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MINDEN CRIME

Alleged robber's identity sought

Man accused of robbing cash clerk at Love's Casino

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The Minden Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying and locating a black male responsible for robbing a cash clerk at Love's Casino in Minden.

Police Chief Steve Cropper says the man came into the casino and walked up

to her asking her for change.

"He walked up to her and asked her for change," he said. "She unzipped her fanny pack to make change and about that time, he just reached down and grabbed the pack and took the money. They have him on video, but you can't make a face out on him."

Det. Keith King, lead investigator on the case,

describes the perpetrator as a black male in his 20s or early 30s, about five feet, five inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has what is described as a "little Afro," and facial hair. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a dark, short-sleeved t-shirt with writing on the back, possibly denim long shorts, dark ankle socks and white Nike type sandals with the Velcro strap, not flip flops.

He was driving what appeared to be a white

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The accused robber is described as a black male in his 20s or early 30s, about five feet, five inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. Police say he has a "little Afro" and facial hair. Courtesy Photo/Minden Police Department

MINDEN CRIME

Car break-ins on the rise

Residents urged to lock doors

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Minden police may have some leads in a series of car break ins that appear to be crimes of opportunity.

Police chief Steve Cropper says the thieves are going around town checking people's cars to see if they are unlocked, and if one is found unlocked, they rifle through the vehicle and take anything that might be of value.

"We've had some on

Buchanan, Chandler, Tillman, in that area," he said. "It's close to downtown. It's the same MO. If there is a vehicle unlocked, they go through them, and if they're locked, they move on. They're not actually breaking into any of them; they're walking up and down the



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Youth Challenge Program Cadets hug Cultural Crossroads' co-founder Chris Broussard after she gave an impassioned and emotional speech about how much they appreciate their hard work. Broussard told them the history of The Farm and how their volunteerism helped make The Farm what it is today. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Cultural Crossroads says thanks to YCP cadets

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Youth Challenge Program cadets were treated to an outdoor movie and snacks in appreciation for all their hard work and community service they provide around Minden and Webster Parish.

Chris Broussard, co-founder of Cultural Crossroads, says the event was to show them how much the community appreciates them for their help in

all the events at The Farm.

"We are doing this because it is long overdue," Broussard said. "The service these young teens give to the community is more than just time and talent. It is an investment, in us and in themselves. We can have an appreciation day every month and never be able to give them what they have given us this past decade. We love them and appreciate them and we hope they feel it."

Antonio Brossette, 16,

YCP cadet from Kenner, says the program has turned his life around and he has set goals for himself. Providing community service is just one component of the year-long program, but it has taught him respect for himself and others around him.

"Community service is really fun," he said. "You learn many things and you meet a lot of great people. It teaches you a lot of stuff. I've learned

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CLERK OF COURT

No same sex marriage licenses in Webster yet

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With the United States Supreme Court ruling Friday that same sex marriage is legal in all 50 states, Webster Parish Clerk of Court Holli Vining says her office will not be issuing the licenses until they have heard from legal counsel.

"I'm not going to be issuing any (same sex marriage) licenses until further advice from the attorney general," she said. "At this time, he's issued a statement saying that there's no effective date in the Supreme Court ruling. So

we're just waiting for advice from legal counsel."

Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell issued a statement following the ruling, saying he was disappointed by the decision, saying, "it fails to respect traditional marriage as defined by Louisiana voters, and is yet another example of the federal government intrusion into what should be a



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COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWDOWN

Ole Whiskey Revival wins KBEF's Country Showdown

STAFF REPORTS

The 34th Annual Country Showdown local competition concluded on Friday naming Ole Whiskey Revival as the winner. America's largest country music talent search and radio promotion was held at the Minden Community House. This win marks completion of the first step in the prestigious national contest.

Ole Whiskey Revival's combination of musical talent, stage presence, charisma, musicianship and originality caught the attention of judges.

Ole Whiskey Revival will advance to the state final of the Country Showdown vying for \$1,000, and the opportunity to perform at one of five regional competitions in the fall.

Regional winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the national final,

exuding talent and energy in their performances to compete for the \$100,000 grand prize and the national title. Members of Ole Whiskey Revival are Trent Daugherty, Alex Troegel, Steve Hensley, John Garcia and Ryan Alexander.

The Country Showdown also featured Charedy Adams, Travis Chapman, No Name Drive, Kenzie Ellington, London McIver, Cierra Gibson and Kelly Nicole.

The Country Showdown finds the most promising country music talent in America, giving these performers a chance to launch a professional career. Nearly \$200,000 in cash and prizes is awarded to the thousands of aspiring artists who compete each year. Nationwide, two million fans will experience the Country Showdown via hundreds of live shows and radio broadcasts.



104.5 KBEF owners Sara Chreene, left and Mark Chreene, sixth from left stand with Ole Whiskey Revival, winner of the Country Showdown. Courtesy Photo



ROBBERY

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sedan vehicle.

"He parks his car, comes inside, plays one of the

machines for about 10 minutes," King said. "He goes to the restroom, comes back out and approaches the clerk saying he needs change. She reaches into her 'wallet' is what she called it, and gets

ready to hand him his money and he snatches it from her and money goes flying everywhere."

