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CITY OF MINDEN

City council set to hike rates

Residents to see rise in sewer, sanitation fees if city council says yes

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Residents in the City of Minden could see an increase in their monthly utilities bill.

Council members are set to adopt Ordinance 1056 which will

raise sewer charges and a resolution to raise sanitation fees at Monday's council meeting.

Sewer charges are calculated by the amount of water users consume per month.

Currently, users pay a base sewer rate of \$5 for consuming up to 2,000 gallons of water a month. Additionally, they are charged \$1.85 for every 1,000 gallons of water used over the 2,000.

If the ordinance passes, the base price for sewer rates will stay

"THE CITY ISN'T BROKE, BUT WITH EXPENSES GOING UP AND THE CITY CHARGING SUCH LOW FEES FOR SERVICES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED IT'S TIME TO RAISE FEES TO HELP OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY."

MAYOR TOMMY DAVIS IN A JULY INTERVIEW



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the same; however, the charge for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed over the 2,000 will raise to \$2.95.

If approved, the ordinance will become effective 30 days after

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CITY OF MINDEN

City plans to focus on pothole repairs

Funds for pothole repairs included in proposed 2015-16 budget

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This coming fiscal year, the City of Minden plans to focus on repairing the many potholes on city streets.

Public Works director George Rolfe says they won't get to them all, but the idea is to focus on repairing the streets before beginning overlay.

There are several issues that come into play when repairing potholes, he said. One issue is the location of the pothole and another is what it will take to fix them.

For instance, if a pothole is in the middle of the road, there might be water and sewer lines workers must consider before making the repair. If it is located on the side of the road next to a drainage area, they must mill, or take away, the current overlay before making repairs. This way, the gutter doesn't lose space to allow rainwater to run off.

"We have streets that don't look that bad, but we have streets that have potholes in them," he said. "Typically what would happen is if we had to



ROLFE

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Members of Unity Baptist Church along with members of area churches took to the streets Saturday during the church's first Walk for Jesus. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

'Unity in the Community'

Unity Baptist Church 'Walks for Jesus'

Members of Unity Baptist Church, along with members of other area churches, walked just over a mile through the streets of Cotton Valley carrying a 12-foot cross for its inaugural Walk for Jesus. Church member Tracy Bramlett says the goal of the Walk for Jesus event was show that churches in the area are still active. "We're hoping to have activities that will help bring unity in the community and show that churches in the area are still active and share the Gospel," he said. Bramlett says the church plans to have another walk in the fall once cooler weather arrives.

View a photo gallery of the walk online at www.press-herald.com



WEBSTER CRIME

Stroll down I-20 ends in jail

Suspect tells deputy walking in middle of interstate is quicker

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A Grambling man was arrested after Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies finally got him out of the middle of the road on Interstate 20.

Frederick W. Bowden, 50, of the 100 block of Harris Street in Grambling, was arrested Tuesday, July 28, and charged with pedestrian on interstate highway.

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BOWDEN

CAMP MINDEN

Likely 6 months before M6 destruction

A Louisiana National Guard spokesman says it probably will take six months of work before crews can begin destruction of 7,800 tons of artillery propellant at Camp Minden.

Col. Pete Schneider tells The Times that an Oklahoma company recently won the contract to build the device to contain pollution

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WEBSTER'S SKY



ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

A blue moon, which refers to the second of two full moons appearing in the same calendar month, was seen Friday night over Minden for the first time since 2012. While most years have 12 full moons, this year has 13. Don't let the name fool you, though. Most blue moons are pale gray, resembling a moon on any other night, but on truly rare occasions blue-colored moons can appear, usually after volcanic eruptions. The phenomenon happens every two years on average, according to NASA, and the next one isn't due until 2018. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

LOTTERY

\$120k Easy 5 winning lotto ticket sold in Winnsboro

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Lottery Corp. says a ticket bought in California won the \$110 million Powerball jackpot, and a Winnsboro buyer won the \$120,000 Easy 5 jackpot.

It says nobody won the Lotto jackpot, which rises to an estimated \$1.8 million Wednesday. The other two big Wednesday jackpots drop to an estimated \$40 million for Powerball and \$50,000 for Easy 5.

The biggest prize won in Louisiana for Saturday's big drawings was \$1,786. The Lottery Corp. says 22 tickets matched five of six Lotto numbers to win that amount.

Two Minden police officers set to be promoted to Officer 1st Class

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adoption.

Sanitation

If the resolution passes, monthly fees will increase by \$4 for trash pickup beginning Oct. 1. Currently, households in the city limits pay \$13 while apartments and businesses pay \$14.50.

Other items on the agenda:

- Police Chief Steve

Cropper asking the council to approve the promotion of two police officers. If approved, officers Jeremy Sitter and Jesse Cutrer will be promoted to Officer 1st Class.

■ The council will make a decision on condemning property located at 717 Buck St. and 722 Buck St.

■ Approve a final plat of land for a subdivision owned by G&Y Still Ltd located on Guy Miller Road.

- A request to annex

property owned by James and Melissa Tolbert at 211 Fernwood Lane.

■ Adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute on behalf and in the name of the City of Minden a contract for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services.

■ Adopt a resolution to give incoming Economic Development Director James Graham credit card signatory power.

- Hear the monthly police report.

While another explosion is possible, chances are slim, he said.

Salvatore said a stabilizer meant to keep the propellant from undergoing any chemical reactions makes up 1 percent of M6.

"As you get less and less stabilizer present there becomes a chance the M6 will have localized heating issues," he said. "As it gets these hot-spots in the material you could experience spontaneous deflagration."

Salvatore said the Explosives Safety Board recommended getting the project underway by Aug. 2015 and predicted an eight-year window before the M6 becomes dangerously unstable.

"There's always a risk, but at this time that risk is low that there's going to be

some kind of catastrophic event," Salvatore said. "But the longer we wait the higher that risk becomes."



Cars drive over potholes along Sheppard Street Sunday. Public Works director George Rolfe says the plan for the 2015-16 fiscal year is to focus on repairing potholes within the city limits. The next year, he says, they will focus on overlay. Rolfe says the repairs will help reduce the cost of repairs in the long run. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

City currently grading potholes by severity to focus on worst first

POTHOLES

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overlay, we would bring it back into the curb. We come in and put in new asphalt, and what happens over time is it builds up. When you overlay it, you end up taking away (space) from the gutter. Our objective is to get the water off the street."

To repair a pothole in the middle of the road, Rolfe says it must be cut out and filled back in. When they cut it out, they put back in materials to prep the area for repair.

According to the City of Minden, there are more than 100 miles of streets maintained by the city. Several state and federal highways run through Minden, so some potholes will not be in the city's jurisdiction. U.S. 79, Highways 80, 159, 531 and 371 all run through Minden.

"We can't do anything with those," he said.

In recent budget workshops, Rolfe explained to council members that it would be better to focus on

repairing the potholes instead of just overlaying city streets. If they repair the potholes, the streets will last longer.

This fiscal year, he says, they haven't been able to do as much repair or overlay due to the heavy rains over the last several months. When repairing a road, it needs to be done during the dry season so the layers underneath the road will set.

Over the last several months, the public works department has been identifying and grading the streets to locate the most problematic areas. On a grading scale of 1-5, five is rated as great, four is good, three is fair, two is bad and one is very bad.

"We're trying to address the problem before overlay," Rolfe said.

