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The National Weather Service in Shreveport has issued a heat advisory in effect until 7 p.m. Thursday.

MINDEN CRIME

Traffic stop leads to drug charges

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A traffic stop led to a laundry list of charges for two people after reportedly denying ownership of suspected drugs with a child in the vehicle.

Keidre Mone Erving, 28, of the 1300 block of East Street, was arrested Saturday, July 11, and charged

with possession of Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II C D S (amphetamine salts) with intent in the presence of a minor, posses-



KEIDRE ERVING

sion of Schedule II CDS (hydrocodone) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule IV (tramadol) with intent, open container, left of center and a fugitive from the Webster



KEIUNDR A ERVING

Parish Sheriff's Office. Bond was set at \$258,000.

Keiundra Masha Erving, 25, of the 1200 block of Lee Street, was arrested the same day and charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II CDS (amphetamine salts) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II

CDS (hydrocodone) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule IV CDS (tramadol) with intent and open container. Bond was set at \$60,300.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Officer First Class Chris Hammon-tree observed a vehicle crossing the double yellow

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SAYING THANKS



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Masonic Lodge honors law enforcement, emergency personnel

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to say "Thank you."

Master Mason Gary Carter says the dinner – jambalaya and all the fixings – is just to say thank you to all those who serve. Invited were the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, all the municipal police departments, Louisiana State Police,

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement agents, all the fire departments in Webster Parish and EMS services.

"It's just honoring all law enforcement and emergency per-

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COURT WATCH

Accused armed robber's trial set for Dec.

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The case against the other suspect in the armed robbery of a local convenience store has been continued until August 3.

Brian Gilbert was in court Monday before 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Cox on charges of armed robbery with the use of a firearm, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and illegal possession of stolen firearms. Status conference is set for August 3.

Trial has been set for Dec. 7.

Assistant District Attorney Hugo Holland says the case was passed because Gilbert retained new counsel.

"Gilbert just got a new attorney so we had to pass it to give the new attorney time to study the case," Holland said.

Gilbert has been named as the gunmen of the two who robbed a convenience store at gunpoint on the corner of East Union and Fort Streets taking an undetermined amount of cash from the register, according to Holland.

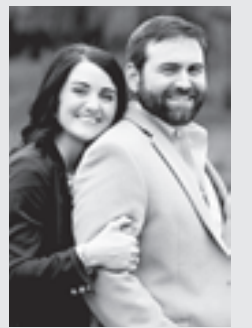
The other accused in the same robbery, Laderius Shelton, pled guilty in June to first degree attempted robbery with a 15-year cap on his sentence. His sentencing is set for August 3.

Holland says Gilbert has a prior felony conviction and faces from 49 and a half years to 198 years in prison if he's convicted as charged.



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WORLD NEWS

\$2 gas likely to return after Iran nuclear deal

NEW YORK — U.S. drivers can look forward to \$2 gas later this year, thanks in part to the Iran nuclear deal announced Tuesday.

Gas may only dip a few cents when the Iranian oil first starts to flow again, but by September drivers could see big savings.

“Once we get past Labor Day, we should see gas falling by 10 to 15 cents a month,” said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst with the Oil Price Information Service. “By December a lot of places are going to see gasoline at \$2 or less.”

Iran hasn't been able to sell oil to the United States since 1995. Most major Western countries imposed sanctions within the last five years aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program. Instead it's been selling to China, India, Turkey and other developing markets.

Whole crude oil and gasoline prices were both slightly lower Tuesday on

news of a deal between six major powers and Iran.

“[Iran] will only add to the oil glut on the market and increase the selling pressure,” wrote Naeem Aslam, chief market analyst at Ava Trade.

The details of how sanctions will be lifted is not yet known. Some critics in Congress want to keep U.S. sanctions in place, but President Obama has vowed to veto any such efforts. And even if U.S. sanctions do stay in place for a while, the flow of Iranian oil to Europe will push down prices in global oil markets.

Iran could add as much as 500,000 barrels of oil per day to worldwide markets by the end of this year, according to experts at a recent Credit Suisse conference on Iranian sanctions and oil. The International Energy Agency estimates Iran could add as much as 800,000 barrels a day months after sanctions

are lifted. Another 30 million barrels of Iranian crude are estimated to be in storage and ready for sale, according to FACTS Global Energy, an industry consultancy.

The average gas price at U.S. stations is now \$2.78 for a gallon of regular, according to AAA. Gas prices had fallen below \$2 at most U.S. gas stations this past winter.

Even without Iranian oil, global production has been booming. North America, OPEC nations and record production from Russia and Iraq have been adding to a glut of oil on world markets. Economic problems in Europe and China also are curbing demand.

Kloza said Iran will add even more oil to the markets in 2016 as it improves its oil industry's infrastructure, which has suffered under the sanctions.



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DRUGS

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lines on Carolina Street.

“He conducted a traffic stop on Evans Street, and he came into contact with Keidre,” he said. “As he was making contact with the driver, he observed a clear plastic bag of what

appeared to be crack cocaine sitting in the center console between her and her passenger. At that point in time, he asked the driver to hand him the clear plastic bag, and she did.”

Hammontree then asked both occupants to step out of the vehicle, and at that time, he asked Keidre what the substance in

the plastic bag would test positive for and, according to reports, she told him crack cocaine.

“She indicated she had no knowledge of the crack cocaine in the vehicle,” he said. “He asked her for permission to search the vehicle. She gave her verbal consent and he located two more baggies of suspected crack cocaine.”

According to reports, one baggie had more than 18 rocks of suspected crack cocaine, totaling six grams. The other baggie contained seven pills, later identified as the salts, one Schedule II hydrocodone and 27 Schedule IV tramadol all appearing to be packaged for resale.

Also inside the vehicle, Cropper says, were two

alcoholic drinks in Styro-foam cups with lids and straws in them.

While it appears there were only two occupants inside the vehicle, Keidre's 10-year-old son was in the backseat.

Police say both denied possession of the narcotics and both were placed under arrest. The vehicle was towed and police

seized about \$459 in cash as well. Cropper says the pills and baggies tested positive for narcotics and were placed into evidence.

Officer Mitch Hackett was on scene assisting, Cropper says. The child was released into the care of a family member.

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sonnel,” he said. “They've been getting such a negative portrayal here lately, so we thought we would give them a positive one.”

Minden Fire Chief Kip Mourad says the dinner is a nice way to be recognized.