In the video, he, along with the clerk, can be seen picking up paper currency and he takes off through



the front door, pushing the clerk out of the way.

"He was able to leave with a nice chunk," King said, adding he appeared to know his way around the casino, indicating that he has been there before.

The incident occurred around 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 24.

Cropper and King are asking anyone who has information on the whereabouts or identification of this man to call the Min-

den Police Department at

377-1212 or 371-4226. He

was last seen leaving the

parking lot headed towards

Interstate 20.

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state issue."

He goes on to say that his office has found nothing in Friday's ruling that makes the court order effective immediately.

"Therefore, there is not yet a legal requirement for officials to issue marriage licenses or perform marriages for same-sex cou-

ples in Louisiana," his statement reads. "The Attorney General's Office will be watching for the court to issue a mandate or order making (Friday's) decision final and effective and will issue a statement when that occurs."

Vining says the Webster Parish Clerk of Court's Office will follow the law.

"There's a 25 day rehearing period, where the ruling can be questioned," she said. "We just want to make sure we are within

the legal bounds of the law; we'll do whatever the law tells us to do."

Gov. Bobby Jindal issued a statement, calling Friday's ruling an "assault on religious freedom rights of Christians who disagree with this decision."

"The Supreme Court decision today conveniently and not surprisingly follows public opinion polls and tramples on states' rights that were once protected by the 10th Amendment of the Consti-

tution," he said. "Marriage between a man and a woman was established by God, and no earthly court can alter that...The government should not force those who have sincerely held religious beliefs about marriage to participate in these ceremonies. That would be a clear violation of America's long held commitment to religious liberty as protected in the First Amendment."

The court's 5-4 ruling means the remaining 14

states, in the south and Midwest, will have to stop enforcing their bans on same sex marriages. In 36 states, same-sex marriage was already legal.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the majority opinion, just as he did in the court's previous three major gay right cases dating back to 1996. It came on the anniversary of two of those earlier decisions.

"No union is more profound than marriage," Kennedy wrote. The stories

of the people asking for the right to marry "reveal that they seek not to denigrate marriage but rather to live their lives, or honor their spouses' memory, joined by its bond."

Kennedy went on to say nothing in the court's ruling would force religions to condone, much less perform, weddings to which they object.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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Miss Minden competes for Miss Louisiana title

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While Miss Minden Baylee Howell did not walk away with the crown and title of Miss Louisiana, she says it is an experience she will never forget.

Howell competed for the title of Miss Louisiana this past week with the culmination of the pageant Saturday.

"It has definitely been an exciting week for me," Howell said last week. "It hasn't all been easy, but definitely worth it. It is an

experience I will never forget."

She participated in several categories including on stage question, interview, talent, swimsuit and evening gown among others.

"Thank you, Baylee Howell, for doing such an

amazing job of representing Minden and Webster Parish this week at Miss Louisiana," according to the Miss Minden Facebook page. The post shows several photos of Howell during the pageant.

April Nelson came away with the title of Miss

Louisiana Saturday. Runners up, from fourth, included Eva Edinger, Holli Conway, Emily Randon and first runner up was Justine Kerr.

Howell will continue to serve her community for the rest of the year in her role as Miss Minden.



OBITUARY

Frances Hilman Saucier

Funeral services for Frances Hilman Saucier will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Doyline with Dr. Scott Teutsch officiating. Interment will follow at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Doyline under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 10:30

a.m. until service time Tuesday at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Frances was born May 17, 1920 in Doyline and entered into rest June 28, 2015 in Shreveport.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lester J. Saucier; parents, Joe B. Hilman and Elmer Logan Hilman; brothers, Gordon



SAUCIER

Hilman and Jake Hilman; and sisters; Cloyce H. Flowers and Lucille H. Smith.

She is survived by her sons, Jimmy Saucier and wife Dana of Llano, Texas, David Saucier and wife Nan of Winnsboro, Texas, Joe Saucier and wife Cindy of Princeton, Texas, Warren Saucier and wife Amanda of Haughton; brother, Melvin Hilman and wife Joan of Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Chris Saucier, Trent Saucier, Billy Saucier, Cody Saucier, Jack Saucier, Jacob Saucier and Dane Saucier.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the LA Baptist Children's Home or Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission.

Special thanks to Dr. Alan Borne and Dr. Roy Fleniken and staff for their many years of help.

YCP

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how to cope with people in the outside world while maintaining a great bearing on YCP standards, and seeing what other people go through and how to be thankful that sometimes I'm not in their condition – and seeing how what they go through can make you a stronger person."

He says he's grown up quite a bit in the last four months in the program. The biggest lesson he's learned, he says, is making sure he's "squared away with himself."

"It's extremely emotional being away from your family for so long, if you've

never done it before," he said. "But once you get back to them, you realize what you've been through, and it makes you a stronger person, builds great character. And it provides a mental image of what you can do and what you can't do."

Brossette says he loves football and wants to major in education when he goes to college so he can become a football coach.

Shawn Hatcher, activities director for YCP, says the cadets are required to perform 40 hours of community service as part of the eight core components of the program.

"We try to instill a value of just that – giving back to the community," Hatcher said. "You need to feel good about yourself and give

back to the community that you live in. That's part of being a productive citizen in your community and your country."

