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MINDEN CRIME

One arrested for theft

Ex-girlfriend refuses to return boyfriend's items, police say

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A man's ex-girlfriend is now behind bars after she reportedly took items from him and would not return them.

Tasha Nicole Williams, 34, of the 600 block of Caesar Road in Ring-

gold, was charged with theft of assets of the aged or disabled persons. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says in July, the victim filed a report with police, and the victim stated he was admitted into Minden Medical Center on July 2.

"His ex-girlfriend, Ms. Tasha Williams, was there," Cropper said. "The victim



WILLIAMS

asked Tasha to hold several items for him. Later, the victim tried to get his items back, but apparently Ms. Williams refused to give them back."

Since the victim lives in Bienville Parish, he contacted authorities there, and they were able to get most of his items returned with the exception of some cash and medications.

"The victim claimed \$900 in cash was in his wallet," he said, "and the victim also stated he'd had sev-

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ELECTION 2015

On this fall's ballot

Residents to vote on 4 constitutional amendments

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Along with elected offices on the ballot for the Oct. 24 election, voters will be asked to cast their vote on four constitutional amendments.

They are as follows:

Amendment 1 - Creates a new transportation projects fund and restructures the rainy day fund.

"Do you support an amendment to rename the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust; to authorize the mineral revenue base to be increased every five years; to create the Budget Stabilization Subfund as a subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used when the state has a deficit; to create the Transportation Stabilization Subfund as a subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with the state highway program, with twenty percent dedicated for use by the Louisiana Inter-

SAMPLE BALLOT

»View a sample ballot for the Oct. 24 election in Friday's edition.

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Minden residents enjoy food grilled at a 2014 National Night Out party. File Photo

9 National Night Out parties tonight

Nine neighborhoods around Minden have signed up to host a block party to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. Unless otherwise specified, partygoers will gather between 6 and 9 p.m. Tuesday for fun, fellowship and a visit from local elected officials and law enforcement.

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BUSINESS NEWS

CAR WASH CONSTRUCTION GOING ROCKET FAST



Construction remains underway at RocketFast Car Wash on Homer Road. Company officials say the project is nearing completion and expects the car wash to open mid-November. File Photo

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AROUND THE STATE

Costs of Jindal's state police security detail has doubled

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Associated Press



The cost of Gov. Bobby Jindal's security detail has doubled to more than \$3 million since the Republican governor entered office nearly eight years ago, but the Louisiana State Police says the hefty price increase isn't largely driven by Jindal's frequent travel. Courtesy Photo

BATON ROUGE — The cost of Gov. Bobby Jindal's security detail has doubled to more than \$3 million since the Republican governor entered office nearly eight years ago, but the Louisiana State Police says the hefty price increase isn't largely driven by Jindal's frequent travel.

Protective services for the governor cost just under \$1.5 million in the 2007-08 budget year when Jindal first took office. The price tag rose to \$3.1 million in the 2014-15 year that ended June 30, according to data provided to The Associated Press.

State lawmakers have complained about taxpayers footing the bill for Jindal's trooper bodyguards as the governor increased his out-of-state trips, seeking to raise his national profile and readying for a GOP presidential campaign he announced June 24. Col. Mike Edmonson, the superintendent of state police, acknowledged that Jindal's frequent travel boosted some costs for the state police bodyguards who have hotel, flight and car rental expenses they wouldn't have otherwise.

"The bottom line is when he goes, we go. That's what we're mandated to do," said Edmonson, a Jindal appointee. "He's still governor. It doesn't matter if he's in-state or out of state."

However, Edmonson said the growing price tag for the Jindal family security detail shouldn't be blamed on travel.

He noted state troopers received a sizable pay raise, averaging 20 percent, over the last

year that he said accounted for much of an \$830,000 growth in salary and benefit costs for the protective services detail over the last year alone.

"I'm seeing more of an increase because the troopers' rate of pay has gone up," he said.

Lawmakers raised the salaries again this year, though that second pay hike wasn't reflected in the security cost data because it didn't take effect until July 1.

Benefit expenses for troopers also have increased in recent years, and the costs of protecting Jindal's three children, as they've grown older and their after-school activities increased, also have swelled, said Maj. Doug

Cain, a state police spokesman.

The price tag of travel-related spending — on taxis, flights, hotels and car rentals — have fluctuated yearly, costing taxpayers a total of about \$643,000 over all eight years Jindal's been in office.

According to the state police data, those expenses reached a high of more than \$98,000 in the 2011-12 budget year, when Jindal was traveling for Republican candidates and being talked about as a possible vice-presidential contender.

Those costs are edging up again. Travel-specific spending for the governor's state police bodyguards neared \$98,000 in

the last budget year. Edmonson expects them to be larger this year, because of Jindal's White House bid.

The governor's been away from Louisiana two-thirds of the days since kicking off his campaign, mainly in the early voting state of Iowa, according to an AP tally based on campaign event announcements.

Jindal hasn't refunded the state for any trooper expenses related to campaign trips.

Lawmakers sought to ban the state police from paying for the governor's security detail to travel for campaign events in this year's budget. Jindal vetoed the attempt.

PARTIES

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District A

No parties listed

District B

1. Monica Daniels — 316 Gilbert Street — 6 until 9 p.m. — Community comes together as one! — Estimated attendance is 50.

2. United Way (Kagney Veitch) — 202 Miller Street — 5 until 7 p.m. — no theme — estimated attendance is 100.

3. Helen Terrell — 214 Martin Luther King Drive — 6 until 9 p.m. — no theme — estimated attendance is 100.

4. Minden Historic Residential District — Academy Park — 6 until 8 p.m. — "Remember the Past, Looking to the Future" — estimated attendance is 80.

