Future reactors could be far safer and would reduce our dependence on carbon-producing fuels.

Humans thrive by improving technology, not abandoning it.

Lately, some people think they're "erring on the safe side" by avoiding vaccinations. The result is outbreaks of diseases like mumps and measles that we thought were all but eliminated. In Nigeria, conspiracy theories frightened people away from getting polio vaccinations just as we were on the verge of erad-

icating that crippling disease.

The left also objects to science that contradicts their egalitarian beliefs. A few years ago, I interviewed scientists who had discovered ways in which male and female brains differ from birth. The scientists told me that they wanted to continue such research, but political pressure against it was too intense. Men and women clearly have different aptitudes, but today leftists demand that government punish any company that treats genders differently.

Few scientists today would even study relative IQs of different ethnic groups. They know they'd be de-funded if they discovered the "wrong" facts.

I say, follow the truth wherever science leads. "Science Wars" is the subject of my next TV show.

Last week, I reported how SeaWorld had been smeared by animal rights activists. The activists responded with more smears.

They claimed my producers and I wouldn't talk to animal trainers seen in the film "Blackfish." But I tried interviewing them — they refused to talk. The activists also claim we based our report on views of Bridget M. Davis and Mark Simmons, but I don't even know who they are. Then they claimed we got all our information from SeaWorld, but that, too, is a lie; of course, we consulted independent sources.

As often happens, activists put politics before reality. John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."



JOHN STOSSEL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Church shooting in Charleston

On Wednesday night, June 17, 2015, another tragedy of mass violence impacted the heart, mind, and soul of America. At Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, worshippers at a prayer meeting were terrorized and nine perished from gunfire from a person who came in and sat with them in a house of worship.

I offer heartfelt condolences, prayers, and sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives. I offer concern and prayers to those who were injured and to their families and loved ones. I trust that strength will embrace their community, as our fellow Americans endure unimaginable pain and loss.



WAYNE EDWARDS

Wayne Edwards, Councilman District A
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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

American Press on heat casualties

Louisiana is a deep south state and that means long, hot summers. Everyone should be aware of the dangers of summer heat and should take precautions to prevent becoming a heat casualty.

"I enjoy making summertime memories with my children and grandchildren very much and it's important that we're all educated on the importance of heat safety," Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) Secretary Kathy H. Kliebert said.

According to DHH, heat illness is a threat to the health and safety of students who play sports and families that participate in any outdoor activities during hotter months. People who work outdoors should also be aware of the dangers of summer heat and also take precautions.

Another dangerous situation that can occur during the summer months is when a child is locked in a hot car. An average of 38 children die each year in hot cars in the U.S.

Tips for preventing this from occurring include taking your child with you each time you leave the vehicle no matter how long you will be out of the car, reminding yourself if you have a child in the back seat, locking your car when it is parked to prevent children from entering the cab or trunk and making sure to report any incidents of a child locked inside a vehicle as soon as you see it.

DHH has also compiled tips to help keep you and your family safe from overexposure to the sun's UV rays.

Always wear sunscreen with broad spectrum (UVA and UVB) protection and an SPF of at least 15 or 30.

Apply sunscreen 15 to 20 minutes prior to going out in the sun, and reapply at least every two hours—more often if you are swimming or sweating heavily.

Cover up with clothing to protect exposed skin, wear UV-blocking sunglasses and consider wearing a wide-brim hat that shades the face, head, ears and neck.

Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps, which emit UV rays as dangerous as those coming from the sun.

Take frequent breaks from the sun by going indoors or moving into the shade, especially during midday hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

Be alert for children who may be suffering from heat exhaustion. Warning signs include a child feeling overheated, tired or weak.

To learn more about DHH, visit www.dhh.louisiana.gov. For up-to-date health information, news and emergency updates, follow DHH's Twitter account and Facebook.

Louisiana has plenty to do in the outdoors during summer. Just take the above common sense precautions to prevent becoming a heat casualty.



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The company recently donated \$3,500 to Michelle Finley, Assistant Principal at Lakeside High School. The funds will be used to sponsor a College and Career Readiness program.