In the coming fiscal year, money taken away from tree trimming and water studies was put back into the budget, and if the

budget passes as discussed in the workshops, then the proposed \$600,000 will be split among streets, water and tree trimming.

Rolfe says the tree trimming is important in that it keeps tree limbs off the power lines, reducing electrical outages during storms. Also, water studies are important as well, because they don't know where the water is, he said.

"We know the least about what's under the ground," he said. "We know a lot about the sewer, and that's below the ground, but we don't know a lot about the water."

The idea is to identify the size and location of the city's water lines to map them.

The city services nine water wells as well as hundreds of miles of water mains. It also takes care of and operates 15 sewer lift stations for wastewater collection for more than 13,000 residents.

Deputy says suspect tried to hit him during arrest

STROLL

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resisting an officer and resisting an officer by flight. Bond was set at \$2,150.

Deputy John Lewis Jr. was dispatched to I-20 between mile markers 38 and 47 eastbound in reference to a man walking down the middle of the road. When he arrived, he asked Bowden to come to the side of the road, and

when he did, Lewis says he walked toward him in what appeared to be an angry manner.

Bowden told the deputy he was headed to Shreveport from Grambling during the initial interview. He then took off back toward the middle of the highway, nearly getting run over, according to the police report.

Lewis yelled at him several times to get out of the middle of the road, but Bowden refused. The deputy then chased Bow-

den and attempted to place him in handcuffs, and according to the report, he pulled away and raised his hand as if to hit him. Lewis was able to subdue Bowden and place him under arrest.

According to Revised Statute 32:216(C), "It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to cross an interstate highway, except in the case of an emergency."

He was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.



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WEEKEND EVENT

RIDERS INC. QUEENS HELPS SEND CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Riders Inc. Queens hosted its first Back to School Giveaway Saturday at Ewell Park. Free food was available and the group gave out school supplies to help area students prepare for the upcoming school year. View more photos from the giveaway on page 7. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

CONSUMER ALERT

Kraft recalls cheese due to possible choking hazard

NEW YORK – Kraft is recalling 36,000 cases of individually-wrapped cheese singles because part of the wrapper could become a choking hazard, according to one FDA safety alert.

The recall includes certain 3- and 4-pound packages of American and white American slices, Kraft said. Those affected have a “best when used by”

date between December 29, 2015, and January 4, 2016, followed by the manufacturing code “S54 or “S55.”

“A thin strip of the individual packaging film may remain adhered to the slice after the wrapper has been removed,” Kraft said. “If the film sticks to the slice and is not removed, it could potentially cause a choking hazard.”

The company said it has received 10 complaints and three reports of choking.

The affected packages were distributed to the United States, Puerto Rico and Grand Cayman.

Anyone with a package included in the recall should return it to the store for an exchange or a refund, Kraft said.



OBITUARY

Jerry Lee Glaze

Jerry Lee Glaze, 71, died July 29, 2015 at his home in Benton. Jerry was born in Springhill on Oct. 12, 1943, to the late John Earl Glaze and Mildred S. Glaze. Jerry attended High School in Minden and graduated with a degree in forestry from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. During his sophomore year at Louisiana Tech, he met Gwen Maroney whom he married in 1963. They have shared 52 years of love and devotion.

After graduating from Louisiana Tech in 1966, he became a Forester for International Paper Company until 1983, at which time he started his own consulting business, Glaze Forestry. He continued to consult and manage property until his death on Wednesday. Jerry also enjoyed raising and showing World Champion Missouri Fox Trotters and was co-owner of Pasta Jacks Restaurant in Benton.



GLAZE

If Jerry was

not working, he was sharing family time with his loved ones. Jerry loved his church family at First Baptist Church where he was a member for over 35 years.

In addition to his father, John Earl Glaze, he is preceded in death by his brother, John Wayne Glaze.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Gwen Glaze; son, Scott Glaze (Courtney); daughter, Debbi Ballard (Steve); mother, Mildred S. Glaze; four grandchildren, Parker and Kennedy Glaze and Anna and Harrison Ballard, all of Benton.

Visitation was from 6 until 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31, 2015 at First Baptist Church – Selph Hall. Celebration of life was at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Rick Grant officiating. Pallbearers were Dave French, Leonard Towell, Brian Smith, Harrison Ballard, Steven McElroy and John Bearden.

Memorials may be made to a ministry of your choice at First Baptist Church.

Services were provided by Roller-Ballard Funeral Home in Benton.

Sign the online guestbook at www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/ballard.

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Miles that Matter
5K Run/Walk
Saturday, August 15
at 8a.m.
Minden

Miles that Matter 5K is being held in an effort to raise funds to offset healthcare costs for Tiffany Copeland of Minden who was recently diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

Starting Time: 5K Run/Walk sponsored in part by Minden Medical Center will start at 8a.m. Saturday, August 15.

Race course: The course will begin and end at Minden Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy at 1120 Homer Road in Minden. Participants will run/walk through Ridgewood neighborhood.

Registration: Early Registration is \$25 until August 4. All participants who register by August 4 will receive a short sleeve official Miles that Matter Run T-shirt. Late registration is \$30 August 5-Race Day. You may pay with a credit card online at www.sportspectrumusa.com or with cash or contact Ashley Vise at 318-464-2146 or Sportspectrum in Shreveport at 6970 Fern Avenue. IPICO timing system is included in registration fee.

Packet Pickup: Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15, 8a.m. until 5p.m. at 1120 Homer Road and Race day 7a.m. until 7:45a.m. before race.

Age Group Awards: 1st place winners in each following age group will receive awards: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61 and older.

Post Race Party: Following the race we'll have family friendly entertainment and activities, so stick around!

Inclement Weather: Check Facebook Fight for Tiffany or Call 318-464-2146 for updates on race day weather.

In consideration of my being admitted to enter the Miles that Matter 5K, I, for myself, my heirs, and assigns, executors and administrators, do hereby forever release and discharge Sportspectrum, RRCA, Sportspectrum Race Management, NWLRA, Minden Medical center Rehab & Physical Therapy, their employees and agents, of and from any and all claims or demands for damages, injuries, or liability, in any manner arising out of participation in this event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the parties released above from any claims or demands for damages, for injuries or liability, in any way arising out of my participation in this event. I certify that I have prepared myself for this race and that I am in adequate physical condition to complete the event I have entered. I agree to follow all rules of this race and to permit myself to be removed from the competition if in the opinion of Race Management that continuing would endanger my health.

Miles that Matter 5K Official Entry Form and T-Shirt Order Form - August 15, 2015

Today's Date: ___/___/2015 Entry Fee: **\$25** Late Entry Fee after August 4: **\$30** Individual T-shirts: **\$25**

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Email Address _____ @ _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Check here if you just want a t-shirt and are not planning to run ☐

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Celebrating fifty years of Medicare and Medicaid

Last week, there was a big birthday you might have missed. Medicare and Medicaid turned 50 years old. And that's something worth celebrating.

If one of the best measures of a country is how it treats its more vulnerable citizens -- seniors, the poor, the sick -- then America has a lot to be proud of. Think about it. Before Social Security, too many seniors lived in poverty. Before Medicare, only half had some form of health insurance. Before Medicaid, parents often had no help covering the cost of care for a child with a disability.