District C

1. Camilla Law — 713 Creighton Street — 6 until 9 p.m. — "Harvesting for the Cause! Anti-Drugs" — estimated attendance is 75.

2. Marretta Gage — Babb Park — 6 until 9 p.m. — estimated attendance is 100

3. Catrina Scott & Marilyn Jones — 707 Horton Street — 6 until 9 p.m. — "A Black & White Thang — Stomping out Drugs & Racism" — estimated attendance is 30.

District D

No parties listed

District E

1. Annie Walker — 702 Claiborne Avenue — 6 p.m. — no theme — estimated attendance is 40 to 50.

2. Ronnie & Glenda Broughton — 110 Germantown Road — 6 until 9 p.m. — "Neighbors meeting neighbors uniting together for a safer neighborhood" — estimated attendance is 80.

ARREST

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eral medications missing including 80 Percocet, 27 nitrofurantoin, and 27 dotropan pills."

Cropper says the victim is a quadriplegic and unable to care for himself.

Charges were filed against Williams and a warrant for her arrest were obtained. The warrant was sent to Ringgold and Bienville authorities and Williams was picked up there.

She was brought to the Minden Police Department for booking and later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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MINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT TEACHES FIRE SAFETY

Kids from First Baptist Church Weekday Center got to tour a fire truck from the Minden Fire Department as part of Fire Prevention Week. Fire fighters Daniel Davidson and Tony Hall showed the 3 and 4 year olds how the truck works and what it does. They also taught the kids about fire safety. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

BALLOT

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modal Connector Program; and to provide for the interruption of deposits into the Budget Stabilization Subfund and the Transportation Trust Subfund the year that the state has a deficit and the following year with the resumption of deposit of mineral revenues in the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust thereafter?"



REYNOLDS

State rep. Gene Reynolds, district 10, says this amendment is a must in order to bolster the amount of money they need to begin addressing the state's traffic infrastructure system of roads and bridges.

"What that does is it is a setup to use only for transportation projects, roads and bridges," he said. "We said, with parameters, when the rainy day fund gets to a certain percent, it goes into transportation."

The Public Affairs Research Council indicates a vote in favor would "steer mineral revenue to a new transportation projects fund and restructure the Budget Stabilization Fund."

"The main purpose of this proposed amendment is to create a constitutionally protected fund for state transportation projects," reports the PAR guide. "The amendment does not raise taxes. It does not change the state's existing Transportation Trust Fund, which will continue to be the primary source of state infrastructure spending."

A vote against would leave the current revenue flow and Budget Stabilization Fund intact.

Amendment 2 - Allows the state treasurer the option of investing in the state infrastructure bank.

"Do you support an amendment to authorize the investment of funds for a state infrastructure bank to be used solely for transportation projects?"

Reynolds says this one allows for the treasurer of the state to transfer funds into that infrastructure bank.

"We would borrow money for construction projects from that infrastructure bank and pay it back with interest just like a regular bank," he said. "Twenty-three other states have already done this and it's worked very well."

According to the PAR guide, the amendment would provide another option for financing the infrastructure bank.

"It would allow the state treasurer to invest with the bank," PAR reports. "The state always has money that needs to be invested, such as cash in dedicated funds or tax revenue that is not immediately spent. Voters last year rejected a similar proposed amendment; however, the legislature at the time had not created an infrastructure bank."

One was created during the 2015 legislative session. A vote for would allow the treasurer to invest public funds in a state infrastructure bank. A vote against would require the newly created infrastructure bank to rely on other financing.

Reynolds says this one is also a must pass because it also would insure funds for roads and bridges. He says 47 percent of Louisiana's bridges are in disrepair and in dire need to be fixed.

Amendment 3 - Provides new guidelines for legislation in a fiscal session.

"Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates and taxes to be considered during

a fiscal legislative session?"

Reynolds says this amendment would give legislators a little leeway during the legislative session.

"It's an administrative thing for us to have more leeway during fiscal years so that we can address some of the budget structure, the budget," he said. "It would give us more flexibility down at the state."

"A vote for would broadly define what kind of tax and revenue bills can be filed in a legislative fiscal session," PAR reports. "Although appropriations and budgeting take place in these sessions every year, the Constitution calls for a general session in even-numbered years and a fiscal session in odd-numbered years. This amendment would allow lawmakers in a fiscal session to 'legislate with regard to the dedication of revenue' and to 'legislate with regard to taxes.'"

The impact of the proposed change would be to make clearer the intended broad grant of authority to the Legislature as to taxation by removing various specific terms and replacing them with sweeping language.

A vote against would leave in place the specific list of allowable tax legislation for fiscal sessions.

Amendment 4 - Allows

local governments to tax property within their jurisdictions that is owned by local or state governments outside of Louisiana.

"Do you support an amendment to specify that the ad valorem property tax exemption for public lands and other public property shall not apply to land or property owned by another state or a political subdivision of another state?"

A vote for, according to PAR, would "require states or local governments outside of Louisiana to pay taxes on properties they own in Louisiana. A vote against would leave the question to the courts, which recently ruled that state or local governments outside Louisiana are exempt from property tax."

Reynolds says if a governmental property owner in another state owns property in Louisiana, right now, that property owner is tax exempt.

"If No. 4 passes, if another state or local government has property in Louisiana, they would have to pay property taxes," he said.