“Anytime somebody gives a dinner in appreciation for law enforcement and firefighters, it's great,” he said. “It's a good thing that they recognize first responders. It's just a good thing.”

Mourad, who has seen a lot of bad things happen in his long career as a firefighter, says he's touched by the community who reaches out to someone who lost their home to fire. He says it's the “civilian” who comes out and really supports their fellow citizen.

Matt Wilson, who attended the dinner, has been a firefighter since 2003, but has been with the Minden Fire Department,

District 7, since 2012. He says firefighting has been a passion for him for many, many years. Of the appreciation dinner, he also says it's a nice way to be recognized.

“I think it's a really nice gesture on their part to acknowledge police, fire and EMS,” he said. “It's just a good thing they're doing.”

He says he loves his job, not only because he gets to help people and provide a much-needed service for the district, but he loves the camaraderie and the brotherhood of being a firefighter.

His grandfather, Harvey Lee, was a volunteer firefighter under the late Chief T.C. Bloxom, and his interest grew from there.

Mourad has been around firefighting all his life, moving into a fire-

house in the first grade, he says. His grandfather was a firefighter as well.

The Masonic Lodge is a fraternal organization whose base is strong on charitable works, and whose practices do nothing more than make good men better, Carter says.

Minden Masonic Lodge #51 has hosted various fundraisers to raise money to donate to charity.

The national lodge donates roughly \$6 million to charities each year, Carter says.

“We have started participating actively for the last couple of years, and we have presented to the tune of about \$3,000 each time,” Carter said. “Every little bit helps. We give to the dyslexia fund, we give to the Special Olympics; there are so many things that we try to support.”



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Remembering summers of revivals

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

Those damp, and cold days of February started me remembering the long hot summers of my childhood. In fact I almost wished for them once again.

Back in the thirties there were no little league games, nor any other planned activities by the city for our young people.

Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter provided ball games, swimming lessons and other activities on their own for the young people. The one thing that you could count on would be the revival meetings that each church had. We went to the other churches' revivals as well as our own.

There was no Emmanuel Baptist Church, no Parkway Church, no North Acres Baptist Church back then, only the First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church. Of course we had the First United Methodist Church and the Minden Presbyterian Church, the Episcopal Church the Catholic Church

and the Pentecostal Church. I believe the Nazarene and the Assembly of God churches were here then, too. Some of these churches held summer revivals that often went for two weeks. At least at the First Baptist church some of ours went that long.

We visited the other churches during their revivals and listened to some great preaching. It was hot, and we often stuck to the pews since our church was not air conditioned until about 1948.

The Baptist revival was held at night in the Tabernacle. Often hoboes would slip in the back and listen to the preaching. To the audience's right of the choir were seats placed at a right angle to the congregation. Often members of the black community would come to the meetings and sit there. The morning services were in the auditorium of the church.

Food and Fellowship

For weeks ahead plans were made for ladies to feed the visiting evangelistic team. Ladies who were good cooks were lined up first, and then others were contacted. I don't suppose it ever occurred to take them to a cafe for a meal.

The choir was full each night, and all those old

hymns were sung and had the congregation ready for the message. In preparation for the revival, prayer meetings were arranged all over town. I can remember when we would have dozens of prayer meeting each night all over town.

If you had a prayer meeting at your home, you were responsible for notifying the neighbors and anyone else you wanted to invite. Those prayer meetings were the main reason for the success of the revivals.

Our hearts were ready to hear God's message and we were willing to go out and witness.

I remember that during the week the men came to the church about five or six o'clock and picked up the name of a prospect, and then they went out by twos and visited the families and came back in time for the night revival services.

The revivals always interfered with the ladies' canning. It might be during the time the peaches were ready to be canned, or the figs, and certainly peas. But if they could not make every morning service they were there at night.

Wiggles in the Sawdust

I have written about the sawdust on the floor of the tabernacle. Things wiggled

in that sawdust. By the time I was thirteen I sang in the adult choir and the choir platform was about four or five feet above the regular floor, and it had a wooden floor. (thank goodness!)

When I had to sit down in the congregation I always put my feet up on the cross brace of the pew in front of me. I didn't want to take any chances about what that was wiggling in the sawdust.

I think that there were over 200 saved one summer. Not all were from our church but some were from towns outside Minden. Our pastor baptized on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and

Wednesday night for several weeks getting them all baptized. We were uplifted but we were also worn out from the long meetings.

Vacation Bible School

Back then our Vacation Bible Schools lasted two weeks. If we were too old for the classes we worked with the younger children. It was a long, hard two weeks for the ladies, as well as the children were tired when it was over. The last night (we called it "graduation") the parents came and watched the children as they performed either reciting scriptures or singing. They also had their handwork on display.

And then there were the Friday night band concerts in the park downtown. All ages turned out to hear the music that they played. In fact all ages formed the band, from young people in the high school band to older business men like Leland Mims, Joe Miller, Mrs Inabnett, Leon Adkins, Cat Parker and others. It was the love of music that was the common denominator of all those who attended. Little children played on the swings, or on the grass, while the older folks brought lawn chairs or even sat on the grass to listen to the music.

There was no planned music they just drifted from one song into another. Of course if the revival was in progress I was required to go there instead of the band concert.

Carnivals

Occasionally during the summer we would have a carnival come to town.

Our parents were more careful about where we were during that time because some of those with the carnival looked exceedingly seedy. In fact on one occasion when the carnival left town a couple of girls went with them. Soon their parents brought them back. I went but I never had

either the desire or the money to try my hand at winning a prize throwing a ball or some other game of chance. It was still fun to watch others win and even fun to watch those who lost. The police kept a close watch to see that there was not a "girlie" show that the boys and men might be interested in. No, no to that.

Most all the entertainment of young people back then was conducted by their churches. (and of course the Larry Hunter family.) There were no expensive refreshments served, but the fun was being together and participating in whatever was planned. Simple pleasures, innocent times, and yet such happy times that have left so many happy memories. Minden during the thirties was a wonderful place to grow up in, especially in the good old summer time. Remember?

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

OBITUARY

Lorraine Evelyn Satterburg White

Lorraine Evelyn Satterburg White passed away peacefully at home after a lengthy illness on July 14, 2015 in Athens at the age of 85 surrounded by family and loved ones.

Lorraine was born Oct. 22, 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Edwin H. and Dorothy Satterburg, both of whom passed away during her childhood. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Richard Satterburg. Upon the death of her father Lorraine was sheltered and loved dearly by her best friend Doris Anderson Waldhoff and Doris' parents, Elmer and Minnie Anderson.