But as Americans, we declared that our citizens deserve a basic measure of security and dignity. And today, the poverty rate for seniors is less than half of what it was fifty years ago. Every American over 65 has access to affordable health care. And today, we're finally finishing the job -- since I signed the Affordable Care Act into law, the uninsured rate for all Americans has fallen by about one-third.

These promises we made as a nation have saved millions of our own people from poverty and hardship, allowing us new freedom, new independence, and the chance to live longer, better lives. That's something to be proud of. It's heroic. These endeavors -- these American endeavors -- they didn't just make us a better country. They reaffirmed that we are a great country.

And a great country keeps the promises it makes. Today, we're often told that Medicare and Medicaid are in crisis. But that's usually a political excuse to cut their funding, privatize them, or phase them out entirely -- all of which would undermine their core guarantee. The truth is, these programs aren't in crisis. Nor have they kept us from cutting our deficits by two-thirds since I took office. What is true is that every month, another 250,000 Americans turn 65 years old, and become eligible for Medicare. And we all deserve a health care system that delivers efficient, high-quality care. So to keep these programs strong, we'll have to make smart changes over time, just like we always have.

Today, we're actually proving that's possible. The Affordable Care Act has already helped secure Medicare's funding for another 13 years. The Affordable Care Act has saved more than nine million folks on Medicare 15 billion dollars on their prescription medicine. It has expanded Medicaid to help cover 12.8 million more Americans, and to help more seniors live independently. And we're moving our health care system toward models that reward the quality of the care you receive, not the quantity of care you receive. That means healthier Americans and a healthier federal budget.

Today, these programs are so fundamental to our way of life that it's easy to forget how hard people fought against them at the time. When FDR created Social Security, critics called it socialism. When JFK and LBJ worked to create Medicare, the cynics said it would take away our freedom. But ultimately, we came to see these programs for what they truly are -- a promise that if we work hard, and play by the rules, we'll be rewarded with a basic measure of dignity, security, and the freedom to live our lives as we want.

It's a promise that previous generations made to us, and a promise that our generation has to keep.

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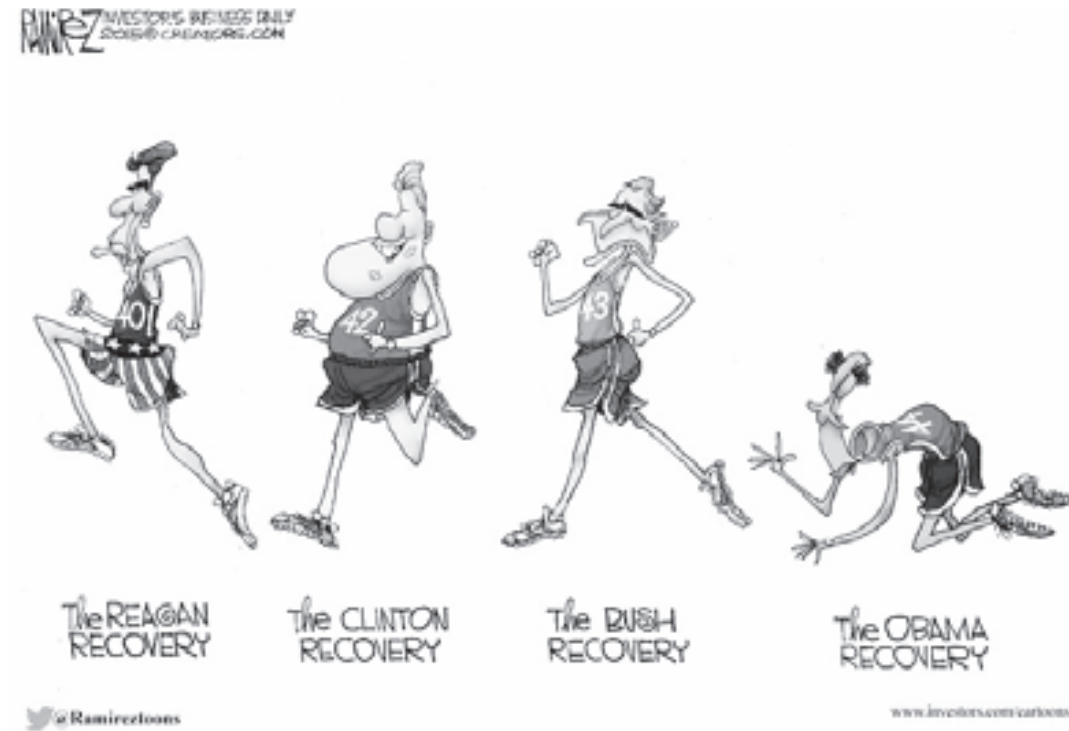
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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Each candidate for La. governor faces hurdles

In the predictions that always come with a heated election cycle, Louisiana's political prognosticators regularly suggest Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter appears poised to easily walk away with a victory in the fall governor's race.

But Vitter, just like his three main competitors, has challenges to overcome. How each of the four men handles those roadblocks will determine who moves into the governor's mansion in January, and one stumble can shatter an expected narrative.

Vitter, no doubt, has the edge in the race to fill the open seat being vacated by Gov. Bobby Jindal, who is term-limited. He's got millions more in campaign contributions on his side than any of his opponents combined, assuring he and his supporters can blanket the airwaves with ads touting him and attacking his competitors.

However, Vitter also has nearly universal name recognition in his home state and still tops out in the low- to mid-30s in polls. That suggests he's not the first choice of most voters and has some persuading to do, while saddled with the lingering impact of a 2007 prostitution scandal that damaged some people's perception of the senator.

The lone major Democrat in the race, state Rep. John Bel Edwards has to figure out

if he can find an effective way to persuade voters to choose a Democrat again in a state that has voted solidly red for statewide elected jobs in recent years.

So far, polls suggest an Edwards-Vitter runoff election in November. But from there, the task becomes more difficult for Edwards to pick up the support he needs to beat a Republican in this conservative Deep South state.

Meanwhile, Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle and Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne share similar plights, needing to boost their name recognition before the Oct. 24 election and peel off support from Edwards so they can leapfrog the Democrat into that November runoff against Vitter.

A Republican against Republican matchup appears more threatening to Vitter, if the other GOP contender could manage to appeal to Democrats and independents against the conservative senator.

The trouble for Edwards, Angelle and Dardenne is they have to work toward their goals with only a fraction of the massive campaign account that Vitter has amassed.

That fundraising prowess is what drives the frequently repeated suggestion that the race is Vitter's to lose.

According to the most recent reports filed with the state ethics board, Vitter is sitting on \$5 million in his campaign account, compared to nearly \$1.9 million for Dardenne, nearly \$1.1 million for Edwards and just over \$1 million for Angelle.

But that's not all for Vitter.

A separate political action committee created to boost Vitter's candidacy for governor, the Fund for Louisiana's Future, reported \$4.4 million in its account to independently advocate for the senator — and to trash his opponents as needed. Super PACs set up for Angelle and Dardenne have far less money to compete.

The candidate slate also helps Vitter.

With both Angelle and Dardenne in, they likely could bleed support off each other, making it more difficult for either one to reach a runoff. And with no other major Democrat in the race besides Edwards, the state representative from Amite is expected to coalesce much of the support from those voters who still push the button for Democratic candidates, making it harder for Angelle or Dardenne to get to a runoff.

Still, for a Louisiana election cycle, there's a lot of time left to upend the narrative and shake things up.