YCP sets high standards for these teens through the eight core components – life coping skills, educational excellence, skills and training (basics of construction jobs), responsible citizenship, leadership/followership, hygiene and sex education, physical fitness and community service.

Cadets provide all types of community service like set up and break down at festival events, putting out flags during patriotic holidays, help with set up of Christmas decorations, some yard work, and many other activities.

A few organizations in which the cadets have pro-

vided community service include St. Rest Baptist Church's food bank, Antioch Baptist Church, Dixie Inn, Wayne Avery, the Minden Junior Service League, the Minden Civitans Club, the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry, the City of Minden, the Town of Springhill, Nicole Frazier, Springhill councilwoman, the Webster Parish Police Jury, Knights of Columbus on Buncombe Road in Shreveport, the Webster Council on Aging, and the Village of Heflin and Town of Sarepta.

Hatcher says they are always looking for more ways to provide community service. For any organization wishing to provide the cadets with a way to give back, call Hatcher at 318-382-4116.

CARS

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street until they find one unlocked."

He says they don't always take anything, one complainant reporting she knew her vehicle had been gone through.

"If they take anything, it's loose money they find," he said.

"They'll take anything of value they find in the car, and they're just walking down the street at nighttime finding an unlocked car."

He says they have an idea of who it might be,

but he is not releasing any information they have as it is still under investigation. However, he is warning citizens to lock their vehicles when they get out, even when the vehicle is in their driveway.

"Lock you're cars," he said. "The odds of them breaking a window and causing a commotion are slim to none. It's a crime of opportunity."

He also asks citizens to be aware, and if they see anyone walking down the streets late at night who looks suspicious to call the Minden Police Department at 377-1212 or 371-4226.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Affordable Care Act is here to stay

Five years ago, we finally declared that in America, health care is not a privilege for a few, but a right for all. And this week, after more than fifty votes in Congress to repeal or weaken this law; after a Presidential election based in part on preserving or repealing this law; after multiple challenges to this law before the Supreme Court, we can now say this for certain: the Affordable Care Act still stands, it is working, and it is here to stay.

On Thursday, when the Court upheld a critical part of the Affordable Care Act, it was a victory for hardworking Americans all across this country whose lives are more secure because of this law. This law means that if you're a parent, you can keep your kids on your plan until they turn 26. If you're a senior, or an American with a disability, this law gives you discounts on your prescriptions. You can't be charged more just because you're a woman. And you can't be discriminated against just for having a pre-existing condition.

This law is working exactly as it's supposed to – and in some ways, better than we expected it to. So far more than 16 million uninsured Americans have gained coverage. Nearly one in three Americans who was uninsured a few years ago is insured today. The uninsured rate in America is the lowest since we began to keep such records.

The law has helped hold the price of health care to its slowest growth in 50 years. If your family gets insurance through the workplace, not through the Affordable Care Act, you're paying about \$1,800 less per year on average than you would be if trends before this law had continued – which is good for workers and it's good for the economy.

The point is, this is not some abstract political debate. For all the misinformation campaigns, and doomsday predictions; for all the talk of death panels and job destruction; for all the repeal attempts – this law is helping tens of millions of Americans. This isn't just about Obamacare. This is health care in America.

With this case behind us, we're going to keep working to make health care in America even better and more affordable, and to get more people covered. But it is time to stop refighting battles that have been settled again and again. It's time to move on.

Because as Americans, we don't go backwards, we move forwards. We take care of each other. We root for one another's success. We strive to do better, to be better, than the generation before us, and we try to build something better for the generation coming behind us. With this behind us, let's come together and keep building something better right now.

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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Gov. Jindal's retelling of his La. record has gaps

The strategy for Gov. Bobby Jindal's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination is partly based on a "tell them what you've done" approach. But touting his achievements back home could get him into muddy water quickly if anyone decides to look too deeply at the list.

Campaign aides made it clear as Jindal launched his campaign that they intend to highlight the governor's leadership of Louisiana in his White House bid.

"This is not a guy who needs on-the-job training," Jindal's chief strategist Curt Anderson said in a messaging preview.

Indeed, Jindal has won a string of policy victories during his two terms as governor, making decisions that have sharply changed the face of state government, education and health care.

But in many instances, the impact of those changes remains uncertain or the story Jindal and his handlers tell about those changes skip a few critical points.

Few would disagree that Jindal's overhaul of worker training programs and his dogged pursuit of business projects have brought new jobs to Louisiana. However, the state's unemployment rate remains the nation's sixth-highest, undercutting part of the narrative.

And the governor's management of the state's finances has produced dismal results,

with repeated budget shortfalls that stretch on the horizon long after he's gone.

One of Jindal's regular talking points is about the size of Louisiana's government.

"We did what they said could not be done — we shrank our government," he said in his campaign kickoff speech Wednesday in Kenner. He added: "It was not easy. The big government crowd fought us every step of the way."

He's reduced the footprint of government, for certain. State government has 30,000 fewer workers, the lowest level in decades.

Stories of Jindal "cutting" the state budget by 26 percent are exaggerated, however.

Much of the multibillion-dollar drop in the state budget that the governor and his aides cite is tied to the loss of federal hurricane recovery dollars that artificially boosted state spending for a short period after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Jindal's been less willing to do the difficult work of matching state government spending to annual income.