Pictured above is Tommy Pearson, Cono-

Phillips Production Supervisor; Jane Sutton, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; Melissa Reeme, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; Cathy Durain, ConocoPhillips Production Associate; Glenda Allums, ConocoPhillips SAP Associate; and Michelle Finley, Lakeside High School Assistant Principal.

NANCY'S KITCHEN

Vanishing oatmeal raisin cookies

Last month (column 5/20), I gave you my sister-in-law's (Pat Walker) recipe for her Drop Cookies. This week I am giving you another of her cookie recipes that she had passed along to her sister; my sister-in-law, Ava McWhorter.

Since Ava was having problems regulating the temperature on her oven and she needed to bake cookies for a special occasion, I welcomed her to use my oven. Using Pat's recipe, she made these raisin cookies. It yields four dozen cookies so there was plenty enough that

when she finished and returned to her home, she left me eight cookies. She had not been gone long and I ate one of the cookies...OH MY they were so scrumptious, I could not quit with just the one. Without thinking, before I knew it I had eaten all eight.

Although raisins are not one of my favorite things to eat, raisin cookies are my favorite kind of cookie. Any recipe Pat shares is excellent; she is the best cook I know. You will sure want to add this KEEPER to your recipe file.

- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. salt
- 3 cups quick oats
- 1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugars together; add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Combine flour, cinnamon, and salt; add to butter mixture and mix well. Stir in oats and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 1 minute on cookie sheet before removing to wire rack. Yields about 4 dozen cookies.

VARIATION: To make bar cookies, spread batter into an ungreased 9 X 13 inch baking pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Cut into bars.



NANCY MCWHORTER

VANISHING OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Around Town

June 23, 2015

North Acres Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. nightly until June 26. Ages are for entering PK through sixth grade.

A public information meeting on Lake Bistineau will take place

at 6:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Region 1 Office in the Jonathan Glascock Memorial Classroom, located at 9961 Highway 80 in Minden. Space is limited to 100 people.

June 26, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist

Church will host Arts and Crafts on the Pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, like Arts and Crafts on the Pond on Facebook.

June 28, 2015

The Longspring COGIC located at 518 Constable St. in Minden will have their annual "Family &

Friends Day" program on at 3 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams & Tillman COGIC Family of Heflin, LA. Everyone is Welcome!

Miller Chapel G.B.C located at 2164 Dogwood Trail will celebrate its 9th Pastor's Anniversary for the Rev. Sherman Bradford and Sister Janice

Bradford at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Billy Joe Hawkins and Mt. Pilgram B.C. Family.

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NFL

Deflategate appeal begins today

When Tom Brady's appeal hearing kicks off Tuesday, key arguments will be about who ordered his four-game suspension and whether science supports the league's findings about deflated footballs.

The NFL says Commissioner Roger Goodell authorized the discipline that was imposed by league executive Troy Vincent, who signed the letters sent to Brady and the New England Patriots informing them of the penalties. The NFL Players Association challenged Vincent's power to issue punishment, citing Article 46 of the league's collective bargaining agreement.

"You have no authority to impose discipline on Mr. Brady under the CBA, and such discipline must therefore be set aside," union attorney Tom DePaso wrote to Vincent on May 14. "The CBA grants the Commissioner — and only the Commissioner — the authority to impose conduct detrimental discipline on players."

Goodell dismissed the union's claim when he declined to recuse himself from hearing the appeal on June 23.

"I did not delegate my disciplinary authority to Mr. Vincent; I concurred in his recommendation and authorized him to communicate to Mr. Brady the discipline imposed under my authority as Commissioner," Goodell said in his letter to the union on June 2. "The identity of the person who signed the disciplinary letter is irrelevant."

MLB

Documents seal Rose's fate for Hall

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN says it obtained a notebook that shows Pete Rose bet on Cincinnati Reds games during his last season as an active player in 1986.

The career hits leader agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in 1989 after an investigation by John Dowd, a lawyer retained by Major League Baseball, concluded he bet on the Reds to win from 1985-87 while he was a player and manager.