The sign-up period for candidates isn't until Sept. 8-10, leaving the long-shot possibility that some other prominent contender could jump into the governor's race. Plus, besides Angelle, none of the major candidates has really done much advertising yet, and those strategies can change an election's outcome.

As the non-Vitter candidates often point out, former Govs. Buddy Roemer, Mike Foster and Kathleen Blanco weren't at the front of the pack in the early days of their individual races, but they reached the mansion.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Get government out of marriage altogether

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states must recognize same-sex marriages, dissenting Chief Justice John Roberts wondered whether polygamy will be next. Some legal scholars have responded that yes, the arguments for gay marriage could apply to relationships among more than two partners, as well.

William Baude, a law professor at the University of Chicago, wrote, "By those lights, groups of adults who have profound polyamorous attachments and wish to build families and join the community have a strong claim to a right to marry."

There's a more basic question here: Why is government in the business of conferring a right to marry at all? What is it about this thing called marriage that justifies a grab bag of legal benefits? That would include tax advantages, inheritance rights, hospital visitations and the ability to make end-of-life decisions for one's spouse.

The recent Supreme Court case disposed of the idea that only a man and woman can provide a stable home for children. Many gay couples do a better job of raising children than some heterosexual pairings. And in any case, children have never been a requirement for marriage.

Baude inadvertently points to the illogic of tying any benefits to state-sanctioned marriage by using the word "polyamorous" in referring to polygamous relationships.

Merriam-Webster defines polyamory as "the state or practice of having more than one open romantic relationship at a time." It makes no sense that having a romance (or two or three) should entitle one to leave an estate to a partner tax-free or get in on another's company health plan.

We can be totally in tune with the notion that such benefits help families. And we can agree that children tend to be better off in households headed by devoted parents.

Marriage is a wonderful institution, but it does not follow that government should be defining it.

Let ministers, priests, rabbis, imams and ship captains tie the marital knot. And have government recognize civil unions only.

Civil unions need not be between romantic partners. The pairing could be close friends, cousins, office mates. And of course, it could be a church-sanctioned spouse.

Sorry, polygamists, only one civil union partner at a time. If your lawyers should design plausible legal group arrangements, we'll reconsider.

At the time of the high court's decision, Roberts opined that "people of faith can take no comfort in the treatment they receive from the majority today."

In an ideal world, the opposite would be true. Religious authorities would have greater control over the terms of holy matrimony. They would control the definition of marriage and decide whom they will or will not join. More than one clergyman has confided to me that he would just as soon not be conferring legal benefits when he marries people.

The Catholic Church does not countenance divorce, and an annulment is difficult to get. The church makes its rules. Other faiths make their rules according to their creeds. The state should have no business here.

If a couple want to register their silver pattern and have a guru marry them at dawn on Mount Tamalpais, that should be their choice. If they want to be partnered with the legal rights of a civil union, as well, they should be able to find a bureaucrat in downtown San Rafael to do the paperwork.

Everyone would win. People of faith could continue to enter into marriages with, if anything, more powerful rules. Those wanting a less intensely religious union could get one. And best of all, we would end the odd custom whereby government grants financial and emotional advantages on the basis of an implied romance.

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FROMA HARROP

Around Town

August 2, 2015

Old Shongaloo Rock Church will be holding its annual Revival at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Johnny Adkins as guest speaker. At 6 p.m. .Sunday, August 2, the church will have pot luck at the church prior to service. At 6 p.m. .Monday, August 3, salads, sandwiches, chips and dips will be served before service. Following service Tuesday, August 4, there will be an ice cream social. For more information call Elba Haynes at 846-2306 or Barbara Haynes at 846-2888.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will have its annual Deacon & Deaconess program at 9:30 a.m.

August 3 - 5, 2015

New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its revival 7 p.m. nightly with guest speaker Debra Hart Henry.

August 8, 2015

The Golden Gates, Bro. Roy Flurnoy, King John Taylor, and Jody & Company will be performing at True Life COGIC's evening of "Old-Fashioned Quartet Singing" at 7 p.m.

August 9, 2015

Saint James Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 149th church anniversary at 3 p.m.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its homecoming and revival services at 11 a.m.

August 10 - 12, 2015

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual revival nightly at 7 p.m. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Arthur Douglas.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its revival nightly at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Derrick Harris.

Miller Chapel Gospel Baptist Church will have its annual revival 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be the Rev. ASby Glosson. All are welcome.

NANCY'S KITCHEN

Beef noodle casserole

Forgive and bear with me, this week I am going to do some Grandma (MeMe) bragging. I have deep love and great pride for my grandson, Andrzej Matthew Stewart. From the time he was a little boy, he always had an interest in flying and outer space. His lifetime dreams and goal was/is to become an astronaut. His father and mother were lovingly supportive toward all his endeavors.

From first grade until his graduation, Andrzej maintained straight As in all his classes. In his high school years, he earned money tutoring young students in math. He played high school football and was on a bowling team. While in high school he taught himself to play the guitar. Then later he and his friends formed a band which were paid to perform in what they called "gigs."

Following his high school graduation, he worked a year at an ice cream shop before leaving for University of Texas in Austin, Texas. He graduated with Highest Honors. From there he was accepted at MIT in Boston where he completed his degree in aerospace engineering. There he met his wife, Christy, who also graduated with an aerospace engineering degree. They were married in Christy's hometown, Denver, Colorado August, 2008. They are presently living in Littleton, Colorado.

Andrzej took flying lessons and

earned his flying license. He belongs to an organization that at their own expense, volunteer to routinely take mentally handicap children for airplane flights. He also plays on a Denver hockey team as their (and I am not sure this is the correct term) "goaly." Both he and Christy have continued pursuing aerospace careers and both wish to be astronauts someday.

Most recently Andrzej was offered an opportunity to serve on a simulated aerospace program titled "HI-SEAS." Beginning in August, it will require him to be sequestered for a year in a Mars mock, two story dome habitat actually located in Hawaii. It will be like a true mission trip and there will be no human contacts except for the other five participants. They will be in contact with mission control and Andrzej will be allowed some communication with Christy.

This decision was an especially difficult for him and Christy because they are expecting their first child (Austin James) to arrive in September. Together they reached the conclusion that it is an opportunity and a step toward Andrzej's lifetime dream of possibly becoming an astronaut someday.

As part of the HI-SEAS mission, all six of them will have rotating responsibilities of preparing meals. Andrzej made a request for his Dad, (my son Dwight who is a good cook) and me to send him any recipes that he could prepare for the crew of six. The challenge is all ingredients have to be shelf-stable which means no fresh meat of produce. He did email me the current three page food list of

available ingredients. This week's KEEPER recipe is one of the many recipes I have been sending. Hopefully it can be adapted to the available food supplies.

BEEF NOODLE CASSEROLE

- Cooking oil
- 1 lb. ground beef (or textured protein)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (dried)
- ½ bell pepper, chopped (pepper flakes)
- Salt & pepper
- *2 (5.5 oz.) cans tomato juice
- *1 (5.5 oz.) can V-8 juice
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened (or sour cream powder?)
- ¾ cup milk (reconstitute powdered milk)
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 2 cups cooked egg noodles

In small amount of cooking oil, sauté the ground beef, onion, and bell pepper; season with salt and pepper to taste. Cook until meat is browned and the vegetables are tender; drain. Stir in remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased baking dish. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

*If not available, could substitute tomato powder plus water to desired consistency.