Lorraine was a devoted wife, a compassionate mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and a loyal friend. She loved conversation, cooking for family and friends, and doting on her children. She had a delightful wit that often took us by surprise. She married U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2 Alfred White in 1948 and traveled the world with him until the now Lieutenant Commander Alfred White retired from the Navy in 1970 when they settled down on a farm

north of Marsalis in Claiborne Parish.

During the first 24 years of their marriage she accompanied her husband to seven duty stations during which time she was active in PTA at schools at different stations, was an enthusiastic bowling club member in wives bowling leagues, and also a long-term member of a Glynn County, Georgia Home Demonstration Club. At the time of her death, she was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hurricane, Louisiana.

Lorraine is survived by her brother, Donald Satterberg and wife Pat Satterberg, her husband of 67-and-a-half years, Alfred N. White, her children, Tommy White, of Homer; Bobby White and wife Stephanie of Athens; Patty and husband Randy Vise of Sibley, Richard White and wife Flor de Liz of North Palm Beach, Florida, and Rusty White and wife Andrea of Athens. Also her grandchildren Jeremy Vise, wife Britni and children, Jason Vise, his wife Jordan and children, Jennifer Maddox, husband Jeff and children, Adam White, his wife Hannah and children; Shane White, Kellie Tolin and children; Eric White (Causley), wife Sara and child; Chelsey Edmunds and husband, Matt; Dawn Hankins, her husband, Philip and children; Ashley White and child; and Sunni White, as well as 16 great grandchildren. These children and grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Visitation hours are 5 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Rose Neath Funeral home in Arcadia. The funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015 at the funeral home. Bro. Perry Anderson will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Lorraine's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church 2042 Hwy. 519, Arcadia, LA 71001 or to Tulip Cemetery Association, contact Marinda White 318-927-2639. Condo-

lences can be sent to Alfred N. White, 7419 Hwy. 518, Athens, LA 71003. The family would like to thank the staff of Bienville Medical Center, Premier Hospice, Willow Ridge Nursing Home, and above all to Mrs. Carla Cummings for her inspired, compassionate care for our mother in her final months for which we are eternally grateful.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Flynn, Jeremy Vise, Shane White, Adam White, Tyler White and Randy Vise.



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OPINION

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Advocate on the fate of Louisiana Superintendent of Education John White

To the casual listener, it sounds as if John Bel Edwards plans, if elected governor this fall, to fire the state superintendent of education.

Edwards criticized Superintendent John White — formerly an administrator in New Orleans and New York City schools — as "not qualified to be a middle school principal" in Louisiana.

It is not the first time Edwards and White have clashed. The Democratic representative from Amite has frequently backed bills opposed by the superintendent, and vice versa. We believe that White has been more often correct on the merits of the policies that have, in our view, positively enhanced public education in Louisiana.

As a leading member of the House Education Committee, Edwards knows that the decision on the next superintendent is not his alone. The superintendent is picked, and has a contract with, the 11-member state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

BESE is of course heavily influenced by the governor — just look at White's selection. When his predecessor Paul Pastorek left unexpectedly, the young head of the Recovery School District was picked by a board with close ties to Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Jindal had supported many of the elected BESE members in their campaigns and had three direct appointments on the board. White and Jindal then were on the same page on adoption of new Common Core standards and broadly on the governor's other education policies.

Edwards is a fierce critic of the Jindal policies and would doubtless roll many of them back if elected and if he can muster the approval of the Legislature and with BESE.

The latter are elected this fall, too, and it is not clear that Edwards — even if elected governor — will have the time and influence to affect the BESE races on the same ballot.

Moreover, this is not a straight-up Democratic candidate versus a largely Republican BESE fight. Not only has Jindal flip-flopped on the Common Core issue, but two Republican candidates for governor — Scott Angelle and David Vitter — share the opposition to the new standards voiced by Edwards. Another Republican, Jay Dardenne, is alone in standing up for the tougher academic standards that White and state educators have put into place.

Common Core is one issue, but Edwards — his wife is a teacher — has more generally pushed the teachers unions' criticisms of other Jindal education policies; under Jindal, with White's support, the state has greatly expanded charter schools and a tuition voucher program for private schools. The Republicans, broadly speaking, are backing those Jindal policies, even the candidates at odds with White over Common Core.

We don't know how the election will turn out, but even if it turns out as Edwards wants it to, the fact is that White's supporters on BESE, if returned to their own offices, might have a lot to say about whether the superintendent stays or goes.

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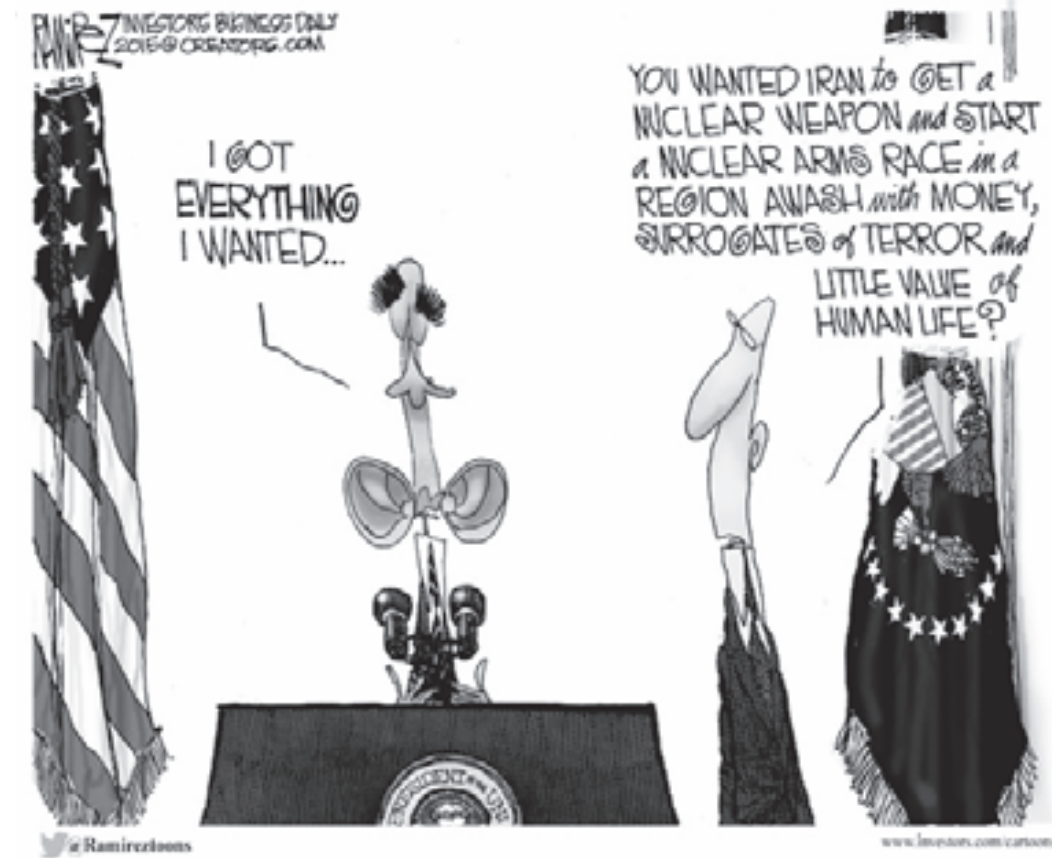
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PERSPECTIVE