Rose repeatedly denied the allegations before admitting in a 2004 autobiography he bet on Cincinnati to win while he managed the team. ESPN's "Outside the Lines" said it obtained a notebook seized by U.S. Postal Inspection Service in October 1989 from Rose associate Michael Bertolini, which reflect betting records from March to July 1986. The documents are under seal and stored in the National Archives' New York office, ESPN said.

Rose applied for reinstatement to baseball in September 1997 and met in November 2002 with Commissioner Bud Selig, who never ruled on the application.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tigers have deep draft history



Watching "Shaq and Dale" on SEC Storied brought back many memories of the night when Shaq was pick numero uno in the National Basketball Association.

The documentary shows the announcement by a much younger David Stern in 1992 and the feigned surprise by the Shaq as his name and school were announced. He shook hands with the Commissioner and then held up the Orlando Magic jersey he would wear for the first three years of his illustrious career.

Shaq is the only LSU player to have that honor of being the first player the Commissioner shakes hands with on draft night.

But he is not the only LSU player drafted in the NBA's first round; far from it.

Also, there have been lots of players drafted in the second round (and later when the draft had more rounds)

and played in the league.

So don't hang all your hats on where Jarell Martin and Jordan Mickey are drafted this Thursday night (6 p.m. CT, ESPN and WatchESPN from Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.). Oh there will be tension. There will be moments when you think this is the pick and then they pick someone who even the Commissioner isn't sure how to pronounce their name.

What does a team feel it "needs" to be successful? That has a lot to do with the whole thing. Where do Martin and Mickey help a team best? That's what it all boils down to. Not what a draft expert thinks the need is. What does the team feel the need is?

There's talk of teams having already decided on taking Martin if he is available. If that's the case, great for him. But in the draft world, nothing is guaranteed until it is announced at the podium. It's the law of the draft world.

In the NBA draft, since 1952, there have been 13 first-round choices. Some you can probably easily name and others you might have to think about. The last one was Anthony Randolph

in 2008 who left school after one year. He was a lottery pick after just one season of college, picked 14th.

One of the most frustrating drafts for me as a writer was in 2006. Tyrus Thomas was picked fourth by the Portland Trail Blazers which was interesting because word was Chicago wanted him and picked a player that seemingly was headed to Portland. So there was Tyrus and the other player sequestered by the media while this "deal" was taking shape in the back that everyone knew was already a done deal. Result: lots of media not happy waiting to talk to Tyrus about going to a place (Chicago) we were already expecting him to go.

In all since 1947, 52 players have been drafted that played for LSU. Now in the two-round draft, a second-round selection can be parlayed into something good. Brandon Bass is a perfect example. Bass was pick No. 33 early in the second round by the then-New Orleans Hornets. New Orleans management worked Bass out on the morning of the draft and made him their selection in 2005.

Although he found his niche in the league after



leaving New Orleans, the Baton Rouge native and former SEC Player of the Year, is the senior member of the LSU players in the NBA. He has just completed his 10th season, now playing with the Boston Celtics. He has played 640 games with career numbers of 22.6 minutes per game, 9.1 points and 4.7 rebounds. There you

go folks, a second round pick still around after 10 seasons and moving forward.

Marcus Thornton was a second round pick of Miami whose rights were traded to New Orleans. Thornton is still getting it done after six seasons. He's now with the Phoenix Suns and after 389 games is averaging 12.7 points a contest.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Fulmer's outing gives Vandy series lead



OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin doesn't get into ranking the performances of his ace Carson Fulmer.

Rest assured, most of them are pretty good.

Fulmer was sensational again Monday night while limiting Virginia to two hits over 7 2/3 shutout innings in the Commodores' 5-1 victory in the opener of the College World Series

finals.

Vanderbilt (51-19) can repeat as national champion with one more win. The Commodores will send Phil Pfeifer (6-4) to the mound Tuesday night. Virginia coach Brian O'Connor said he wouldn't decide on a starter until the morning.