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UFC

Rousey defends title against Correia

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — It's not a good idea to give Ronda Rousey some extra motivation.

Hurt by comments about her family and moved by the death of a close friend and idol, Rousey got off to a quick start and knocked out home-crowd favorite Bethe Correia only 34 seconds into the first round at UFC 190 on Saturday night.

Rousey defended her bantamweight title by throwing a rapid sequence of punches at the Brazilian's head, landing a combination of right and left strikes that sent her opponent face-first into the ground and disappointed the local fans packing the HSBC Arena.

It was yet another impressive performance by Rousey, who improved to 12-0 in her incredible MMA career.

She has been crushing her opponents inside the octagon, but this victory seemed special.

Rousey came into the fight upset with Correia after the Brazilian made a comment apparently referencing to Rousey's father's suicide. Rousey said Correia crossed the line, so she would try to embarrass her in front of her fans.

"I hope that nobody really brings up my family anymore when it comes to fights," she said. "I hope this is the last time."

Before the fight, Correia had said she didn't know about what happened to Rousey's father and never intended to attack her personally.

NFL

Seahawks resign all-pro Wagner

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Bobby Wagner was patient to a point.

The All-Pro middle linebacker was willing to sit back and let the Seattle Seahawks finish up their contract negotiations with Russell Wilson. But once Wilson's payday was taken care of, Wagner wanted to know if his future was in Seattle or if he would go into the final year of his rookie contract with uncertainty.

"I'm thankful for it. If I would have waited any longer I probably wouldn't have been as patient," Wagner said. "But you know it's a crazy process and I'm glad it's over."

Two days after expressing displeasure at not having an extension in hand, Wagner was basking Sunday at being the highest paid middle linebacker in football after signing a four-year extension worth a reported \$43 million.

The deal was finalized and signed late Saturday night, yet another member of the Seahawks' core group who is being rewarded for leading the franchise to consecutive Super Bowl appearances. Wagner joins a list that includes Wilson, Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas, Kam Chancellor, K.J. Wright, Cliff Avril, Michael Bennett, Doug Baldwin and Jimmy Graham all under contract through at least the 2016 season.

DIXIE SOFTBALL World Series results



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The Minden Dixie Darlings and Dixie Angels got things underway at their respective World Series tournament on the campus of Louisiana-Monroe over the weekend, with both teams in search of Minden's first World Series crown.

Here's how each team fared against other top talent at the tournament.

Darlings
Alabama 4
Louisiana 1
The Minden Dixie

Darlings fell in their first game of the tournament.

The team had four hits on the day. Jacey Adams, Kylie Ryan, Addison Monk and Riley Robinson all finished with singles.

The Darlings next game will be Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Angels
Louisiana 3
Florida 0

The Angels started off their World Series with a shutout win over Florida.

Emma Earnhardt led the way offensively, hitting a double and a single for Minden. Kaylin Williams added a double while Lauren Still and Emma Pitman finished with base hits.

Emma Earnhardt and Gabby Salas each tossed two innings, and Emma Pitman pitched one scoreless frame to help give Minden the shutout.
Game 2



Courtesy Photo/Melanie Earnhardt

Louisiana 5
Mississippi 0

In their second game the Angels recorded another shutout as Emma Earnhardt, Gabby Salas and Emma

Pitman combined to no-hit Mississippi.

Lauren Still had a clutch triple to lead the offense, followed by Maci Tanner with a pair of singles and Sydney

Robinson and Landry Malone each had big base hits.

The Angels will be back on the diamond looking to stay undefeated today at 6 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU quarterback debate rages on into camp

BATON ROUGE (AP) - A few days before LSU opens preseason camp, two players from last year's team offered a window into the past — and present — of the starting quarterback slugfest between Jennings and Harris. The players spoke to The Advocate on the condition of anonymity.

For a second straight year, the quarterback competition is the focal point of preseason practice. It's a talking point for national sports pundits. It's the deciding factor between a good season and a great one — the difference, they say, in another middling bowl trip and a championship run.

The competition doesn't just make headlines. It's not just message-board fodder. It's such a hot topic that at least one player joked about it recently on social media.

Cornerback Ed Paris gave fans a virtual tour of LSU's football operations building earlier this week using the app Periscope. Just before walk-

ing into the quarterback meeting room, Paris told the handful of people following him, "I'm not going to tell you who's gonna be the quarterback."

The buzz regarding the quarterback battle is palpable. Around Baton Rouge. Around Louisiana. Around the South. Around the nation. Heck, even outside of the U.S.

An off-shore betting site, BookMaker Sportsbook, set odds on which LSU quarterback will start the opening game against McNeese State. Anthony Jennings is at -155 as the heavy favorite. Harris is at +120.

Even coach Les Miles, multiple times this offseason, has conceded that LSU has quarterback issues and that, if they're fixed, the Tigers can make a title run.

The coach said in January

that the "quarterback misery" is over, reiterated in spring that the QBs have progressed significantly and told reporters this summer that he expects much better play.

One thing is clear, ex-players say: LSU's quarterback competition isn't in the same state as it was last year at this time.

Harris "should be the guy," one player said. The sophomore

and former highly touted four-star prospect is "meshing" with receivers more than ever this summer while Jennings has been suspended.

"Receivers feel great because they've only solely worked with Brandon," the player said. "They have that bond."

Harris is emerging from a learning curve that kept him on the bench for the last half of last season. There are signs



HARRIS

of it everywhere, one player said — even down to the way offensive coordinator Cam Cameron speaks to the Bossier City native.

At times last year, Cameron seemed "irritated" at Harris and spoke to him "with a chip on his shoulder," the former player said. That's changed.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS Lelito in line for starting spot

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — When the New Orleans Saints traded guard Ben Grubbs to the Kansas City Chiefs in March, coach Sean Payton hinted they wouldn't have done it without a solid plan.

That comes in the form of 6-foot-4, 315-pound Tim Lelito, a backup who may emerge as the man who replaces the two-time Pro Bowler.

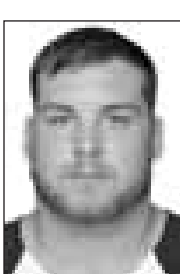
Plugging the hole at left guard is one of the top issues for the Saints, and their first padded practice Saturday at The Greenbrier gave coaches a better look at the entire line.

Lelito, who has appeared in every game since he signed as an undrafted free agent in 2013, has been considered the heir apparent since Grubbs' departure.

Lelito competed for the starting job at center last year in the Saints' first visit to West Virginia but was beaten out by Jonathan Goodwin. He made two starts there when Goodwin

was injured.

On Saturday, Lelito played with the starting five, joined by left tackle Terron Armstead, newly acquired center Max Unger, right guard Jahri Evans and right tackle Zach Strief. That group has a combined 283 regular-season NFL starts —



LELITO

only two of them by Lelito. The starting job certainly hasn't been handed to him. Senio Kelemete, who

appeared in 10 games last season, also will get some looks. Lelito understands that and took the first day of pads in stride.

"You're going to learn different guys' strengths and different guys' weaknesses," Lelito said. "I know what I need to work on now ... like not getting so wide on guys. But I felt like once they got

inside, I watched them down. It's not like they went straight upfield and went after (the quarterback)."

Lelito is sliding over to a familiar spot. He started 45 consecutive games at left guard for Grand Valley State, where he helped the Lakers to one of the most prolific offenses at the NCAA Division II level.