A vote against would leave the question to the courts, which recently ruled that state or local governments outside Louisiana are exempt from property tax.

AROUND THE STATE

BP to reimburse Louisiana for legal fees, litigation cost

BATON ROUGE — BP will reimburse \$58.25 million to the Louisiana Attorney General's Office for its expenses, fees and litigation costs tied to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Advocate reports the money was included in BP's record settlement of more than \$20 billion that was formalized last week between the federal government and five Gulf Coast states involved in

the sprawling litigation.

Louisiana is set to receive about \$6.8 billion, the largest piece among the states. That includes \$5 billion to be spent repairing the spill's damage to natural resources, money that will largely go to coastal restoration and repairing wetlands and damaged wildlife habitats.

Another \$1 billion will be used to cover the state's economic losses from the spill.

OBITUARY

Doris Dean Beavers

Funeral services for Mrs. Doris Dean Beavers, 81, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ronald Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Staneline Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Springhill.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Beavers was born on Feb. 6, 1934 to Moodie and Garlen Ida Tyler Wallace in Springhill and passed away Monday, Oct. 12, 2015 in Taylor, Arkansas. She was a lifelong resident of this area, was a member of First Baptist Church in Springhill and was a homemaker. She enjoyed being with the Springhill Senior Citizens group, laughing and playing cards. She especially loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Willis of Texarkana, Arkansas; daughter-in-law, Jan Murph of Minden; six grandchildren, Dena Willis Feasel, Ronnie Willis, Donnie Willis, Schuyler Murph, Mindi Murph, Kelly Murph; great-grandchildren, Karley, Auzlyn, Noah and Klarabella; two sisters, Evelyn Wallace Ratliff and Joyce Hatch and brother, Horace Wallace all of Springhill.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Cecil Murph and Doss Beavers Jr.; son, Danny Cecil Murph; sister, Maxine Nealy; brother, Ray Wallace; and her parents.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons; honorary pallbearers will be deacons of First Baptist Church.

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PERSPECTIVE

The rush is on

Looking at the calendar today seemed startling. Can it be this late in the year already? So many things we wanted to do and haven't done them yet. So many things we must do soon.

The October calendar is being crossed off too quickly. Two family birthdays down and one more to go. An associational meeting coming up, surgery for a family member, and a trip to Dallas for a shower.

Every October for the past few years I've hosted a few friends for lunch. Always a good time of fellowship with some sweet ladies. As of yet, I haven't placed it on my calendar, so I must find a time to work it in. We do one in the spring and one in the fall.

I enjoy having these people in our home, so I must plan a menu and select a date. ASAP.

Then, just a few days ago someone posted on Face book there are only ___ Fridays till Christmas. Oh, don't do that to me. We haven't even done Halloween yet and then there is the equally busy month of November.

November sees three more family birthdays, Thanksgiving dinner for our Senior Adults at church (I always cook the chicken and dressing for this) and the

very next week, Thanksgiving dinner for the family. This family gathering is a highlight of the year.

Usually all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren can make it for Thanksgiving, where some must share Christmas with other families.

Actually, our Thanksgiving dinner is not much different from the one we have for Christmas. The children always seem to want chicken and dressing with the usual sides, salads and desserts. A big difference is the array of Christmas candies available in December, which seem to be their favorite part of the holiday food.

December will also find us celebrating more birthdays and a day trip with our Seniors from church.

So, it seems the "rush" has already begun.

But, first, we must take ourselves to the polls and elect a new governor and other state and local officials. This is always so involved when you don't personally know the candidates. If we listen to all the TV ads, we'll find that none of them are really qualified. So what does one do?

I was always told one should not talk about money, religion and politics or you would surely offend your listeners, or readers. as the case may be. So, that's enough of that.

Hubby and I took time out this afternoon for cups of hot spiced apple cider. So good, so fallish, (is there such a word) and so refreshing.

Bubbling on the stove is a big pot of turnip greens and a baked pork loin sits on the stove. They will make a delicious supper with enough to share with others who are also lovers of home cooking.

Considering all that lies immediately ahead, it's probably time for me to get up and get to work.

I love the fall and now its upon us, with such busy days ahead.

But let's take the time to enjoy the cool temperatures and beautifully colored foliage.

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"... a great teacher is a great artist and there are as few as there are any great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit."

-John Steinbeck



PERSPECTIVE

Escaping tyranny

North Korea is called the "worst place on earth" for good reason. Thousands of people are tortured. Some North Koreans eat rodents to try to survive, and many starve anyway. In winter, they freeze. No one but the dictator has any true freedom, and no one is allowed to leave.

One person who understands that is Yeonmi Park. Now she's 22. But for 16 years, she did amazing things "In Order to Live." That is the title of her new book.

"We didn't have enough food. I had to see dead bodies in the streets," she says. Still, she and other North Koreans worshipped the late "Dear Leader," Kim Jong Il, and his son, current leader and "Brilliant Comrade," Kim Jong Un. Yeonmi told my TV studio audience that she believed Kim "could read my mind."

When she was allowed to attend school, Yeonmi was taught to hate Americans. "We have to call all Americans 'bastards'. My math problem was 'you had four American bastards and you could choke two, how many American bastards are left to kill'? North Korea educates people that our suffering is because of these bad American bastards. Because of them, we are starving."

But tiny bits of freedom can undermine a regime's monopoly on thought. For Yeonmi, a black-market DVD

of a Western film made a difference.

"I watched the movie 'Titanic' and I was shocked. Like, how could this kind of ridiculous film exist? I'd never seen people dying for love, except dying for the regime and the party."