Fulmer led Vanderbilt to the brink of the title with another outstanding performance. He's gone at least five innings in 20 straight starts. He allowed four hits and three runs in a strong outing against Cal State Fullerton in Vandy's CWS opener and was even better against Virginia.

"I'm not going to say

the best, because he's had so many," Corbin said. "You can go on and on about him. He just gives you a chance to win every single time. The game never gets away from him."

Fulmer's outing against the Cavaliers was his last as a collegian. He was the No. 8 overall draft pick by the Chicago White Sox.

"It's such a great memory for him to pitch his final game," Corbin said. "That eighth inning was the right time to get him. Personally, I was glad to be able to do that so he would be able to address the crowd and the crowd could address him."

The Vanderbilt section

gave him a standing ovation as he descended the dugout steps. His virtuoso performance put Vandy in position to become the seventh team to win back-to-back national titles, and the third to do it in the last 10 years.

Fulmer (14-2) was the Southeastern Conference pitcher of the year after leading the conference in wins, strikeouts and ERA.

"What made it big for me was not only did I have coach there but the whole infield around me," Fulmer said of his last moments on the mound. "To spend that moment with them and to look back at the brotherhood we created, and to win the

game, it's a moment I'll remember for the rest of my life. I couldn't have asked for it to happen any better."

Fulmer outdueled Virginia starter Connor Jones (7-3), who allowed three hits over five shutout innings before the Commodores got to him for two runs in the sixth. Will Toffey's two-run double broke a scoreless tie, and Vanderbilt added three more runs in the seventh.

Virginia (42-24), the Commodores' finals opponent for the second straight year, scored in the ninth to end the Vandy bullpen's streak of 22 shutout innings.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Outdoor activities for June focus on fishing

Okay you can put away your shotgun, your bow, your deer rifle and squirrel gun for awhile. It's the middle of June and there's no hunting season open and won't be for another couple of months at least.

After you get your hunting stuff put away, you can start concentrating on what's going strong right now and that will keep you doing fun stuff in the outdoors. It's time to put new line on your reels, check the line guides for nicks, be sure your tackle box is stocked with what you need for summer fishing. Get out there and do something about it.

I kicked off my warm weather fishing quite a bit later than I usually do. By now in years past, I would have been to my favorite pond half a dozen times already but last Saturday was my first trip to the honey hole.

Instead of toting a

bucket of crickets around, I opted to go artificial all the way. My ultra-light rig was tipped with a tiny spinner bait while the heavier rig was armed with a wacky-worm, my favorite go-to rig for pond bass.

The morning started off just right; cloudy skies and no wind, no problem with sculling the boat and keeping it within casting distance of a bream bed I knew was there because it has been in the same location for years. Sure enough, every cast produced either a big bluegill or half a dozen bumps before the lure made it back to the boat.

Trying the bass, I had several that were intrigued by the funny looking wacky-worm, opening and closing like a two-ribbed umbrella.

Okay so you've already caught bream 'til the world looks level and you're looking for something else outdoorsy to do. What about catfishing? Our lakes are full of channel, blue and flathead catfish and you can be sitting down to a wonderful fish fry before the day is out if you want to give them a try.



HARRIS

First, let's talk about the heavyweights of the catfish world. Keith Johnson, my son-in-law, is a serious big cat chaser, setting stump hooks and limb lines on Lake D'Arbonne for big flathead, or Opelousas, catfish.

"I look for water a little deeper and areas where stumps are clustered or maybe an isolated larger stump," Johnson explained. "Some folks think you have to fish on

the bottom but I catch most of my fish setting my lines around four feet deep. I catch more on dark nights and especially on stormy nights. One other thing is that your bait has to be lively or a flathead won't touch it. I catch bream and use these for bait."

If a big 50 pound catfish is not your cup of tea, what about channel catfish? Our lakes are teeming with big populations of eating-sized channels and they're fun to catch.

The thing about these tasty little rascals is that they'll bite just about anything so picking just the right bait is not all that important. If it's stinky or slimy, so much the better.