As he sought to protect his record against tax increases, Jindal — aided by lawmakers who agreed to the shell games — raided trust funds and savings accounts, sold state property and gave widespread amnesty to delinquent taxpayers to drum up short-term cash for the state budget.

He patched his way through year after year, rather than find permanent sources of new revenue for the state or cut the size of government to match the state's revenue. That created perpetual cycles of budget troubles as the one-time dollars fell away and needed replacing to continue paying for services.

The next governor, to be elected this fall, will inherit a financial mess for which Jindal shares much of the credit.

Jindal's leadership of Louisiana may be most noticeable in education and health care.

He's pushed for expanded school choice across the state, boosting the number of charter schools and creating a statewide voucher program that allows students from low-to moderate-income families to use state tax dollars to go to private schools.

On health care, Jindal has turned over management of the state's charity hospital system to private operators, transforming a Huey Long-era creation unique to Louisiana.

In many areas, uninsured patients report better access to specialty health care, shorter wait times and other improvements. But Louisiana is paying more for the privatized hospital system than it paid when LSU ran the facilities, and hospital managers have told lawmakers they'll be seeking further increases year after year.

Any criticism of Jindal's time in office — or talk of the governor's dismal approval ratings — is discarded by campaign leaders as sour grapes by entrenched bureaucracies. "He didn't run to be coronated most popular politician in the history of Louisiana. He ran to make a difference in the state," Anderson said. "When you do that, you tick people off."

Anderson added: "The results for the people of Louisiana, we would say, are superior."

That's a rosy story for a campaign, with some gaps.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Meditate for success

We ambitious strivers seeking guidance from fitness pros, decluttering experts and TED talks often find the day divided in two unequal parts. Three-quarters goes to overworking. The remaining quarter is for countering the ill effects of overworking. We do the latter not necessarily to nurture our souls but to boost performance during the working hours.

You see, overworking and stress slow our productivity. Herein lies a paradox.

Relaxation, vacations and a good night's sleep could be seen as key to personal well-being. But gremlins have taken a wrench to our puritanical brains and put dollar values on our inner peace and repose. They are now a means to goose our output.

Consider the advice to get eight hours of sleep a night. Good sleep leaves one feeling refreshed, less depressed, less stressed. But it also has a utilitarian purpose. It boosts our performance at work. Thus, we use apps to ensure we're maintaining eight-hour sleep periods incorporating five REM cycles.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has the numbers: Sleep deprivation costs the U.S. economy \$63 billion a year in lost productivity.

We seek techniques to do more per unit of time. For example, there are articles on how to "optimize" a three-day weekend. (To think, Americans used to have three-week vacations.)

Our employers are famously ungenerous with paid vacation. But many of us don't even use the time we're given. A study commissioned by the U.S. Travel Association estimates that in 2013, Americans left 429 million paid vacation days on the table.

Why? Some said their workload is so heavy they can't afford to get away. If they don't complete their assignments, they may not have a job upon returning.

The travel association is now selling vacation time as a tool to raise the gross domestic product.

If workers used all their available time off, the study says, U.S. business revenues would rise by \$160 billion, and tax collections would rise by \$21 billion.

Meditation, the great teacher Jon Kabat-Zinn tells us, is "for no purpose other than to be awake to what is actually so."

But suppose it helps us better focus our attention. Wouldn't that make us more useful worker bees? Sure.

A Google executive told Bloomberg TV that "wisdom traditions like yoga and meditation help us operate better." He noted that the most important technology we have is the human body and brain. Yoga and meditation help us, he explained, "optimize this technology."

Thanks to Google's yoga program for its employees, he added, "there's been a huge impact on both people's productivity and culture."

So yoga has become a get-ahead tool. Small wonder yoga teachers see participants aggressively jostling for mat space in their classes, according to The Wall Street Journal.

There's also a smartphone app that lets students follow the instructors of their choice. That way, if a star yoga teacher is not going to lead a particular class, they don't have to waste their time on a B-lister.

What healthy habits don't do for productivity, drugs will. Many American workers are apparently taking medications for treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder solely to improve their output at work.

Taking these stimulants can cause addiction, anxiety and hallucinations, but for intense competitors, they are jet fuel. As a woman in her late 20s told The New York Times, they are "necessary for survival of the best and the smartest and highest-achieving people."

We really can't blame health advocates for toting up the economic benefits of more relaxed living. That's often the only argument anyone notices anymore.

Meditation improves concentration. Heck, let's meditate — and medicate — to better meditate. It's the American way.

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FROMA HARROP



Annual Fireworks on Turner's Pond

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Activities begin following Veterans Program.

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Fireworks at dusk!

OFFICIALS ATTEND CDC MEETING

Webster Parish officials recently attended a meeting of the Coordinating and Development Corporation held at the new Events Center in Arcadia. Those in attendance were Tommy Davis, Minden mayor; Carl Thompson, Webster Parish Assessor's Office; Jerri de Pingre', Minden-South Webster Chamber president; Lynn Dorsey Webster Parish Tourism director; Jeri Lee, Webster Parish Police Jury; Vera Davison, Webster Parish Police Jury; Nicole Frazier Springhill City Council; and Gladys and Cat Cox, Cotton Valley Alderman. Not pictured is Peggy Adkins, Sarepta mayor. Submitted Photo

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SPORTS briefs

COLLEGE BB Blakeney, Simmons earn Nike invite

BATON ROUGE – LSU basketball freshman Ben Simmons and Antonio Blakeney are taking part in the inaugural NIKE Basketball Academy in Santa Monica, California.