When Yeonmi was thirteen, she and her mother escaped into China, where they were kidnapped and sold into slavery: "Chinese government, if they catch us, will sell us back to North Korea, so we are very vulnerable in China. Chinese people, they know that."

Sex traffickers took advantage of that vulnerability. "That's what happened to both of us, my mother and me." At the time, she didn't know what sex was. "I didn't even know what kissing was."

For two years, she was an abused captive.

Then a Protestant mission helped her escape to South Korea by walking across the Gobi Desert.

South Korea "was another shock," because she realized that freedom meant more than just having food — it meant making her own decisions.

"I thought freedom meant wearing jeans or watching movies without worrying about getting arrested or executed," says Yeonmi, "but what freedom meant in South Korea was you've got to think for yourself. They were asking me, 'What do you think about this? What do you want to do with your life? What do you like to eat?' I was so upset, like, 'Tell me what to do, tell me what to wear!'"

South Koreans sneered at North Korean escapees. "Everybody told me I was a

loser, because I am from communism country. I don't have any knowledge of Western culture."

Books became the next step in her journey. "I devoured books," she says. "One day, I picked up a book called 'Animal Farm.' That changed my life. In that book, I saw myself. I saw my grandmother."

The George Orwell allegory about how noble-sounding revolutions can turn into tyranny resonated with Yeonmi. "I could understand what really had happened to me and what really had happened to North Korea."

Today she fears for family members who have been unable to escape: "My relatives, they're back in North Korea, and now Kim Jung Un, that fat guy doesn't like me, so he's using my relatives and denouncing me as a human rights propaganda puppet of the CIA. I'm hoping for the best — that they are safe and one day I can see them again."

Since today so many Americans call themselves "victims," I asked Yeonmi if she was a victim.

She said absolutely not. "I am not a victim. I am grateful I was born in North Korea and escaped ... I would go through the same journey to be free."

I pushed back, asking, "Starving and being sold into sex slavery, you would do it again?"

"Yes," she answered. "I would do that again to be free."

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No, They Can't! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed."



JOHN STOSSEL



RANDY ROGERS

PERSPECTIVE

Locks are for honest people

I'm really concerned about the recent rash of shootings we've had in our country. Some people are advocating strengthening our guns laws. That may sound good on paper, but I wonder if it will work in practice.

It's like the gun free zones. I'm in favor of having the person who came up with that idea be the one designated to go out and confront the individual with the AK - dressed in camo and body armor - and remind him that he is in violation of that ordinance.

One day my dad used this phrase: "Locks are for honest people." I asked him what that meant. He said, "Well, if an honest man finds your house locked, he leaves. If a dishonest man finds your house locked, he'll break the lock. And if he wants in your house bad enough, he'll bring a bulldozer."

I agree we should make it very difficult to get assault weapons and clips that hold a large amount of ammunition. I came up this questionnaire for people who want to purchase such weapons:

1. Do you plan to use your assault weapon to murder one or more persons? ___Yes ___No

2. If you marked yes above, would you be targeting a ___ School?

___House of Worship? ___Workplace? ___Friend or Relative? ___Other (please describe below)

3. How soon are you planning your mass shooting? ___Soon ___ Not sure

4. Are you working on, or have you recently completed, your manifesto? ___ Yes ___ No

5. After the fact, would your neighbors tell the news media that you were a loner, quiet, someone who likes to keep to himself? ___Yes ___ No

6. Would you mind if we kept your name in a database of potential mass murderers? ___Yes ___No

If you recall the murders at Sandy Hook Elementary in New Jersey some years ago, when faced with a locked security door, the perpetrator didn't bring a bulldozer, he shot out the side window to gain entry to the school. (See Daddy's earlier lesson).

Afterward, disgusted, I went on line and ordered some bumper stickers that read: "If you want to stop school shootings, arm a janitor." Since then, because there've been other shootings at other venues, I amended that to: "arm an usher... arm a deacon."

I've always been a believer in the Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared. On that day in New Jersey, we weren't prepared to defend those little kids sitting in their classroom. We depended on locks and unarmed honest people.

So what do we do now to keep this from happening again? For one, I'd put some returning Iraq or Afghanistan war vets on the payroll. Taking a page from the air marshals, they would not wear a uniform. Only a handful of officials would know they were armed - leaving the intruder unsure from where and from whom their opposition might come.

Once the perp is killed or captured, I'd like the local sheriff or police chief to speak to the media in Old Wild West fashion: "To all those planning something like this today; from now on, this is how you can expect to end your days. Someone will always be here - armed and ready - waiting for you. You won't know who they are. And they'll be trained to stop you on the steps long before you get an opportunity to hurt innocent people. Now, because we're prepared, the odds are in OUR favor."

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Around Town

Oct. 17

University Health, David Raines Clinic and the Central Community Association will sponsor a "Free Health Fair" from 9 until 1 p.m. at the Central Community Center. Free screenings include screenings for cholesterol and glucose, dental and vision and blood pressure. There will also be presentations by a registered dietitian and information about emergency preparedness. Flu shots will be available (free with insurance card, small fee without). Door prizes will be given away. For more information contact Sharon Wallace at 318-840-1165 or Jeanette Williams at 318-227-1062 or 318-840-3488.

Cancer Survivor Pageant at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 119 Pine Street, Minden. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

A Sarepta High School Reunion will take place at 11 a.m. at the Sarepta Community Center. For more information call 318-847-4109 or 318-847-4559.