Lots of anglers fish off the banks using night crawlers, cold worms or cut bait to catch channel catfish. However, a more exciting way to catch them, especially if you have youngsters along, is

to go the "pool noodle" route. Simply stated, purchase several of the inexpensive foam pool noodles, cut them into sections one to two feet in length, tie your baited line on one end and toss 'em in the water. Keep an eye and when one tips up and begins moving, you've got yourself a catfish.

One of the best baits for catching channel catfish is to purchase cheap grocery store wieners, cut them into chunks and let them soak overnight in a mixture of water laced with strawberry powdered drink and garlic powder. The cats just can't leave these tasty tidbits alone.

Take your pick. Whether it's bluegills on a neighborhood pond or catfish on the lake, now is the time to give 'em a try.

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MUSIC INDUSTRY

Apple's about-face reveals cracks in music industry

LOS ANGELES — Apple's abrupt about-face on paying royalties for songs during a three-month free-trial period for its new music service was a symbolic victory for superstar Taylor Swift and other artists, and a shrewd business move by Apple, at a time when the streaming phenomenon is causing major changes in the music industry.

The olive branch extended by Apple comes as music is increasingly being consumed on streaming services like Spotify and Deezer — to the detriment of album sales and iTunes downloads — heightening tensions between artists, labels and service providers over who gets paid and how much.

Apple had already agreed to share revenue from the new Apple Music service once users start paying a \$10-a-month subscription fee for the service, which it plans to launch June 30. But the technology giant wasn't planning to pay artists and labels directly for the use of their music during the free, 90-day trial period that it's offering to get fans to try the service.

That changed quickly Sunday, after Swift posted an open letter to Apple opposing the lack of royalties during the free period, and declaring she'd be withholding her latest album "1989" from Apple Music because of it. Apple Senior Vice President Eddy Cue reversed the company's trial-period terms, which had gone out to thousands of independent labels, including Swift's Big Machine Label Group, after the technology giant reached a deal with major label groups Universal, Sony and Warner in early June.

The company needed to avoid a "PR nightmare" and quickly extinguish the firestorm that Swift had created, said



Daniel Ives, tech stocks analyst with FBR Capital Markets.

"They needed to handle this perfectly," Ives said, because Apple is facing an uphill battle against competing services like Spotify that are already well-established. "There can be no snafus or speed bumps, from the artists' perspective, or any type of consumer backlash."

Apple hasn't publicly revealed how much it will pay in royalties for the free streaming period. Cue declined to offer financial details in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, but he said the payments will be based on a different formula than the company had already negotiated for sharing subscription revenue, since Apple won't be collecting any revenue from the 90 days of free streaming. Instead, Cue said,

royalties for the free streaming will be based on a standard amount for each time a song is streamed.

Jeff Price, the CEO and founder of royalty collection firm Audiam, said the free-period royalties could amount to about \$25 million per month in the U.S. alone if Apple Music pays the same as Spotify did in December 2014, according to publishers' data. Ives noted the cost to Apple is "not even a rounding error" for a company that made \$39.5 billion in profit and \$182.8 billion in revenue for its last fiscal year.

While Apple Music doesn't have any subscribers yet, compared to the 4.7 million Spotify had in the U.S. then, its global launch in 100 countries could quickly change that. Still, Price says the gesture will likely be

worth it for Apple.

"It got them an unlimited amount of public goodwill and artist goodwill," Price said.

Some artists did praise Apple Monday for its decision, while many more cheered Swift for taking her public stand. Rocker Elvis Costello called Swift "our future president" on Twitter and added, "You tell 'em, Girl."

Artist grumbling about the lack of compensation during Apple Music's lengthy free trial had been brewing since the unveiling of service at Apple's developer conference two weeks ago.

The American Association of Independent Music expected a flood of sign-ups at launch, suggesting to its members in an email they should reconsider releasing music to the platform right away: "We are struggling to

understand why rights holders would authorize their content on the service before October 1."

The fact that independent labels drove this change highlights their growing power in the music industry — and Apple's practice of simply offering independent labels terms that had been negotiated with the majors, said Rob Enderle, principal analyst of the Enderle Group.