In this invitation only event, Simmons and Blakeney are the only true freshman who have yet to play a Division I game among the college players invited to participate in the special camp which runs through Monday.

LSU is one of three schools with multiple college players in attendance among the 27 players invited to the event.

The Nike Basketball Academy is taking place at the Santa Monica Airport's Barker Hangar. Shifting from three skills academies to one, the academy will be a tailor-made experience for guards, wings and bigs all under one roof. By creating a seamless experience, the Nike Basketball Academy's goal is to allow the best players in the country (both high school and college) to compete against the best competition while receiving guidance from Nike Basketball's biggest stars -- LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving and Anthony Davis. Additional basketball legends will be on hand to serve as mentors and coaches for the weeklong session with the top high school and college players in the country.

NBA LeBron opts out of Cavs deal

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) -- LeBron James will bypass his \$21.6 million player option with the Cleveland Cavaliers and become a free agent on July 1, sources told ESPN.com.

The move, which was expected, marks the third time in the past six years that James will be an unrestricted free agent. This time is expected to have a different outcome, as James intends to re-sign with his current team, sources said.

James also does not plan to meet with other teams, sources told ESPN's Chris Broussard.

Last week, Cavs general manager David Griffin said the team had been in regular contact with James since the end of the Finals and that he was "very engaged" in discussions about the roster. Sources told ESPN, however, it is James' intention to stay somewhat removed from the Cavs' free agency until other free agents are handled.

James' agent Rich Paul also represents Cavs restricted free agent Tristan Thompson. Paul has made it known his first priority in free agency will be getting Thompson a deal. After a strong post-season, Thompson is expected to command a contract worth more than \$13 million per year. The Cavs have full matching rights and intend to re-sign Thompson.

DIXIE BASEBALL

ALL-STAR ACTION

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The District IV pitching machine tournament began at the Minden Rec. Center over the weekend after being rained out on Thursday. The AAA all-star tournament also got underway with games being played in Farmerville. Here's how our Minden all-stars fared.

Pitching Machine Minden Continentals 9 Shreveport Nationals 1

Easton Sanders, Brody Bower and Seth Mangrum each had two base hits to lead the Continentals. Landyn Huddleston, Reagan Coyle, Brandon Davis and Zander Rowell all added base hits to help the Continentals to the win.

Minden Nationals 4 Shreveport Continentals 2

The Minden Nationals got big hits from Peyton Gray, Eli Campbell, Gavin Davis, Jekoye Knowles, Brayden West, Trevor Tharpe, Wyatt Whorton and Hayden Watkins to help defeat the Shreveport Continentals.

Minden Continentals 13 Minden Nationals 0

Seth Mangrum and Hunter Sutton doubled to lead the Continentals, followed by Landyn Huddleston with a pair of base hits. Reagan Coyle, Brody Bower, Brandon Davis, Jaxon Smith, Dawson Day, Zander Rowell and Hudson Brown all had hits for the Continentals.

Spencer Brantley had the only hit for the Nationals.

Minden Continentals 15 Shreveport Continentals 1

Bryson Ranger tripled and singled, Landyn Huddleston doubled and Easton Sanderd and Jaxon Smith each had two hits to lead Minden. Reagan Coyle, Seth Mangrum, Dawson Day, Hunter Sutton and Hudson Brown added hits.

Minden Nationals 11 Vivian 4

Wyatt Whorton tripled and doubled, Brayden Winston had three hits, Spencer Brantley had two hits and Gavyn



Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

Davis, Preston Frye, Jekoye Knowles and Jaylun Hawkins added base hits to lead the Nationals.

Minden Nationals 11 Ruston Nationals 11

Jaylun Hawkins tripled and singled to lead Minden, followed by Levi Pope with a double and Preston Frye, Hayden Watkins, Peyton Gray and Brayden Winston with base hits.

Minden Continentals 10 Bossier Americans 0

Easton Sanders tripled and had two singles, Landyn Huddleston tripled, Brody Bower doubled and singled and Bryson Ranger, Seth Mangrum, Jaxon Smith, Hunter Sutton and Hudson Brown added base hits to lead Minden.

Minden Continentals 10 Vivian 0

Bryson Ranger tripled twice, Easton Sanders tripled and singled, Reagan Coyle and Brandon Davis had two hits each and Brody Bower, Hudson Brown, Dawson Day and

Seth Mangrum added base hits to lead Minden.

Minden Nationals 4 Bossier Americans 1

Jaylun Hawkins and Spencer Brantley singled and doubled to lead Minden. Eli Campbell, Levi Pope, Hayden Watkins and Gavyn Davis added hits.

Ruston Americans 16 Minden Nationals 1

Jaylun Hawkins doubled, Braydon Winston singled twice and Wyatt Whorton, Levi Pope, Peyton Gray, Preston Frye and Spencer Brantley all had base hits for Minden.