Knowledge is power

Knowledge is power, but as Albert Einstein once said, "information is not knowledge."

This week, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) will release its 2015 scorecard for the Louisiana Legislature. The scorecard will be available on LABI's website at www.labi.org/scorecard and will give Louisiana voters a clear and easy way to see exactly how their legislators voted this session on bills that impacted the private sector economy and Louisiana's employers.

In short, the grades are in and they are not very good. This detailed information will be freely accessible for everyone to see and the hope is that it will give each and every voter of this state the information they need to make an informed choice in the fall elections.

Speaking of choice, throughout the regular legislative session, lawmakers repeatedly insisted their only choice to invest in priorities such as higher education and health care was to raise taxes. The reality is there were many other options that could have been placed on the table to do so. The Louisiana Legislature not only failed to structure the tax increases to minimize harm to jobs and the economy, but also refused to control government growth, make reductions in less critical services or even debate structural reforms to the state budget that would allow lawmakers to prioritize needs across state government each and every year.

Quite simply, Louisiana is a tale of two states. In the private sector, multi-billion dollar expansions and developments are underway. There are record-breaking numbers of workers, and the state's Gross Domestic Product is at an all-time high. On the other hand, in the public sector, Capitol insiders bemoan the fiscal woes of state government even as the state's budget has swelled from \$16 billion in 2004 to more than \$24 billion this year.

Just prior to the national recession, Louisiana experienced substantial but temporary

growth as a result of a post-Katrina bubble, where federal dollars and a temporary increase in tax revenue related to rebuilding dramatically inflated the state's budget.

While the government's budget certainly decreased from that peak in 2008, it has largely stabilized the past couple of years. Still, the state budget has grown on average almost a billion dollars a year over the past 10 years.

That unsustainable growth rate must be brought back to reality.

Our state budget problems are not due to a lack of taxpayer dollars. They are due to a maze of lock boxes and dedicated funds that prohibit existing tax dollars from being eligible for higher education and health care. They are due to a lack of will to address the rising entitlement costs that siphon off millions of dollars every year from the classroom. They are due to overlapping and duplicative bureaucracy and overhead that make our government more expensive than critically necessary to be responsive to our residents.

Rather than address any of these items, lawmakers maintained that their only choice to fund priorities like higher education and healthcare was to raise taxes this legislative session. The reality is there were many more options available.

The rhetoric used to justify these tax increases on employers to maintain the operations of state government at current levels often did not match the substance of the bills.

Throughout the session, policy makers regularly opined that "big business" could afford to pay more taxes, frequently using the term "corporate welfare" to define credits and incentives that exist solely to help offset a tax code that is deemed broken and uncompetitive by national and Louisiana experts alike. However, the reality is that ALL businesses in Louisiana will be directly affected by the taxes enacted in 2015: multi-national corporations, home-grown Louisiana companies, start-ups and entrepreneurs, and small businesses on every corner in the state. The impact of additional taxes will be felt by employers in every industry sector — petro-chemical, technology and digital media, telecommunications, oil and gas, retail and restaurants, and maritime and ports, among others.

While legislators publicly advocated for a universal "hair-

cut" in their rhetoric throughout the session, the private sector alone was handed the bill and required to pay it. Without question, a traditional Louisiana populist agenda won this session. The budget passed by the 2015 Legislature and signed into law by the governor:

Spent more than \$600 million in new taxes on critical components of a healthy economy, such as inventory, electricity and research;

Made no attempt to address the structural problems in the state budget that have plagued the state for years and is derided by policymakers and experts alike;

Maintained the overall size, scope and structure of state government, which is almost \$9 billion larger in 2015 than a decade ago;

Failed to reform or restructure nationally-high levels of state support for local government, making no reduction whatsoever to these annual subsidies;

Utilized no viable analysis of tax credits to focus on those least harmful to the economy and actually ignored existing facts, research and data;

Spent millions more on K12 public schools to pay for increasing costs primarily due to entitlements without making any reforms or demands that dollars be prioritized for the classroom;

Provided a COLA for state pension recipients (that the governor eventually vetoed) that raised immediate concerns by national rating agencies and directly circumvented pension reforms that were passed just one year earlier; and

Made no reductions whatsoever to certain areas of state government, including the legislative budget which received zero cuts and to the judiciary budget, which actually grew this year to account for salary increases for judges.

The fact is that — even before these sizeable tax increases go into effect — tax collections in Louisiana were already projected to increase over the next five years. That tax revenue growth projection, which was due to an expanding economy, is now in question.

Stephen Waguespack is the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the largest and most effective advocacy organization in the state.

PERSPECTIVE

Historical ignorance

The victors of war write its history in order to cast themselves in the most favorable light. That explains the considerable historical ignorance about our war of 1861 and panic over the Confederate flag. To create better understanding, we have to start a bit before the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

The 1783 Treaty of Paris ended the war between the colonies and Great Britain. Its first article declared the 13 colonies "to be free, sovereign and independent states." These 13 sovereign nations came together in 1787 as principals and created the federal government as their agent. Principals have always held the right to fire agents. In other words, states held a right to withdraw from the pact — secede.

During the 1787 Constitutional Convention, a proposal was made that would allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison rejected it, saying, "A union of the states containing such an ingredient seemed to provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a state would look more like a declaration of war than an infliction of punishment and would probably be considered by the party attacked as a dissolution of all previous compacts by which it might be bound."