"It certainly showcases to Apple that if they step on the labels, some of them can step back pretty hard," Enderle said.

Withholding their latest releases from services like Spotify had already become the norm among top artists who see more to gain from download sales in the initial release period, including Swift and Adele, who herself is set to release "25" sometime later this year. But few artists have the same clout, and because download sales are falling in favor of revenue from streaming services, few spoke out publicly either for or against the plan.

Cue wouldn't comment on whether Swift will now make her album "1989" available on Apple Music.

Ben Bjarin, a longtime Apple watcher and founder of research firm Creative Strategies, said he'd never seen Apple make such a quick reversal on a major business issue. But he said Apple had no reason not to change position after it was clear artists were upset. And it will likely even gain more favor among fans.

"If there were people on the fence about trying the new service, there are tens of millions that will probably try it now, just to see what it's about, and that will help Apple achieve its goal faster," Bjarin said.

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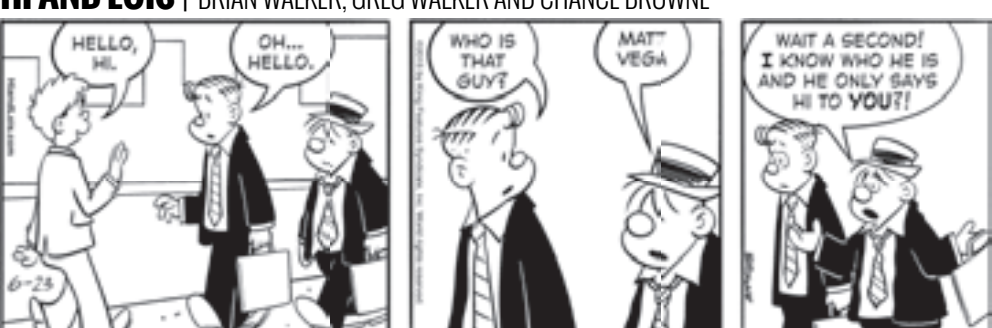
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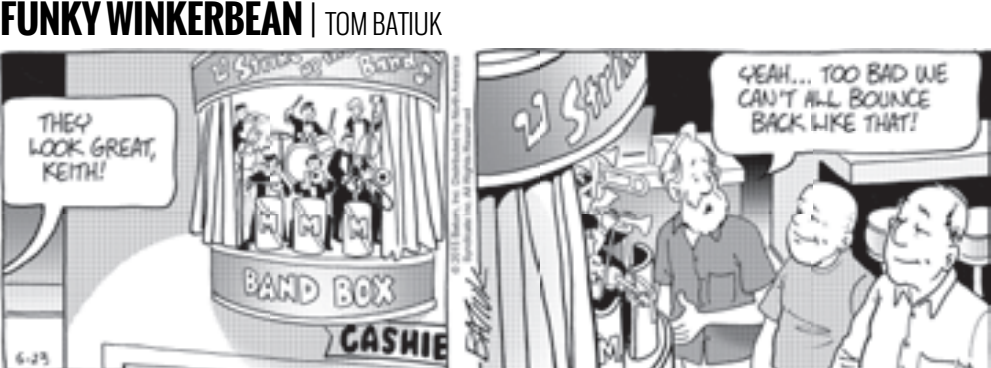
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The Water We Drink Gilgal Water System Public Water Supply ID: LA1119034 We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2014. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day. (Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bin). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Well #3, Sanders Road E. - source water type is groundwater.

Well#4, Sanders Road W. - source water type is groundwater. #Well #5, Backwoods Rd. - source water type is groundwater

Sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in the water include:

Microbial Contaminants- such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants- such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides- which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

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 Gary Lewis at 318-927-5228.

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. SIBLEY 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-G on page(s) XX, 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 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. MCLGs 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. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

During the period covered by this report, Gilgal Water System had no noted violations of drinking water regulations during the calendar year of 2014.