"I'm really comfortable at guard. There's just some stuff that I haven't worked on since college," Lelito said. "It's a little different playing in college than it is playing left guard in the NFL."

Lelito also praised Unger, who came to New Orleans via Seattle in the trade that sent tight end Jimmy Graham to the Seahawks. Unger, a former All-Pro who has played in two Super Bowls, will replace Goodwin, who left as a free agent.

"I think Max is great," Lelito said. "Max has got a lot of experience. He does certain things just a little bit different (than previous centers). But Max is awesome."

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CRIME TRACKER

Arrests for the week of July 23

Minden Police Department

Latwan Winston, 32, 1400 block of Lewisville Road in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and domestic abuse aggravated assault with child endangerment.

Jefferson L. Markray, 57, 200 block of N. Middle Landing in Minden. Charged with sexual battery.

Joseph Short, 17, 1100 block of Shreveport Road in Minden. Charged with simple burglary and simple theft.

Bobby Ray Tobin, 44, 1300 block of Sheppard Street in Minden. Charged with hit and run and no insurance.

William P. Reeves, 26, 200 block of Oil Tank Road in Sibley. Charged with careless operation, modified exhaust, following too

close, no insurance, expired inspection sticker, and public intoxication.

Robert Batton, 53, 100 block of Southfield Park in Minden. Charged with possession of marijuana (fourth offense), possession of paraphernalia, obstruction, and disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Latrunda Germany, 30, 100 block of NE Natchitoches in Sibley. Charged with principle aggravated assault with firearm.

Jeremy McClendon, 29, 100 block of Eisenhower Drive in Minden. Charged with aggravated assault with a firearm.

Terrance Edwards, 34, 500 block of Ash Street in Minden. Charged with three counts of driving under suspension, no license plate light, and no insurance. Fugitive from Webster Parish Sheriff's

Office.

Latavion Seamster, 22, 1100 block of Cherry Street in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule II CDS.

Richano Vanterio Fisher V, 40, 700 block of Shreveport Road in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace by intoxication and terrorizing.

Springhill Police Department

Larry Houck, 32, 100 block of Sharon Drive in Leesville. Charged with theft.

Michael Paschall, 41, 100 block of Machen Drive in Springhill. Charged with no seat belt and expired driver's license.

Gavin Ascencio, 21, 1600 block of Williamsburg Drive in Bossier. Charged with speeding and contempt of court.

Moderique Miller, 27, 100 block of Hunter Street

in Homer. Charged with domestic abuse battery and simple battery.

Sonya Johnson, 35, 40 block of Lafayette 5201 in Taylor, Arkansas. Charged with issuing of worthless checks (felony).

Ebone Crockett, 26, 60 block of Columbia Road 156 in Waldo, Arkansas. Charged with possession of a Schedule I CDS and resisting an officer.

Carmela Specks, 19, 200 block of Mullen Street in Cotton Valley. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS.

Martez Specks, 17, 400 block of 4th Street SE in Springhill. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS.

Michael Vaughn, 27, 600 block of East Spring Street in Taylor, Arkansas. Charged with possession with intent to distribute of methamphetamine.

Channing Palmer, 22, 700 block of 5th Street NE in Springhill. Charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and probation hold.

Ebone Crockett, 26, 60 block of Columbia 156 in Waldo, Arkansas. Charged with criminal trespassing and theft of goods by shoplifting.

Ryan Hoffman, 25, 300 block of Walnut in Springhill. Charged with criminal property damage, theft of goods by shoplifting, and possession of Schedule I CDS.

Webster Parish Sheriff's Office

Jobbie Peters, 52, 200 block of Virginia Avenue in Minden. Charged with aggravated second degree battery.

Kevin Jackson, 26, 500 block of Penal Farm in Minden. Charged with

domestic abuse battery and criminal damage to property.

Charles Shehee, 44, 4800 block of San Antone in Bossier. Charged with failure to register and notify.

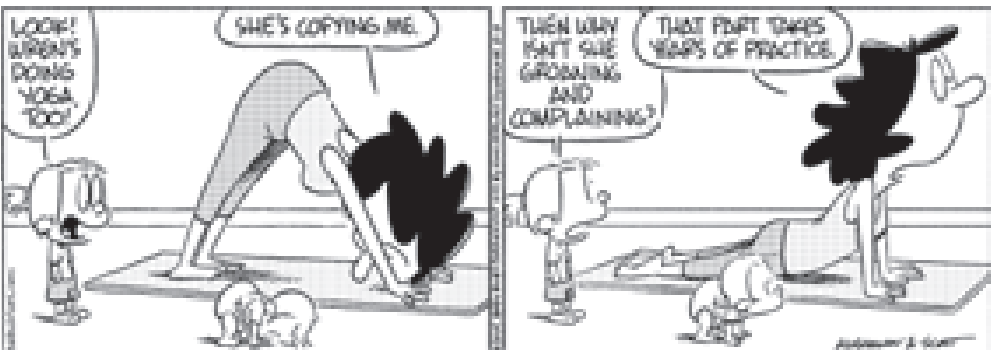
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Tina Smith, 38, 1000 block of College Street in Doyline. Fugitive from Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.

Justin Humphrey, 34, 200 block of Timothy Church Road in Springhill. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Lacey McLain, 22, 1700 block of Lee Street in Minden. Charged with simple burglary.

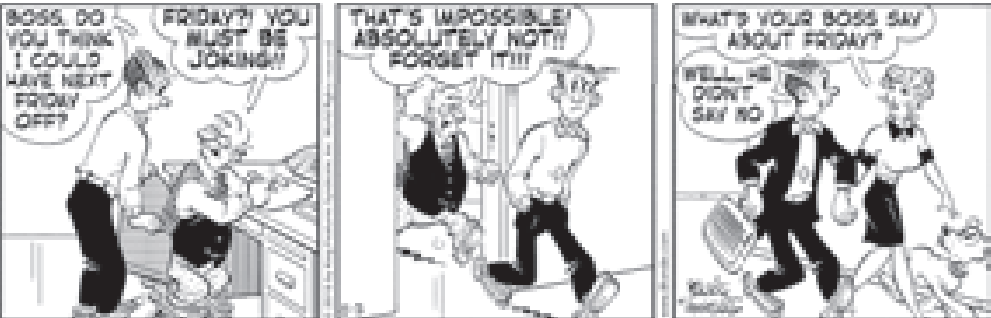
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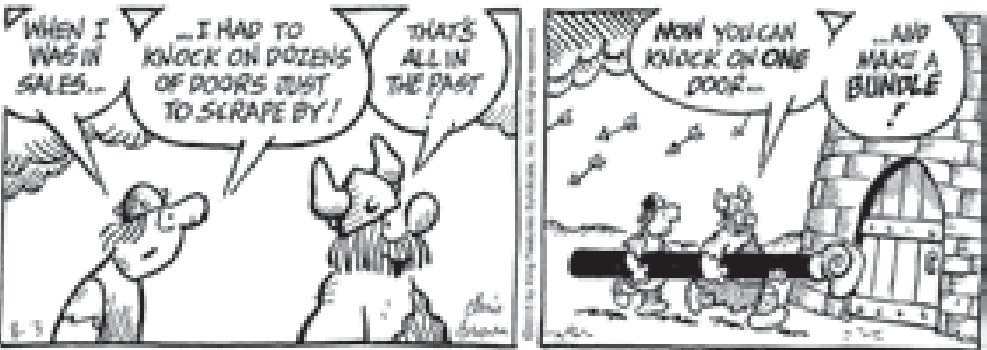
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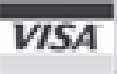
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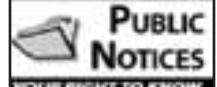
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Public Notice

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Fort Polk has a large population of trespass horses. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana has determined the horses are trespass livestock to which the Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Protection Act of 1971 is not applicable.