In fact, the ratification documents of Virginia, New York and Rhode Island explicitly said they held the right to resume powers delegated should the federal government become abusive of those powers. The Constitution never would have been ratified if states thought they could not regain their sovereignty — in a word, secede.

On March 2, 1861, after seven states seceded and two days before Abraham Lincoln's inauguration, Sen. James R. Doolittle of Wisconsin proposed a constitutional amendment that read, "No state or any part thereof, heretofore admitted or hereafter admitted into the union, shall have the power to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States."

Several months earlier, Reps. Daniel E. Sickles of New York, Thomas B.

Florence of Pennsylvania and Otis S. Ferry of Connecticut proposed a constitutional amendment to prohibit secession. Here's a question for the reader: Would there have been any point to offering these amendments if secession were already unconstitutional?

On the eve of the War of 1861, even unionist politicians saw secession as a right of states. Rep. Jacob M. Kunkel of Maryland said, "Any attempt to preserve the union between the states of this Confederacy by force would be impractical, and destructive of republican liberty."

Both Northern Democratic and Republican Parties favored allowing the South to secede in peace. Just about every major Northern newspaper editorialized in favor of the South's right to secede. New York Tribune (Feb. 5, 1860): "If tyranny and despotism justified the Revolution of 1776, then we do not see why it would not justify the secession of Five Millions of Southrons from the Federal Union in 1861." Detroit Free Press (Feb. 19, 1861): "An attempt to subjugate the seceded states, even if successful, could produce nothing but evil — evil unmitigated in character and appalling in content." The New York Times (March 21, 1861): "There is growing sentiment throughout the North in favor of letting the Gulf States go."

The War of 1861 settled the issue of secession through brute force that cost 600,000 American lives. We Americans celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but H.L. Mencken correctly evaluated the speech: "It is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense." Lincoln said the soldiers sacrificed their lives "to the cause of self-determination — that government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth." Mencken says: "It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of people to govern themselves."

The War of 1861 brutally established that states could not secede. We are still living with its effects. Because states cannot secede, the federal government can run roughshod over the U.S. Constitution's limitations of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. States have little or no response.

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ARTS

Megan Davis Taylor to feature artwork at 1800 Prime Steakhouse

The Bossier Arts Council is pleased to announce that beginning August 1 until October 31 the artworks of Megan Davis Taylor will be on display at Boomtown Casino's 1800 Prime Steakhouse. On Thursday, August 13th, there will be a

Wine, Art, Music opening reception for Davis' work at 1800 Prime Steakhouse.

Megan Davis Taylor grew up in a very small town in Northwest Louisiana. She was encouraged by her grandmothers to pursue her natural talents and had very strong female role models. She attended

Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where she found her love of art studies and took every class on the subject that was available to her.

She later transferred to the University of Louisiana in Lafayette and graduated with a BA in Interior Design with a concentration in drawing and painting. She loved learning about art in every form and utilized the amazing landscapes that she found in her back yard as inspiration for her work.

After college, she began sharing her love of art by teaching the fundamentals to children. Megan

found that by teaching art to children-she can ensure that the next generation will have a love of the arts instilled in them as well.

She states regarding her intentions as an artist, "I love to paint and I paint what I love. Talent is usually discovered by someone other than the holder of the skill set. So it was for me when my kindergarten teacher discovered my painting of a bear in a raincoat so many years ago. I feel fortunate to still possess that initial piece of art I produced so I keep it in the awards section of my album."

Around Town

July 15, 2015

Mt. Pilgram Baptist Church will have its annual revival service at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker is the Rev. Rickey Taylor, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of South Bend Indiana.

July 16, 2015

The Minden City Council will meet in a Council Workshop at 10 a.m. in the Pelican Conference Room at Minden City Hall. The discussion will include the proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

July 19, 2015

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will have its annual Usher Day at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Asby K. Glesson.

July 26, 2015

Mount Comfort Baptist Church will have its annual Women's Day at 11 a.m. with Sister Barbara Doss as the speaker.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have its Women's Day Program at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Minister Vanessa Braggs Reed.

ENGAGEMENT



Aiello - Stahl engaged to marry

Ms. Sherry Sue Frazier of Haynesville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael Aiello of Benton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming nuptials of their daughter Alexandra Sue Aiello to Christopher Michael Stahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Douglas Stahl of Minden.

Allie is a 2005 graduate of Loyola College Prep, a 2009 graduate of the University of Mississippi, and a 2012 graduate of Loyola University New Orleans

College of Law. Allie is a licensed attorney and currently employed as an Assistant District Attorney at the Bossier-Webster District Attorney's office.

Chris is a 2004 graduate of Cedar Creek High School, a 2008 graduate of Millsaps College, and a 2012 graduate of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Chris is a licensed attorney with law offices in Minden and Bossier City.

The bride-elect is the

granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ralph Aiello of Benton, Ms. Celia Bryan Frazier of Benton, and the late Mr. Charles Howard Frazier.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doyce Stahl of Minden, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cahill Halford of Minden, and the late Mr. James Marshall Scheffer.

The couple will marry on Sept. 26, 2015 at St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport.

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NFL

Titans won't budge on Mariota contract

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Tennessee Titans interim CEO and president Steve Underwood says the team won't back off its determination to have offset language in the contract of No. 2 overall pick Marcus Mariota, who remains the only 2015 first-round pick yet to sign a contract.

Offset language allows teams to recapture guaranteed money if the player is released and signs with another team.

If the Titans give Mariota a contract without offset language, that would allow him to "double dip" and receive payment from another team as well as from the Titans should he not play out his deal.

"We've always had offset language in our player contracts. It's nothing new," Underwood said. "I think it is important where a high first-round draft pick is concerned, because it's the precedent. Everything that we do is precedential for the next round of contracts."

"So keeping the offset in place is something we want to be able to do going forward. And the minute you back away from the contract principle then you no longer are able to assert it going forward."

NFL

Bills coach on leave after punching boy

The Buffalo Bills have placed offensive line coach Aaron Kromer on indefinite paid administrative leave following his arrest this past weekend for allegedly punching a boy and threatening to kill the boy's family.

The Bills announced their decision Tuesday, two days after Kromer was arrested on a misdemeanor battery charge in Walton County, Florida.

"Over the last few days our organization has continued to gather information in regards to the alleged incident involving Offensive Line Coach Aaron Kromer," Bills president Russ Brandon said in the statement.

"We have been in regular discussions with the league office and have decided to place Aaron on indefinite paid administrative leave in accordance with the league's Personal Conduct Policy while we continue to work our way through the investigative process with the league."