Minden Continentals 19 Shreveport Americans 4

Brandon Davis and Brody Bower both led Minden with three base hits, followed by Reagan Coyle, Seth Mangrum and Easton Sanders with a single and double a piece. Landyn Huddleston, Hunter Sutton, Zander Rowell and Hudson Brown added base hits for the Continentals.

Union Parish 9

Minden Nationals 3

Peyton Gray led the Nationals with two hits, followed by Braydon Winston, Spencer Brantley, Eli Campbell, Jaylun Hawkins, Levi Pope and Gavyn Davis with base hits.

Minden Continentals 14 Union Parish 4

Seth Mangrum had two singles and a double, Landyn Huddleston and Reagan Coyle singled and doubled, Bryson Ranger had three hits and Brandon Davis added two hits.

Jaxon Smith, Brody Bower, Dawson Day and Hunter Sutton all added base hits for the Continentals.

Minden Continentals 10 Ruston Nationals 0

Reagan Coyle, Easton Sanders and Bryson Ranger all had two hits, followed by Hunter Sutton, Landyn Huddleston and Brandon Davis with base hits.

Shreveport Nationals 20 Minden Nationals 0

Trevor Tharpe and Wyatt Whorton both sin-

gled for Minden's only hits of the game.

AAA Tournament Minden Nationals 10 North Webster 0

The Minden Nationals won their first game against North Webster behind a pair of home runs, one from C.J. Watts and the other from Maddox Mandino. Watts also added a pair of singles. Cooper Chase had a pair of hits, while Jake Wilkins, Cason Clemons, Bryce Powell, and Brandon Winston added base hits.

Minden Nationals 24 Minden Continentals 3

Maddox Mandino blasted a home run and added two singles, followed by C.J. Watts with two doubles on the day. Ethan Latour, Cason Clemons and Brandon Winston each had two singles, followed by Bryce Powell, Landry Powell, Cooper Chase and Chase Tolbert with base hits.

Dexter Smith had the only hit for the Minden Continentals, a single.

Rowton wins rifle



Hank Rowton poses with his new Browning A Bolt III bolt action rifle that he won in the Glenbrook Super Raffle on June 6. Courtesy Photo/Ashley Rowton

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS Brees sees another title

Drew Brees sat down with ESPN Thursday to talk about the upcoming season from his passing camp in Florida. Here's what he said:

On if he thinks he'll win another Super Bowl: "Very convinced. It's what drives me. It's what keeps me going. I love this game for so many reasons. The opportunity to have played it for going on 15 years is rare, it's unique. I want to continue to play for absolutely as long as I can. As long as I'm having fun, playing at a high level, and I'm able to stay healthy, why not play this game? It's a blessing."

On if he can play until he's 45: "Do I think that's possible? Yes, absolutely. Could that happen? Yes. Would I love for that to happen? Yes. I'm not naive. I know I'm on a series of one-year con-

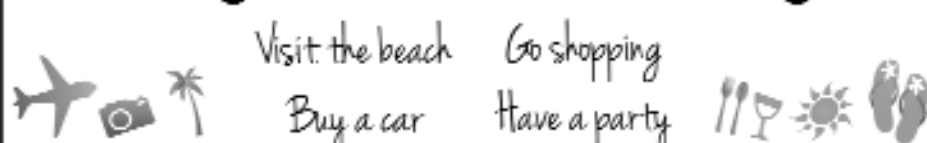


tracts just like everybody else in the league. I feel like I can find that juice."

On how close the Saints are to winning a Super Bowl: "I feel like we can build it, yeah. Listen, there's a lot of work to be done. I'm not going to sit here in June and say that we're where we need to be. We still

have a lot of work to do. I do feel like we do have all the pieces in place. We have the ability to build the best team that we've had. It's not easy and it takes a lot of work — a ton of work. As long as we can maintain that mindset of just continue to get better each and every day we have a shot."

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Cosby lawyer: Unsealing court docs ‘terribly embarrassing’

PHILADELPHIA — A lawyer for Bill Cosby argued Friday that it would be "terribly embarrassing" for the comedian if documents from a 2005 sex-assault lawsuit were unsealed.

Cosby is fighting efforts by The Associated Press to unseal motions from a lawsuit he settled with a former Temple University employee.

The lawsuit accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting the woman at Cosby's home. The settlement is confidential.