Oct. 18

A Love Day Celebration honoring First Lady Annie Shelton will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Guest Evangelist will be Evangelist Mary Davis.

Oct. 19

The Webster Parish School Board personnel committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the board room at Central Office, located at 1442 Sheppard Street, to discuss the contract of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls and any other personnel matters.

WPSB hosts Parent University



A message repeated by english language arts instructors teaching during the Parent University event Thursday was to never stop reading. Response to Intervention coach Ruby Lee, above left, suggests spending at least 30 to 45 minutes a day reading with your children and to let them read to you for at least 15 minutes. The importance of students to be able to not only read, but to comprehend material was also discussed. Above right Doyline High School English Teacher Alexis Nelson talks on the importance of parental involvement in a child's education, a message that echoed by various other instructors. Below LaMonica Ensley practices her "A" sound with Jones Elementary third grade teacher Jennifer Santelices. Jordan Wilson/Press-Herald



The Webster Parish School Board hosted a Parent University Friday at Minden High School.

Teachers from across the south end of the parish met with parents to share information and answer questions about how to help their children be successful in school and with standardized tests.

The classes were divided into grades and subjects, so that parents with children in different grades would have a chance to take in information from the different instructors.

"Many parents commented that the information they received would be very helpful in working with their children," staff development facilitator Marty Kilgore said. "The first Parent University for Webster Parish Schools was a success and we look forward to offering this opportunity to parents again next year."

St. Jude Trike-a-thon



First Baptist Church preschoolers enjoying the 21st St. Jude Trike-a-thon on Oct. 10. The fundraiser collects money by the number of laps the children make or by parents donations. Courtesy Photos

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FOOTBALL

This week's football contest winners

The results are in for this week's MPH football contest and this week's first place winner is Kyle Roderick with 20 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 52. In second place is Vincen Bradford with 20 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 58. Rounding out the winners in third place was Daniel Williams with 20 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 63. Be sure to turn in your picks for this week's contest.

NCAAF

Florida QB Grier suspended for PED's
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Jim McElwain has insisted for months that he has two quarterbacks capable of producing in the Southeastern Conference.

The eighth-ranked Gators will find out soon if McElwain was being completely truthful.

Starter Will Grier was suspended one year Monday for violating the NCAA's policy on performance-enhancing drugs. Grier, who gained 20 pounds in his first 18 months on campus, failed a drug test in the last two weeks.

Grier said he took an over-the-counter supplement, but did not specify which one. Grier delivered a heartfelt apology to teammates before doing the same publicly.

"I did not check with the medical staff before taking it," Grier said. "I really hope that people can learn from this, learn from my mistake. I'm really, really sorry to everyone. Just really sorry."

The school said it will appeal. The Gators (6-0, 4-0 SEC) are not facing a forfeiture of wins, and Grier won't lose any eligibility. He will return as a third-year sophomore next October.

NFL

Steelers come back to beat Chargers

SAN DIEGO — Mike Tomlin and Le'Veon Bell knew exactly what had to happen.

With five seconds left, the Pittsburgh Steelers down by three points and the ball inside the 1, Bell had to get into the end zone.

It was a wildcat way to win, which the Steelers did 24-20, stunning the San Diego Chargers and sending tens of thousands of Terrible Towel-waving Pittsburgh fans into delirium at Qualcomm Stadium.

Bell took the direct snap, ran left and was slowed in traffic before diving for the end zone and getting the ball across the line as Donald Butler dragged him down.

"It was time to go to the mattresses, if you will," said Tomlin, the Steelers' coach. "We had to do what was required to win. Le'Veon gave us an opportunity to win, and we were trying to do everything we could to move the football."

MINDEN REC. FOOTBALL

Little League roundup

RESULTS FROM WEEK THREE OF MINDEN REC. FOOTBALL

Little league football season is in full swing. Here's a recap of last week's gridiron action.

2nd-4th Grade Cooper Tire 19 Little Tiders 0

Keithric Kimble led the Cobras to a win with 163 yards and three touchdowns, followed by N'Kayleb Reddix with 36 yards and Landyn Huddleston with 21 yards. Victor Gipson Jr. added 17 yards and an extra point.

Brayden Britton led the Little Tiders with 30 yards rushing, followed by Christopher Harris with three yards and Brody Bower pitched in with one yard.

5th-6th Grade Saints 19 Punishers 0

Maurice Rabb had 159 yards and two touchdowns with a two-point conversion for the Saints. Jakobe Jackson had 49 yards and one score, followed by

Jekoye Knowles with 24 yards.

Jacksom Moore led the Punishers with 12 yards, followed by Tiler Tellis with two yards.

Mohawks 6 Punishers 0

Cade Boley led the way for the Mohawks with 79 yards rushing and one touchdown. Kameron Talley contributed 38 yards for the Mohawks, followed by Ethan Vise with six yards and Andrew Cooper with one yard.

D'angelo Garner was the main man for the Punishers with 51 yards rushing, followed by Jaylin Williams with 26 yards and Jonathan Perrin with 12 yards.

Titans 63 Ducks 43

Eddie Markray had a phenomenal game for the Titans in the win, totaling 305 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. Markray added three extra



Amanda Rowell/Courtesy Photo

point runs.

Kataurio Grigsby added a whopping 194 yards in support with four touchdowns of his own. Zackeil Arrington and D'Quontez

Ridley each added 30 yards, with Arrington adding a touchdown.

Darryl Thomas had an outstanding effort for the Ducks, as he finished with

326 yards and an incredible six touchdowns in the game.