According to a statement released Sunday by the Walton County sheriff's office, Kromer and his son, Zachary, allegedly confronted three boys, who had been fishing on the beach, over the use of beach chairs.

Kromer, 48, has been accused of pushing one of the boys to the ground and punching him in the face after throwing their fishing pole into the water. Kromer allegedly then ordered that the chairs be returned to where they were found and told the boy that he would kill his family if he reported him to the police, according to the statement.

The Florida state attorney's office issued a criminal summons against Zachary Kromer on Tuesday, police are pursuing a misdemeanor battery charge against him.

MLB ALL-STAR GAME

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CINCINNATI (AP) — Mike Trout became the first player in 38 years to homer leading off an All-Star Game, then became the first player to take home the Midsummer Classic's MVP award two years in row.

A new-look All-Star Game finished with the same old result. The AL beat the NL 6-3 Tuesday night and will open the World Series at home for the 10th time in 13 years.

"It's obviously a humbling honor with the MVPs," Trout said in his usual understated, aw-shucks manner.

After Trout completed a career All-Star cycle in just his fifth big league season, Prince Fielder delivered. He drove in two runs, sending Trout blazing home ahead of Joc Pederson's throw with the run off Clayton Kershaw that put the AL ahead for good.

In an age of dominant pitching, Felix Hernandez, winner David Price, Zach Britton, Dellin Betances and Wade Davis took scoreless turns in the AL's third win a row.

A season after the retirement of Derek Jeter dropped the curtain on the turn-of-century greats, Trout was among six starting position players under 25 — the most since 1965. At last year's game in Minneapolis, he hit a tiebreaking triple and later a go-ahead double.

This time Trout sent Zack Greinke's fourth pitch, a 94 mph fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the wall in right next to the visiting bullpen for an opposite-field homer.

Winner of his first season AL MVP award in 2014, the

center fielder joined Willie Mays, Steve Garvey, Gary Carter and Cal Ripken, Jr. as the only two-time All-Star MVPs.

Stars old and young gathered in one of baseball's most traditional towns. The Reds became baseball's first professional team in 1869, and players wore caps with horizontal stripes in an attempt at a 19th century feel.

Pete Rose, Cincinnati's hometown hero and baseball's banned career hits leader, was given an 80-second ovation when he walked onto the field before the game to join Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Barry



ROSE

Larkin, elected by fans as the Reds' greatest players. Wearing a red jacket and tie and walking stiffly, the now 74-year-old Charlie Hustle was applauded as soon as his image appeared on the video boards, even before he emerged from the AL dugout.

And in the first All-Star Game at Great American Ballpark, which opened in 2003, fans got to see some great ballplayers.

Bench, changed into a blue jacket, returned with Hank Aaron, Mays and Sandy Koufax, voted baseball's great living players by fans as part of the promotion. In a sentimental yet stunning reminder of generational change, Aaron, 81, and Morgan, 71, needed canes to reach the infield, and Mays, 84, was aided on and off the



field by an assistant.

"Growing up, I didn't get to see them play that much," Trout said. "But looking up, seeing highlights of all the Hall of Famers, it's something I really look forward to looking at and I'm learning more about them, just how great they played in every respect of the game."

Above the field, new Commissioner Rob Manfred watched from a luxury suite, the first All-Star Game not presided over by Bud Selig since 1992.

Many players of the new generation love bling in a manner that puzzles the old

guard: Posey wore a gold-colored helmet behind the plate, looking a bit like the Great Gazoo or a Praetorian Guard, accessorizing with a chest protector, shin guards and cleats all with gold-colored trim. Baltimore's Adam Jones was shod in bright orange cleats, and Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain and Washington's Bryce Harper donned golden spikes.

Prince Fielder and Lorenzo Cain had run-scoring hits in the fifth against Kershaw, the reigning NL MVP, that put the AL ahead 3-1.

Manny Machado, at 23 another of the sport's fresh faces, hit a double off the right-field wall against Francisco Rodriguez in the seventh and scored on Fielder's sacrifice fly. And Brian Dozier, the last player added to the game as an injury replacement, hit a solo home run off Mark Melancon in the eighth.

NL runs came home on Jhonny Peralta's RBI single in the second, Andrew McCutchen's homer off Chris Archer in the sixth and Brandon Crawford's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

BRITISH OPEN

Spieth prepared for part three of calendar slam

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — With a chance to match history at the home of golf, Jordan Spieth is trying to make the British Open feel like just another event.

That might be one of his toughest challenges at St. Andrews.

Ben Hogan in 1953 is the only other player to capture the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in the same

year. Only three players since then — Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods — have ever come to Scotland with hopes of a Grand Slam.

Spieth's news conference attracted a full house Wednesday, creating an atmosphere normally reserved only for Woods and Rory McIlroy. The 21-year-old Texan is the main attraction at St. Andrews, especial-

ly with McIlroy — the defending champion and No. 1 in the world — out with an ankle injury.

And yes, Spieth is very aware of what's at stake this week.

"I like to study the history of golf, and it's extremely special what this year has brought to our team," he said. "And to have a chance to do what only one other person in

the history of golf has done doesn't come around very often. I'm sure embracing that opportunity.

"But by the time I start on Thursday, it won't be in my head. It'll be about how can I bring this Open Championship down to just another event, get out there and try and get myself into contention."

He set out for his final

practice round on a cool morning with an overcast sky, occasional rain, and not much wind, and there is plenty of talk about how ready Spieth will be for his shot at history.

He chose last week to play the John Deere Classic so he could find out where he needed work, and feel the pressure of contending. In that respect, the preparation went well.

LSU TIGERS

Mills, Beckwith on Bednarik watch list

BATON ROUGE — Three days after the LSU football duo was named to the Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List, both linebacker Kendall Beckwith and safety Jalen Mills were among preseason candidates for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) announced Friday.

The Nagurski Trophy is awarded to the best defensive player in college football each season.

Mills enters his senior season having started all 39 games in his career, racking up 186 tackles and six interceptions.

Last season Mills finished

with 62 tackles, five pass breakups, three tackles for a loss, two quarterback hurries, one interception and one fumble recovery.

Beckwith, who started the final seven games of the 2014 season, enters his first full season as the starting middle linebacker after he accumulated 77 tackles, 7.5 tackles for a loss, two sacks, three pass breakups, two quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and one interception that he returned 29 yards for a touchdown last year.