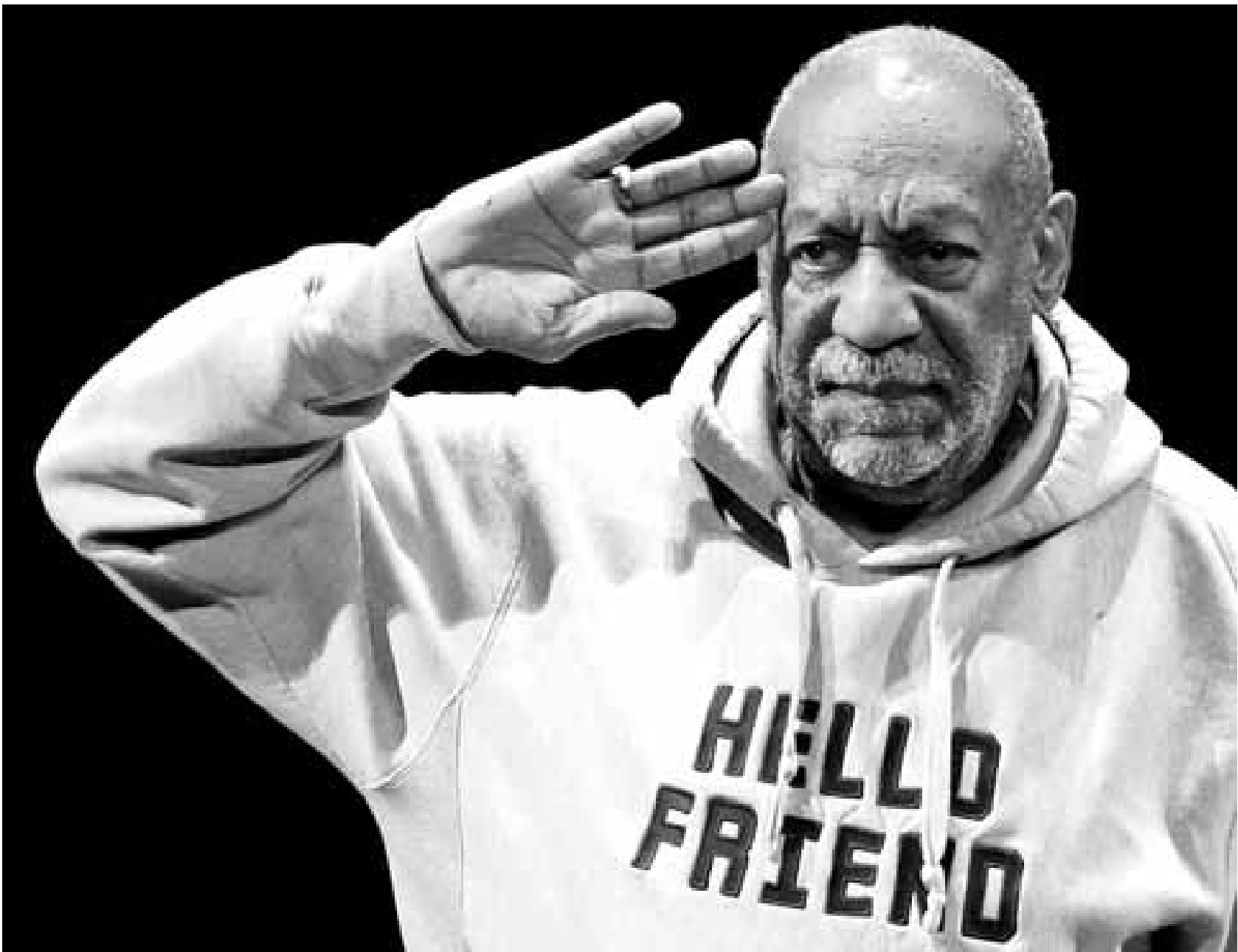
Cosby's lawyer argued that his client's deposition could reveal details of Cosby's marriage, sex life and prescription drug use.

"It would be terribly embarrassing for this material to come out," lawyer George M. Gowen III argued.

He said the public should not have access to what Cosby was forced to say as he answered questions under oath from the accuser's lawyer nearly a decade ago.

"Frankly, ... it would embarrass him, (and) it would also prejudice him in eyes of the jury pool in Massachusetts," Gowen said.

More than a dozen women have since accused Cosby of sexually assaulting them, and three have a defamation lawsuit pending against him in Massachusetts. They allege that he defamed them when his agents said their accusations were untrue. Cosby is trying to get their case thrown out before discovery. He has never been



charged with any related crimes.

U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno asked Friday why Cosby would be embarrassed by the release of his sworn testimony, given that the accusations in the Temple woman's lawsuit are already in the public eye.

"Why would he be

embarrassed by his own version of the facts?" Robreno asked.

The lawyers also argued over whether Cosby was a public figure entitled to a lesser degree of privacy.

Lawyer Gayle Sproul, representing the AP, called him "an icon" particularly in Philadelphia, who "held himself out as someone

who would guide the public in ways of morality."

Robreno had never decided whether the temporary seal on some filings should be made permanent before the case settled in 2006. Under local court rules, Cosby has the burden to show why seals should not be lifted after two years, the AP argued.

Gowen argued that Cosby might not have forged the confidential settlement if he thought his deposition testimony and other motions would someday get out.

The judge did not indicate when he would rule. He could side with Cosby, with the AP, or strike a middle ground and release

some of the documents, perhaps with redactions negotiated between Cosby and a lawyer for the ex-Temple employee, Andrea Constand.

"Every case about sex and drugs involves a certain amount of embarrassment," Robreno noted.

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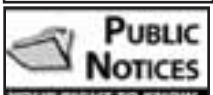
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present to you the
Annual Water Quality
Report for the year
2014. This report is
designed to inform
you about the quality
of your water and
services we deliver
to you every day.
(Este informe contie-
ne informac[i]on muy
importante sob[re]
su agua 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.

Our water sources
are listed in Table
A on page 9.