Khyrese Taylor added 87 yards and a touchdown for the Ducks to round out the offense.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Spurrier calls it quits, ending incredible career

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier has told his players that he is retiring, effective immediately.

The 70-year-old coach informed players of his decision Monday night, said a person close to the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because South Carolina hasn't publicly announced Spurrier's decision.

South Carolina hasn't named an interim coach, but likely would announce someone to finish out the season by Wednesday, the person said.

The Gamecocks are 2-4 overall and 0-4 in the Southeastern Conference for the first time in Spurrier's 23 seasons coaching in the league at Florida and South Carolina.

Spurrier, in the middle of his 11th season at South Carolina, did not return messages from the AP seeking comment.

The coach's weekly press conference is still scheduled to be held at noon Tuesday.

South Carolina freshman offensive lineman Christian Pellage said on Twitter, "What a crazy day... I am blessed to say I was coached by a legend. Best of luck to you Coach Spurrier. Stay cocky!"

Spurrier considered leaving last December after the Gamecocks went 6-6 in the regular season. But the team beat Miami in the Independence Bowl, a victory that seemed to re-energize him. He said this summer he planned to coach two or three more years, then extended that to four or five

years when several recruits who had committed to South Carolina backed away before signing day in February.

Then in July, Spurrier held a defiant news conference, telling Gamecocks fans not to listen to "enemies" questioning his commitment level, or implying he could no longer effectively coach at his age.

"We haven't lost it," Spurrier said in the summer. "We've got a dang, good team."

But things have quickly spiraled downward this season.

The Gamecocks lost to Kentucky at home in the season's second week, then were blown out by SEC Eastern Division rival Georgia, 52-20, a week later.

Losses at Missouri and No. 6 LSU last week guaranteed Spurrier no better than a break-even season. Spurrier had never had a losing season in 25 previous seasons coaching in college

at Duke (1987-89), Florida (1990-2001) and South Carolina.

South Carolina's inconsistency on offense this season has surely frustrated Spurrier, a Heisman Trophy winning quarterback at Florida who played for San Francisco and Tampa Bay in the NFL. After beginning his coaching career in the USFL, and leading Duke, he returned to the Swamp and took the Gators to a national championship with a high-flying, Fun-n-Gun attack.

The Gamecocks are 11th in total offense in the SEC, averaging 341 yards a game.

The high-water mark of Spurrier's 11 seasons at South Carolina was from 2011-13. The Gamecocks went 11-2 each season, led by quarterback Connor Shaw and top NFL draft picks like defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, receiver Alshon Jeffery and running back Marcus Lattimore.

The Gamecocks have used three starting quarter-

backs through the first half of this season, including former walk-on Perry Orth and true freshman in Lorenzo Nunez.

South Carolina plays at home against Vanderbilt (2-3, 0-2) on Saturday.

Spurrier is the winningest coach ever at South Carolina and Florida. During his tenure at Florida he led the Gators to six SEC titles and a national championship before leaving his alma mater to see what he could do in the NFL.

After two losing seasons with the Washington Redskins he returned to the SEC with South Carolina in 2005 and turned the perennially mediocre Gamecocks into championship contenders.

Spurrier, who was 35-21 with the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits from 1983-85, started his college head coaching career at Duke. He has a 228-89-2 career record with the Blue Devils, Gators and Gamecocks.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Reporting deer harvest critically important

I still recall the days a few decades ago when finding a deer track around Goldonna was virtually unheard of. There were so few deer that not only was there no season to hunt them, the rare sighting of a deer track was community news. Folks turned out to go have a look at such a rare find.

What a difference a few decades make. With the implementation 40 years or so ago of trapping and transfer of deer to areas with good habitat but no deer, the population of deer has taken off, perhaps exceeding expectations. Today I seldom make the five mile drive from my home to town late afternoon without seeing a deer.

On the area where I hunt on our Jackson Parish club, I placed a trail camera out near one of my stands a week ago with the camera aimed at a pile of corn and rice bran I placed there. Last Saturday, one week later, I checked my camera and found 179 images of deer, deer and more deer that came out to nibble on the feed.

Therefore, it was rather disturbing to me when I read recently that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was considering reducing the length of deer season along with reducing the season bag limit. The reason for this possible action was disturbing; indication was that the deer population may be declining. However, the real reason is not enough successful deer hunters were taking the time to report their deer harvest to the department, indicating that with a smaller harvest report, the assumption is that perhaps the deer herd has diminished.

I contacted Scott Durham, Deer Study Leader for the LDWF for clarification of this disturbing situation.

"I want to look at the deer har-

vest reported to us from around the state and I'm concerned that our numbers reported are not reflecting the true picture of our harvest," Durham said.

"This is why the reporting system was started to help us collect data and we depend heavily on deer hunters to report accurately on the deer they kill. If we have real declines in any area of the state, we would consider any measure to make sure we protect our resource and have plenty of deer for everybody to hunt. I every parish, we know the harvest count by year, bucks and does. It is absolutely critical that we have accurate numbers. If hunters are not reporting their deer taken, it gives us a false picture and makes it problematic for us to create harvest recommendations that are accurate," Durham added.

"There are no plans, at least in the near future, to reduce season length or bag limits, especially in your part of the country, in Areas 1 and 2. We're not too concerned about those areas but we do have

reason for concern in areas of south Louisiana, especially Areas 4 and 9."

Louisiana has a reporting system in place that is easy to utilize, especially as compared to other states, according to Durham.