A gifted athlete, Beckwith will serve as a leader for the Tigers' stout defense that ended 2014 ranked No. 1.

Sanders wins junior state title



Thomas Sanders, a junior at Glenbrook, won the junior state championship in the Louisiana state skeet championship this weekend. Sanders placed third overall, competing with men and women of all ages who have been shooting all their lives. He came in third place only to a father and son who are both several time world champs. Courtesy Photo/Diana Sanders

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Allen's latest is a meditation on meaning and murder

Woody Allen has always been interested in man's search for meaning in life — a search he clearly sees as futile. Who can forget the young woman in "Play It Again, Sam," staring at a Jackson Pollock painting and seeing "the hideous lonely emptiness of existence, nothingness, the predicament of man forced to live in a barren, godless eternity"? That's not even the whole quote —but it could be Allen's mantra.

The director has also mined the themes of crime and punishment, including murder —think "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "Match Point." All these threads — plus, of course, love and seduction —come together in his 45th feature, "Irrational Man," which may not be his very best recent work, but is by far not his worst, either.

As in so many Allen films, even if some parts don't gel, others do. If "Irrational Man" falls short of late-career home runs like "Midnight in Paris" and "Blue Jasmine," it also feels more fully realized than last year's visually gorgeous but otherwise uneven period piece, "Magic in the Moonlight."

As always, the casting is something any director would kill for. Here, we have Joaquin Phoenix (grizzled, slightly pot-bellied) as an existentially challenged philosophy professor, Emma Stone (utterly effervescent) as his bright-eyed student, and Parker Posey (warmly kooky) as the sex-starved academic who forms the third side of this odd triangle.

The setting is Newport, Rhode Island, and that wind-swept, seaside town looks beautiful — no surprise, given the pedigree of cinematographer Darius Khondji. It's summer session at a small college, and Abe Lucas (Phoenix) arrives to teach philosophy. Accomplished and brilliant, he's also known for having affairs with students and swig-



ging often from a flask in his pocket. "That should put some Viagra into the philosophy department," an observer says of his arrival.

Abe is precisely the sort of disgruntled, unattainable intellectual that young women can't stay away from. That's what happens to Jill (Stone), who's beautiful, brilliant, kind and also an accomplished pianist (that last part may be overkill, but it's certainly not the film's most outlandish plot point). Bored with her clean-cut boyfriend, she finds herself drawn to her bad-boy professor, who's "so darned interesting and different."

Meanwhile, frustrated wife Rita (Posey) has been dreaming of bedding Abe since before his arrival, and will NOT be denied. Yet Abe's long stretch of depression has left him with some issues in the sack.

What's more, he's exhibiting disturbing nihilistic tendencies. At a party, he gets hold of the family gun and plays a game of real Russian Roulette, hoping to teach some sort of metaphysical lesson.

Everything changes, though, when Abe and Jill overhear a conversation in a diner. A beleaguered mother is facing a court case that may cost her custody of

her children; the judge is corrupt. If the bad judge were out of the picture, Abe reasons, wouldn't the world be so much better? He immediately begins plotting a solution, and this dark quest fills him with a new zest for life.

Yes, it's a leap — but Allen's films are famous for such leaps (Time travel, anyone? People coming out of movie screens?) You either go with it or you don't.

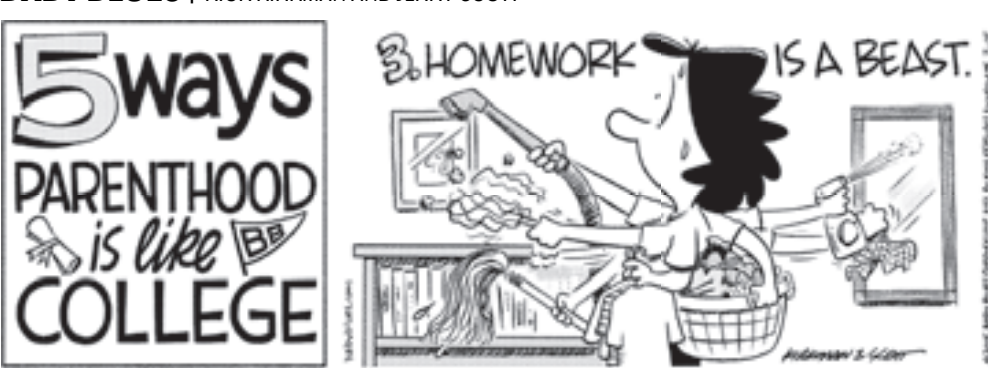
The same goes for Allen's breezy mix of light and dark tones. The subject may seem too dark for comedy, the treatment (and jazzy score) too light for tragedy. But the director balances it in his own way, and as

always, we can take it or leave it.

To sell the film's escalating implausibility, of course, Allen needs strong and appealing performances. Luckily he has them: Phoenix and Posey are pitch-perfect, and as for Stone, she's more watchable than ever. If life is indeed "a barren godless eternity," one could do worse than spend it with this beguiling actress.

"Irrational Man," a Sony Pictures Classics release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for some language and sexual content." Running time: 94 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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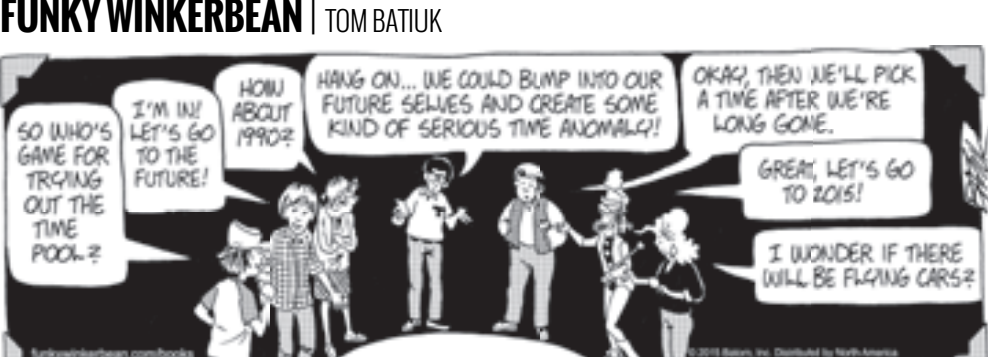
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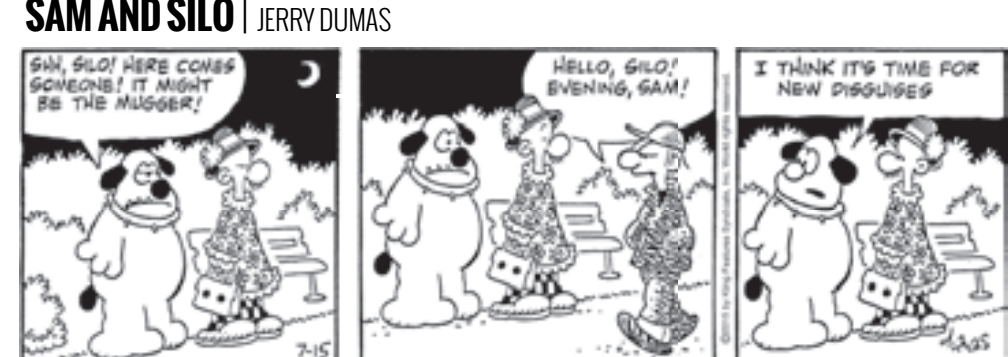
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Maximum contaminant level (MCL)- the Maximum Allowed MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