Our water system tested a minimum of TWO monthly samples in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. **There were no positive bacteriological samples during calendar year of 2014.**

Chemical sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this list refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Regulated contaminants: **Dalapon**, collected 7/28/2014, highest value 1.67, range 1.67, unit ppb, MCL 200, MCLG 200-source from runoff from herbicide used on rights of way. **Fluoride**, collected 7/28/2014, highest value 0.1, range 0.1, unit ppm, MML 4, MCLG 4-source erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. **Nickel**, collected 7/28/14, highest value 0.1, range 0.1, unit MG/L, MCL 0.1, MCLG 0.1 **Lead & Copper:** **Copper free**, 2012, 90th percentile 0.1, range 0.1-0.2, unit ppm, AL 1.3, sites overall 0-source corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. **Lead**, 2012-2014, 90th percentile 1, range 1, ppb, AL15, sites allowor 0-sources corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts: Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), sample point Fincher Creek @Harris Rd., year 2014, highest LRAA 0, range 0-0, unit ppb, MCL 60, MCLG 0-by-product of drinking water disinfection. Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), Hwy 80@Beck Curve Rd, 2014, highest LRAA 19, range 10.3-10.3, unit ppb, MCL 60, MCLG 0-by-product of drinking water disinfection. TTHM,

sample point Fincher Creek@Harris Rd, 2014, Highest LRAA 42, range 42.2-42.2, unit ppb, MCL 80, MCLG 0-by-product of drinking water chlorination. TTHM, sample point Hwy 80@Beck Curve Rd, 2014, highest LRAA 23, range 22.9-22.9, unit ppb, MCL 80, MCLG 0-by-product of drinking water chlorination. 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).

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 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 any questions, 318-377-8066

June 23, 2015
Minden Press-Herald
I, Ala Mae Williams, will no longer be responsible for any debts other than my own as of 6/19/2015.

June 19 & 22 & 23, 2015
Minden Press-Herald
Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission Minutes January 20, 2015

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission met at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, in the board room of the Minden Chamber of Commerce. Present at the meeting were Chairman Kerry Easley, Commissioners Jerry Madden, Mary McKinney, Ty Pendergrass, and Francis Irving. Also in attendance were WPCVC Director Lynn Dorsey, Office Assistant Johnnye Kennon and Patricia Culverhouse representing the Minden Press-Herald. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Easley and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Jerry Madden. The first order of business was to elect new officers for 2015. A motion was made by Francis Irving and seconded by Jerry Madden.

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WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CONSOLIDATED BUDGET SUMMARY 2015-2016