The population of trespass horses that remain on the training landscape imposes a safety conflict with training activities. This safety risk is unacceptable for troops, Army equipment, and the horses themselves.

The EA will evaluate potential im-

pacts associated with a wide range of alternatives regarding the disposition of the trespass horses. The analysis process will identify affected resources, evaluate effects of the proposed actions on those resources, determine alternative implementation methods, and, if necessary, recommend mitigation measures.

No decision on any actions regarding the horses or the disposition of the horses will be made until after completion of the EA and careful consideration of issues of concern and reasonable alternative actions identified by the public, appropriate government agencies, and subject matter experts. The Army encourages public input on this issue as well as the participation of animal welfare groups and other subject matter experts in developing an appropriate course of action in regard to this issue. To aid the Army in identifying and evaluating issues and concerns, comments should be as specific as possible.

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for a grant under the FY 2016/2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for the purpose of making public facility improvements. The Town of Cotton Valley is interested in procuring the services of an administrative consulting firm to prepare the application package and to administer and implement the project if it is successful in being funded. The procedures for the selection of this firm will be in accordance with the procurement requirements of the LCDBG Program. All responses received will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria and corresponding point system that is identified in the request for proposals package. That package also identifies the scope of services to be performed by the selected firm. The Town of Cotton Valley will award the contract to the respondent obtaining the highest score in the evaluation process. Interested parties are invited to secure a proposal package from Myra Kilburn, Town Clerk at P. O. Box 415, Cotton Valley, LA 71018, 318/832-4283. The response to this request must be mailed to the above named

address in such a manner that it is received no later than August 10, 2015. The Town of Cotton Valley is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage all small and minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises to apply.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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4 Like old bread
9 Tend the lawn
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13 Apiary homes
14 "— not choose to run"
15 Thanks-giving pie filling
17 Neither mate
18 Lincoln
19 Safe and sound
21 Panda's fodder
24 Towel marking
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26 Boxer
28 Chinese peninsula
31 Go under
33 Pitch
35 Unopened tulip

36 Spud
38 "Help!"
40 Hawaiian garland
41 Army vehicle
43 Not prone to bragging
45 Eye related
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54 Prior to
55 Cyber-mes-sages
56 With it, once
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58 Settle a debt
59 Scratch the surface

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2 Go schussing
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9 Tiny
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11 Had on
16 Taxi
20 Grouch

21 Sample of statuary
22 Diva's rendition
23 Bourbon recipe
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34 Bucharest's land
37 Hole-making tool
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Friday's Answers

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Welcome Back



DR. DAN RAWLS

On behalf of the Webster Parish School Board, our staff, and myself I want to welcome everyone to the Webster Parish School System for the 2015-2016 school year. The start of a new school year is exciting to us all. We have spent the summer eagerly preparing for your student's return, and we look forward to

sharing new learning experiences with each of you. Our first day for students will be Wednesday August 12, 2015. For parents of Pre-school and Kindergarten children you may contact their school for entrance dates. This information is located on the Webster Parish School system Web-Site. Summer is a time for

most of us to regroup and get rested for another busy school year. But, for some, their careers ended in retirement and we wish them all well. As might be expected we have had a busy summer replacing personnel and we think we have employed a great group of professional and support staff members. We welcome all new staff

members and are anxious to share our ideas and visions of creating an excellent school climate and culture. To our new parents and students, we are happy to have you join us. I think you will be more than pleased with the professionalism, love, care, and compassion we show our students. Our staff members

are highly qualified and certified to bring the best educational services available to your child. All together we can provide a learning environment for each child such that he or she may reach their full educational potential. Let's get started!!!
Educationally Yours, Dr. Dan Rawls, Superintendent

BACK TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Safety first when riding school bus

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Safety is always a priority when Webster Parish's children return to school. School buses will be hitting the roads August 12 to transport the parish's children to and from school, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls asks parents and motorists to be cautious and aware of their surroundings during the morning and afternoon hours. He calls them "unsung heroes."

"Our bus drivers are truly unsung heroes who day after day offer a valuable service by transporting thousands of children safely to and from school under some of the most trying conditions," he said. "Their dedication and diligence is appreciated beyond measure and we owe them our gratitude for a job well done."

The bus drivers' handbook offers rules and regulations that must be followed while driving the bus. They are responsible for not only driving safely but also making sure children are safe while on the bus.

"All students must be seated before the bus begins to move and must

remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop," according to the manual. "Under no circumstances should a passenger stand, change seats or sit in the stairwell area while the bus is moving."

The National Highway Safety Traffic Administration offers these tips for students who will ride the bus this year:

DRIVERS:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street with out looking for traffic.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to

alert motorists of pending actions:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

CHILDREN:

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the



street.

- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the

bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.

- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings, and book bags with straps, don't get caught in the

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Building a strong parent-teacher relationship

Once a school year begins, many students spend more time in the classroom with their teachers than they do at home with their parents. That's especially true in dual-income households where both parents work outside of the home.

Though many parents would love to spend more time with their children, doing so can be difficult when both parents must go to work every day. Because kids spend so much time with their teachers, it's important for parents to work toward building a strong parent-teacher relationship. Such a relationship fosters communication, which can help a young student do his or her best in and out of the classroom, something that's a goal for parents and teachers alike. Parents interested in developing a strong relationship with their kids' teachers can take several steps to make that happen.

■ **Meet your child's teacher** at the beginning of the year. Teachers have many students come in and out of their classroom on any given day, so it can be hard for teachers to initiate a relationship with parents. Parents have significantly fewer children to look after, so they should take the first step toward building a relationship with teachers. Introduce



Developing a strong relationship with a child's teacher can help parents ensure their kids are doing their best in the classroom. File Photo

yourself at the onset of the school year, providing phone numbers and e-mail addresses where you can be reached. Let the teacher know you're available for discussion any time during the school year and that you look forward to the coming school year and working with the teacher as the year progresses.

■ **Attend "Back to School Night."** School events like an open house or a "Back to School Night" are a great way to help kids grow acclimated to their

school. But such events also make great opportunities for parents to learn more about their kids' teachers than they might have learned during their introductory meeting. Such events may allow teachers to explain the curriculum for the upcoming year, and teachers may feel encouraged when parents show an active interest in such events.

■ **Prioritize parent-teacher conferences.** Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity for parents to speak to their

children's teacher one-on-one. Unlike an introductory meeting or an open house at the beginning of the school year, a parent-teacher conference allows parents and teachers to specifically discuss students in private. Teachers may provide insight into how a child is performing and behaving in the classroom, offering advice as to how to improve that performance or suggestions as to how to encourage kids to keep up the good work.

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Signs a tutor might be necessary

School is not always easy, and some students struggle as they transition from grade to grade. As students get older, some who may have experienced smooth sailing as youngsters may find they need some extra help grasping the material as coursework becomes more complicated.