"Hunters who take a deer can go on-line or make a call to report their harvest. We have people standing by to receive these reports. You have seven days to report your harvest while in some states, you have to report within 24 hours. It's very simple; you bag a deer, just tag it and then report it as soon as possible but you have a week to turn your information in," said Durham.

Here in north Louisiana, we have deer running out our ears but if hunters are not reporting what they take, we face the possibility sometime in the future of seeing season length and season limits reduced. It all depends on hunters doing that simple little task of tagging and then reporting their deer.

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Randy Quaid, wife held in Vermont on fugitive charges

ST. ALBANS, Vt. — Actor Randy Quaid and his wife were ordered held on \$500,000 bail each in Vermont on Monday on charges that they skipped out of the country five years ago after being charged with vandalism in California.

The Quaid family was detained at the Canadian border Friday night while trying to re-enter the United States after Canadian officials granted Evi Quaid citizenship but denied Randy Quaid permanent residence and said he would be deported.

They're wanted in Santa Barbara, California, to face felony charges filed in 2010 after they were found squatting in a guesthouse of a home they previously owned.

Court papers said the Quaid family damaged or destroyed furniture, a fireplace and a mirror in the guesthouse. They're charged with occupying the property illegally and failure to appear for court dates. Evi Quaid also is charged with impeding Santa Barbara sheriff's deputies.

The Quaid family had separate court appearances Monday — she in Burlington, near the state women's prison where she is being held, and he 28 miles north in St. Albans, near the men's prison where he is locked up.

In St. Albans, the "Independence Day" actor argued unsuccessfully for lower bail, saying his legal woes were the fault of a bail bondsman who failed to notify him of a scheduled court appearance.

"We heard about it through the Internet that we had missed this court appearance that we didn't



know anything about," Quaid told Judge Alison Arms of the criminal division of the Franklin Superior Court.

The judge repeatedly said that \$500,000 was unusually high bail for property crimes, but added she was not persuaded to lower it. She interrupted Quaid's statement and asked his lawyer, Peter Langrock, "Do you have any support for this?"

Langrock said he had a document from a California

state agency that regulates bail bondsmen, but the judge was not satisfied.

"The court has nothing that validates anything that he (Quaid) is saying," Arms said. "What the court has right now is a \$500,000 warrant from a judge in California."

Franklin County State's Attorney Jim Hughes asked for a three-day continuance of the case, saying that because California's courts

were closed for the Columbus Day holiday, he had been unable to obtain some needed paperwork. He asked that in the meantime, the Vermont court defer to the bail set in California.

Langrock said it's likely the charges in California will be dropped, and that he believes the case has been blown out of proportion.

"If we're talking about \$500,000 bail for breaking a mirror, that's an unusual sit-

uation. And I don't believe it would be happening if it weren't for the fact that he is a, quote, celebrity," he said.

The Quaid family also were charged in 2009 with defrauding an innkeeper of more than \$10,000 after an invalid credit card was used at San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, California.

Felony charges were later dropped against Randy Quaid. His wife pleaded no contest and was sentenced to

three years' probation.

Randy Quaid won a Golden Globe Award and was nominated for an Emmy for his portrayal of President Lyndon Johnson in "LBJ: The Early Years," but he's perhaps best known for his roles in the "National Lampoon's Vacation" movies, "Independence Day" and "Kingpin."

He is the older brother of fellow actor Dennis Quaid.

Jail records: Scarface arrested after receiving BET award

ATLANTA — Jail records show rapper Scarface has been arrested for not making child support payments after being honored at the BET

Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta.

Fulton County jail's website says Scarface was arrested Friday. He had first given his acceptance speech for

receiving the "I Am Hip Hop" award at the Boisfeuillet (BOH'-fihl-ay) Jones Atlanta Civic Center.

Scarface, whose real name

is Brad Jordan, was honored for his music achievements.

Bond has been set at \$482,190 for the 44-year-old rapper.

An email to his representative hasn't been returned.

The Houston-based Scarface gained fame in the late 1980s with the group Geto

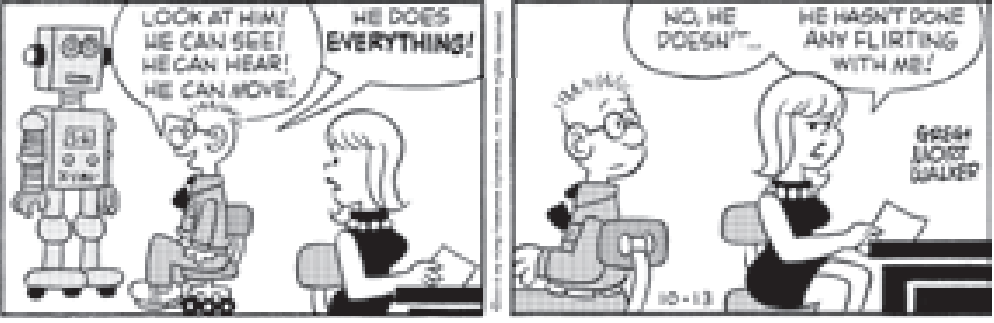
Boys through the song "Mind Playing Tricks on Me." He is

known for songs such as "Smile," "My Block" and "I Seen a Man Die."