The 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. Con-
taminants 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 produc-
tion 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 poten-
tial sources of con-
tamination within
the delineated area,
and a determination
of the water supply's
susceptibility to
contamination by
the identified poten-
tial sources. Ac-
cording to the Source
Water Assessment
Plan, our water sys-
tem had a suscepti-
bility 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 pre-
scribes regulations
which limit the
amount of certain
contaminants in
water provided by
public water sys-
tems. 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 ques-
tions about this re-
port, want to attend
any scheduled meet-
ings, or simply want
to learn more about
your drinking water,
please contact
JASON KENDALL
at 318-382-4183.

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.
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- CAMP MINDEN
is responsible for
providing high qual-
ity drinking water,
but cannot control
the variety of materi-
als used in plumbing
components. When
your water has been
sitting for several
hours, you can min-
imize the potential
for lead exposure by
flushing your tap for
30 seconds to 2 min-
utes 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 meth-
ods, and steps you
can take to minimize
exposure is avail-
able 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 dur-
ing the period of
January 1st to Decem-
ber 31st, 2014. Drink-
ing water, including
bottled water, may
reasonably be ex-
pected to contain at
least small amounts
of some contaminants.
The presence of
contaminants does
not necessarily in-
dicate that water
poses a health risk.

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

Parts per million (ppm)
or **Milligrams per liter**
(**mg/L**)- one part
per million corre-
sponds to one min-
ute in two years
or a single penny
in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb)
or **Micrograms per liter**
(**ug/L**)- one part
per billion corre-
sponds to one min-
ute in 2,000 years,
or a single penny
in \$10,000,000.
Picocuries per liter
(**pCi/L**)- picocuries
per liter is a mea-
sure of the radioac-
tivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)
- nephelometric
turbidity unit is a
measure of the clar-
ity of water. Tur-
bidity in excess of
5 NTU is just notice-
able to the average
person.

Action level (AL) -
the concentration
of a contaminant
that, if exceeded,
triggers treatment
or other require-
ments

that a water sys-
tem must follow.

Maximum contaminant level
(**MCL**)- the Max-
imum Allowed MCL
is the highest level
of a contaminant
that is allowed in
drinking water. MCLs
are set as close to the
MCLGs as feasible
using the best avail-
able treatment tech-
nology.

Maximum contaminant goal
(**MCLG**)- the Goal
is the level of a con-
taminant 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 addi-
tion 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 re-
port we had noted

violations of drink-
ing water regula-
tions in tables B-G.

Our water system
tested a minimum
of 2 samples per
month. The monthly
sample(s) in ac-
cordance with the
Total Coliform Rule
for microbiological
contaminants. During
the monitoring pe-
riod covered by this
report, we had the
following noted (In
table B) detections
for microbiological
contaminants.

In tables D-G we
have shown the reg-
ulated contaminants
that were detected.
Chemical Sampling
of our drinking water
may not be required
on an annual basis;
therefore, informa-
tion 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 popula-
tion. Immuno-
compromised per-
sons such as per-
sons with cancer
undergoing chemo-
therapy, persons
who have under-
gone organ trans-
plants, people with
HIV/AIDS or other
immune system
disorders, some
elderly, and infants
can be particularly
at risk from infec-
tions. These people
should seek advice
about

drinking water from
their health care
providers. EPA's
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 addi-
tional Required
Health Effects Notic-
es.

There are no addi-
tional required
health effects
violation notices.
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lowing us to con-
tinue providing
your family with
clean, quality water.
In order to main-
tain a safe and de-
pendable water
supply we some-
times need to make
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Table A

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #04	Ground Water
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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
Di(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	4/17/2012	0.84	0.71 - 0.84	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
FLUORIDE	4/17/2012	0.3	0.1 - 0.3	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
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	9/23/2010	0.64	0.64	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-226	9/23/2010	0.07	0.07	PCI/L	5	0	
RADIUM-228	9/23/2010	0.57	0.57	PCI/L	5	0	

Table F

Lead and Copper	Date	90 TH Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2011 - 2013	0.3	0.1 - 0.4	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2011 - 2013	2	1 - 4	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Table G

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	DINING FACILITY	2014	0	0 - 0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2014	0	0 - 0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	DINING FACILITY	2014	8	8.3 - 8.3	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2014	13	12.6 - 12.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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1 Black and white cookies	35 Chooses	51 Sicilian volcano	19 Grate
5 Bro's kin	36 Song of praise	DOWN	20 Derek and Diddley
8 Hawaiian island	37 Long-short-short	1 Vacation-ing	21 Aladdin's —
12 Period	40 Actress West	2 Regret	22 Needle case
14 Opening day?	41 Cheer (for)	3 Shade tree	23 Cars
15 Womanly	42 Voters in college?	4 Pizza topping	25 Soldiers
16 Give as an example	47 Initial chip	5 Mix	26 Gumbo base
17 Cross-word clue abbr.	48 Place where motorists take	6 Charged bit	27 Rind
18 White-board adjunct	49 "Cheers" order	7 Acceler-ates	29 Catch sight of
20 Censor-ing sound		8 Farm wagon	31 Workout room
23 Hebrew month		9 Parisian pals	33 Wobble
24 Feedbag fill		10 Loathe	34 Infectious fly
25 Inge play		11 —	36 Treaty
28 Dallas sch.			37 Colorless
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30 Small barrel			39 Doves' home
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Friday's Answers

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