Those who need some extra clarification and reinforcement may first turn to their parents. But parents may not be familiar with certain subjects or capable of explaining certain concepts in terms kids can understand. In such situations, tutors can prove to be valuable resources to get kids back on the right academic track.

One-on-one attention from a tutor can benefit all types of learners. Students who discover newfound success under the guidance of a tutor may have more self-confidence in the classroom. Parents wondering if a tutor can help their children may want to consider the following indicators that students may need tutors.

■ **Consistently falling grades:** Tutors may be necessary for students whose grades are gradually on the decline. First speak with your child's teachers, who may recommend tutors that specialize in certain subjects.


■ **Confusion in and out of the classroom:** Some kids struggle to grasp certain concepts, and such confusion can sometimes be remedied with the kind of intense study available in tutoring sessions.


■ **Low confidence:** Some kids' confidence wanes when their grades suffer. Kids whose grades have been on the decline may feel a sense of defeat even before they take a test or work on an assignment. Tutors can help restore confidence by creating small victories that slowly build up to larger successes.

■ **Indifference to coursework:** No student will be captivated by every subject he or she studies, but there should be some subjects that students find engaging. Students battling indifference toward their coursework may benefit from a dynamic tutor who can present subject matter in new ways and revive students' interest.

Students who are struggling in the classroom may need some extra help outside the classroom, and many tutors are adept at reviving interest in subjects kids are studying at school. Some teachers may recommend certain tutors, while others may do some tutoring work themselves.

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How to make a dorm room your own

Children spend roughly 17 to 18 years living under Mom and Dad's roof. When the time comes to go away to college, young men or women find themselves on their own for the first time in their lives. Once youngsters move into their dorm rooms, many attempt to add a few personal touches to their new home.

All too often a college dorm room is drab and uninspiring. Universities tend to make dorm rooms sparse so they are easy to maintain. Very often walls are made from concrete or brick, and the space may not be very large. In addition, dorm rooms are often shared with a roommate, and the idea of spending semester after semester here may not be so appealing.

Students tend to arrive on campus with fixed budgets and not a lot of spending money for new furnishings, so dorm rooms often become populated with garage-sale finds and hand-me-downs. This may only add to the room's poor aesthetics.

Making a dorm room your own does not require a lot of money or know-how. It starts with a vision, a few comforts from home and some collaboration with your roommate. The following are a few tips for young men and women looking to turn their dorm rooms from drab to fab.

■ Know the dorm rules before making any permanent changes. Rather than face fines at the end of the

school year, know what you can and can't do to your room before making any changes. For example, schools may frown on holes in walls or other structural changes, so invest in stick-on hooks for hanging photos on walls.

■ Consider using a dorm room planning Web site. Certain Web sites enable students to share a collaborative shopping cart with roommates so they can coordinate colors and avoid buying two of the same items.

* Remember, the bed is the pivotal piece of the room. Most dorm rooms fit little more than two beds and two desks. Therefore, the bulk of your design will come from outfitting your bed with a comforter that adds color and life to the room. If you haven't yet decided on a color scheme with your roommate, you may want to opt for neutral colors, or even basic black-and-white, which will blend with anything.

■ Invest in other creature comforts. A nice area rug and a few decorative lamps can remove the institutional feel of overhead fluorescent lights and cinder block walls. Task lighting enables you to get work done at your desk or to read on the bed.

■ Consider curtains to add a homey feel. While blinds certainly have their utility, fabric curtains can help absorb noise and also make a dorm room feel more like home. If your dorm room has an



College students can employ various strategies to make their dorm rooms feel more like home. File Photo

attached bathroom, hang a shower curtain and use thick towels to make the space seem more like home.

■ Carve out a spot for a mini refrigerator. Students should not survive on cafeteria food alone. Bring a mini refrigerator for those late-night cravings. This will save you from overpaying at vending machines or at the nearby convenience store.

■ Ask Mom what laundry detergent she uses.

Smells can trigger powerful memories and emotions. Washing linens and clothing with the same detergent used at home can make school feel more familiar.

■ Don't forget photos. Frame photos of friends and family members and place them around your area of the dorm room. This way you will have familiar faces smiling back at you when you need a little pick-me-up.



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How to improve test-taking skills

Students are periodically tested to gauge their progress on a variety of subjects. Although testing can be an effective way to determine a student's understanding of a given subject, not every student performs well on tests. Test-taking comes easily for some but not so for others. Nerves or trouble concentrating can foil the best students. However, there are ways for students to improve their test-taking skills.

PREPARATION

Most tests are given with prior notice, enabling students to prepare for them well in advance. Sometimes teachers and professors will surprise students with a quiz. These pop quizzes are used to judge how well students are absorbing the information and if they have been paying attention.

When in class, continually jot down notes and create an outline of important information. The teacher may provide hints about the upcoming test, including emphasizing specific areas of focus or even revealing the format of the test. Contrary to what some students believe, teachers want their students to succeed. Therefore, your teacher may offer a review session the day before or be open for questions prior to the test if further clarification

is needed.

Studying with others can shed new light on a subject. Studying difficult subject matter with peers may help students grasp the materials better than they did in class. Classmates may have some tricks they've developed, including mnemonic devices for putting facts together.

THE DAY BEFORE AND THE DAY OF THE TEST

Prior to a test, make sure you eat and get enough rest. While it may be tempting to pull an "all-nighter," you will not perform well on the test if you are tired from having studied all night. Review the material and put the main ideas or formulas onto a sheet that can be quickly reviewed. Review it many times and then put it away. Have a good meal, relax and try to get at least eight hours of sleep.

On the day of the test, wake up and arrive on time or even a few minutes early for your class. This can help to calm your nerves and enable you to squeeze in some last-second studying.

THE TEST ITSELF

Make sure you have the supplies needed for the test. This may include pens or pencils, a calculator, a textbook if you are allowed to reference, or any other supplies the teacher allows. Have a watch avail-

able so that you can pace yourself during the test. Avoid using a mobile phone during the test, as the teacher may misinterpret that as cheating.

Try to remain positive through the test. If you feel yourself getting nervous, take a few deep breaths and regroup.

In addition to these tips, there are other ways to approach the test.

- Do the easiest problems first. If you do not know a question, skip it and move on. There may be clues later on in the test that help you go back and answer skipped questions.

- Always read the entire question. Skimming could find you missing important instructions.

- Look for words that may help you determine the answer, such as "all," "never" or "none." They may present clues to the answer.

- Pay attention to your work and only your work. Do not be distracted if others finish before you.

- If there is time, go back and look over the test. Make sure that all the questions have been answered and check for any careless mistakes. Proofread any essays and short answer questions.

Preparing well for a test, remaining calm and checking over your work can help students who struggle with test-taking do their best.

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Such conferences may be your only opportunity for a one-on-one, in-person discussion about your child, so make sure you're on time and that you don't miss these conferences. Your child's teacher will appreciate it, and you can use this as an opportunity to ask any questions you have about your child.

- Keep the channels of communication open. If it's been awhile since you've spoken to your child's teacher, don't be afraid to e-mail the teacher to check in or see if you can lend a helping hand. In addition, if your child really enjoys a teacher's class, don't be hesitant to share that with the teacher. Teachers appreciate compliments just like other professionals, and parents should express their gratitude to those teachers who are working hard to make learning fun for their youngsters.

Establishing a strong relationship with a child's teacher can help parents ensure students are making the most of their time in the classroom.

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