	GENERAL FUND BUDGET	SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUALS FY 2014-2015	FY 2014-2015 REVISED BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	PERCENT TO CHANGE
I. REVENUE							
A. LOCAL	\$ 9,589,903	\$ 17,653,262	\$ 27,243,165	\$ 26,778,475	\$ 26,707,042	\$ 536,123	1.968%
B. STATE	\$ 37,655,817	\$ 1,074,006	\$ 38,729,823	\$ 38,169,186	\$ 38,123,385	\$ 406,438	1.046%
C. FEDERAL	\$ 60,542	\$ 7,439,948	\$ 7,700,510	\$ 8,295,276	\$ 8,881,401	\$ (1,181,091)	-15.330%
D. OTHER	\$ 2,306,716	\$ 1,333,960	\$ 3,640,676	\$ 3,644,907	\$ 3,597,105	\$ 47,802	1.313%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 49,613,998	\$ 27,901,176	\$ 77,515,174	\$ 76,887,844	\$ 77,309,133	\$ 5,041	0.007%
II. EXPENDITURES							
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,757,052	\$ 1,499,309	\$ 24,256,361	\$ 23,982,895	\$ 24,233,506	\$ 22,895	0.094%
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 7,062,288	\$ 1,782,217	\$ 8,844,605	\$ 7,506,193	\$ 7,676,749	\$ 1,167,854	13.204%
C. VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,470,231	\$ 158,812	\$ 1,629,043	\$ 1,625,793	\$ 1,613,332	\$ 15,711	0.964%
D. OTHER INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS	\$ 517,214	\$ -	\$ 517,214	\$ 509,756	\$ 497,449	\$ 12,765	2.462%
E. CULTURALLY DEPRIVED (ESSE)	\$ 330,892	\$ 3,223,205	\$ 3,554,097	\$ 3,818,395	\$ 3,923,263	\$ (3,369,166)	-95.060%
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
G. PUPIL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$ 2,127,630	\$ 504,077	\$ 2,631,707	\$ 2,241,295	\$ 2,224,686	\$ 409,021	15.530%
H. INSTRUCT. STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 1,814,247	\$ 258,376	\$ 2,072,624	\$ 2,004,764	\$ 1,941,549	\$ 111,075	5.359%
I. GEN. ADM. PROGRAMS	\$ 903,285	\$ 490,203	\$ 1,393,487	\$ 1,326,424	\$ 1,250,499	\$ 142,988	10.281%
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,542,137	\$ 285,137	\$ 3,827,274	\$ 3,653,033	\$ 3,743,102	\$ 64,172	1.737%
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 601,245	\$ 68,483	\$ 669,930	\$ 659,655	\$ 638,919	\$ 31,011	4.629%
L. OP. & MAINT. SERVICES	\$ 3,729,416	\$ 2,289,294	\$ 6,018,811	\$ 5,736,672	\$ 5,687,975	\$ 330,834	5.497%
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 3,851,580	\$ 714,747	\$ 4,566,327	\$ 4,259,068	\$ 4,174,011	\$ 392,316	8.562%
N. CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 329,807	\$ 11,146	\$ 340,953	\$ 227,122	\$ 254,016	\$ (13,063)	-5.421%
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 2,604	\$ 4,805,151	\$ 4,807,755	\$ 4,818,552	\$ 4,758,664	\$ 49,091	1.021%
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.000%
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ -	\$ 850,703	\$ 850,703	\$ 827,027	\$ 827,027	\$ 23,676	2.783%
R. OTHER USES OF FUNDS	\$ 384,265	\$ 9,382,028	\$ 9,766,293	\$ 9,137,315	\$ 9,143,093	\$ 625,390	6.402%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 49,343,894	\$ 26,325,390	\$ 75,669,185	\$ 76,374,060	\$ 74,645,840	\$ 1,023,348	1.332%
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$ 269,103	\$ 1,375,885	\$ 1,644,989	\$ 513,784	\$ 2,463,293	\$ (1,019,304)	-41.803%
EST. FUND BALANCE 7/1/15	\$ 4,644,138	\$ 21,773,221	\$ 26,417,359	\$ 25,469,847	\$ 25,374,971	\$ 1,042,388	3.940%
ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	0.000%
EST FUND BAL. 6-30-2016	\$ 4,644,138	\$ 21,973,221	\$ 26,617,359	\$ 25,669,847	\$ 25,574,971	\$ 1,042,388	3.940%

PUBLIC NOTICES CONT.

to approve Mary McKinney as Contractual Secretary. The motion passed. A motion was made by Ty Pendergrass and seconded by Jerry Madden to approve the above item pending consultation with Christine at Jamison, Wise, and Martin CPA. The motion passed. Committee Chairs and Co-chairs were appointed as follows: Personnel – Ty Pendergrass and Mary McKinney Advertising – Francis Irving and Lynn Dorsey Grants – Jerry Madden and Johnnye Kennon A motion was made by Jerry Madden and seconded by Jerry Madden to accept these appointments. The motion passed. A motion was made by Jerry Madden and seconded by Ty Pendergrass to approve an advertising grant for the Piney Hills Master Gardeners. The motion passed. A motion was made by Francis Irving and seconded by Mary McKinney to approve an advertising grant for the Burn Run. The motion passed. A motion was made by Mary McKinney and seconded by Jerry Madden to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Submitted by Mary McKinney, Secretary June 23, 2015 Minden Press-Herald

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Webster Parish School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Operating Budget on June 29, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office located at 1442 Sheppard Street in Minden, Louisiana. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input into the spending of educational dollars. A copy of the Budget will be available for Public inspection between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Thursday, at the front desk of the school board office.

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