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:

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

There are no additional Required Health Effects Notices:

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.
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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

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

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Maximum residual disinfectant level (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 we had noted violations of drinking water regulations in tables B-G.

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

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

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The Webster Parish School Board will accept sealed bids until July 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM for the Remodeling of the Old Computer Lab Building at North Webster Junior High School in Sarepta, Louisiana. The proposal shall provide labor, materials, fees, taxes and insurance required to perform the scope of the work. The scope of the project and the details of the work can be obtained from Buster Flowers, Supervisor of Maintenance for Webster Parish School Board. Please present the bid price total in a sealed envelope marked Bid North Webster Junior High School Remodeling Project along with the scope of the project. Performance bond will be required to accompany the bid. Federal, State, and local taxes are not applicable to any purchase by Webster Parish School Board. Bid should not include any such tax.

Bids will be opened at 2:00 PM on July 23, 2015 in the Webster Parish School Board Room.

Successful bid will be presented to the Webster Parish School Board at the next scheduled board meeting for acceptance.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Applications for General Contractor Statement of Qualifications for the following project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) package via email from Ms. Jamie Richard, Project Coordinator, CSRS, Inc., Email: JRichard@csrsonline.com. This includes all correspondence regarding this RFQ.

ONLY THOSE FIRMS THAT HAVE OBTAINED THE OFFICIAL RFQ PACKAGE FROM CSRS, INC. WILL BE CONSIDERED BY LCTCS FACILITIES CORPORATION.

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Project Description: Bid-Build Services for the Louisiana Delta Community College Welding and Industrial Training Center, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

Applications shall be delivered or mailed to: LCTCS Facilities Corporation c/o CSRS, Inc. Attn: Mr. Steve Jones, Project Manager 6767 Perkins Road, Suite 200 Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Ph: (225) 769-0546 Fx: (225) 767-0060

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Table A

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #2, EAST	Ground Water
WELL #1, WEST	Ground Water
WELL #3 @ EST	Ground Water

Table B

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	MON	TOT THM/HAA5	12/1/2013 - 2/28/2014
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	MON	TOT THM/HAA5	3/1/2014 - 5/31/2014
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	MON	TOT THM/HAA5	6/1/2014 - 8/31/2014
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	MON	TOT THM/HAA5	9/1/2014 - 11/30/2014

Table C

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

Table D

Regulated Contaminant	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	6/11/2012	1	1	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.

Table E

Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2014							

Table F

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest URAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2014								

Table G

Date Identified	Facility	Category code	Activity Name	Due Date	Comments
12/18/2014	WELL #3 @ EST	5021	GWR - ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES (FED)	6/1/2015	SRC WL - LAC 51-XL-327-A.15 - GW Sample Tap
12/18/2014	WELL #2, EAST	5034	GWR - ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES (FED)	6/1/2015	SRC WL - TSS 3.2.7.7.b - GW - Drawdown Tubing Sealed
12/18/2014	GST #1, EAST	5129	GWR - ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES (FED)	6/1/2015	TSS 7.0.7.b - Ground Storage Over
12/18/2014	GST #2, WEST	5129	GWR - ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES (FED)	6/1/2015	TSS 7.0.7.b - Ground Storage Over
12/18/2014	WELL #1, WEST	5034	GWR - ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES (FED)	6/1/2015	SRC WL - TSS 3.2.7.7.b - GW - Drawdown Tubing Sealed

CRYPTOQUIP

XNRI DR WT GDR ZTDHFLY
IWT XTGTZKC RIPKT, F
WTDKM IWT BNRIPVTK BKC

“YFHT VT D KFLY RPTIFVT!”
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PARASOL IS THE SAME COLOR AS AN EARTHY BROWN PIGMENT, YOU MIGHT CALL IT AN UMBER-ELLA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals T

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Twilight of the —"
 - 5 TV host Sajak
 - 8 High-lander
 - 12 Cruising
 - 13 Ipanema is there
 - 14 Plankton component
 - 15 It'll get you nowhere
 - 17 Rainout spread
 - 18 Page numbers
 - 19 Cheers up
 - 21 Type squares
 - 22 "I advise against it"
 - 23 Work unit
 - 26 Go up and down
 - 28 Relinquish
 - 31 Body powder
 - 33 Zero
 - 35 Algonquian language
 - 36 Texas cook-off dish
- DOWN**
- 38 Calendar abbr.
 - 40 Ever-green type
 - 41 Lean (toward)
 - 43 Wrigley product
 - 45 Gas rating number
 - 47 Didn't sit on the bench
 - 51 Declaration of Independence starter
 - 52 Nervously excited
 - 54 Dumbo's "wings"
 - 55 Lubricate
 - 56 Otherwise
 - 57 Eyelid woe
 - 58 Conger, for one
 - 59 Coaster
 - 10 Shrek is one
 - 11 Spigots
 - 16 "Who's buried in Grant's —?"
 - 20 Myrna of Hollywood
 - 23 List-ending abbr.
 - 24 "Go, team!"
 - 25 Tinsel-like
 - 27 Auction action
 - 29 Shelter
 - 30 Morning moisture
 - 32 Wash
 - 34 Humorous hoax
 - 37 Hostel
 - 39 Zealous group
 - 42 Crusoe's creator
 - 44 Partners
 - 45 Has bills
 - 46 Converse
 - 48 Holler
 - 49 Gaelic
 - 50 Turned blue?
 - 53 Whopper

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-15

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