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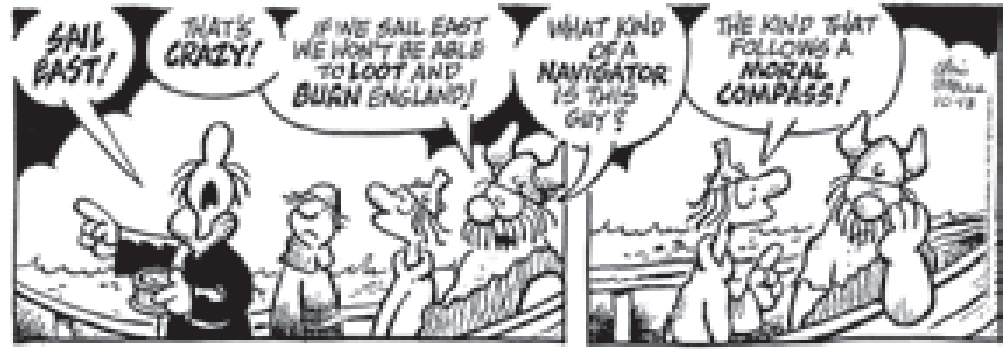
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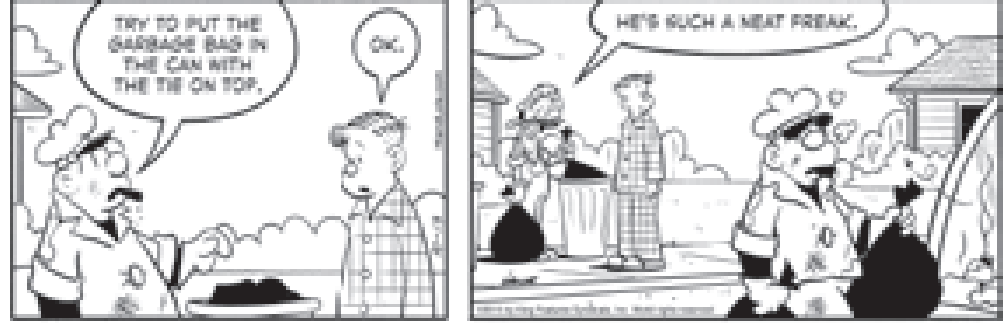
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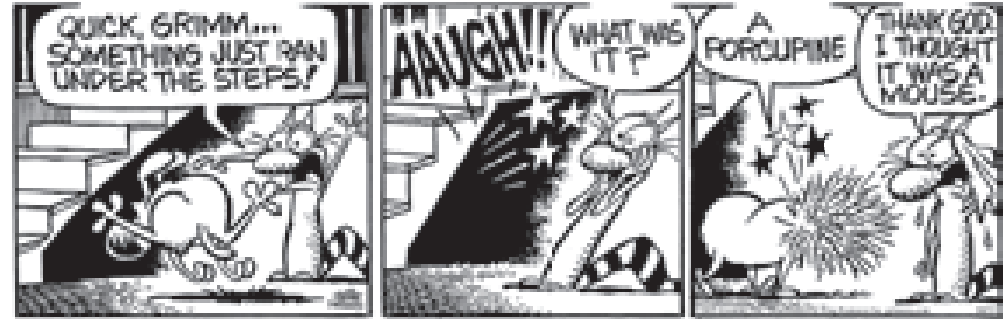
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on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**, upon the application of **ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC.** At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, SU119 and SU120, in the Elm Grove Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) cross unit lateral unit well and one (1) cross unit lateral alternate unit well for HA RA SU119 and HA RA SU120, at the locations shown on the plat submitted with the application, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008; provided that these proposed cross unit lateral wells will be perforated no closer than 330 to a unit boundary other than the common boundary of the units to be served by the cross unit lateral wells. The westernmost lateral will serve as the unit well for these units, and the applicant requests a spacing tolerance radius of 50 from the location shown on the plat submitted with the application, to account for any slight variation in the actual as drilled location. The proposed cross unit lateral wells will otherwise serve as alternate unit wells for the units on which they are drilled and completed.

2. To designate Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC unit operator of HA RA SU119 and SU120.
3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable for each unit from the unit and/or alternate unit wells, at its discretion.
4. To find that the proposed cross unit lateral wells are necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by each unit that cannot be so drained by any existing well within such units.
5. To find that unit production from each cross unit lateral well shall be allocated to each unit in the same proportion as the perforated length of the lateral in each unit bears to the total length of the perforated lateral as determined by an as drilled survey performed after the cross unit lateral well is drilled and completed; provided that unit production shall continue to be shared on a surface acre basis.
6. To provide that production from each cross unit lateral well shall be separated and metered individually and this information shall be reported in the manner prescribed by the Office of Conservation.
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Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) should be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.
8. Except insofar as set forth above, to confirm and continue in effect the provisions of Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders, the units created thereby and applicable Statewide Orders.
9. To consider such other matters as

may be pertinent. The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008. A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>
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1 Help in wrongdoing
5 Resort
8 Put together
12 Exceptional
13 Greek cross
14 Acknowledge
15 Dogged determination
16 Make clutter-free
18 Grove
20 Mississippi, e.g.
21 Antlered animal
22 Have a bug
23 Yonder
26 Disney World site
30 Symbol of intrigue
31 Shade tree
32 "Alley"
33 Circled the Earth

36 Criticizes cleverly
38 Solidify
39 Cod piece?
40 Nary a soul
43 Husband of Eurydice
47 Plain terminus
50 Glaswegian, for one
51 Work with
52 Queue
53 Maneuverable, at sea
54 In favor of

55 Airport schedule data (Abbr.)
DOWN
1 Jason's ship
2 Rose-anne of comedy
3 Leif's father
4 Leash
5 Baby bird?
6 Crony, out West
7 Summer-time abbr.
8 Envelope material
9 Tel —
10 Take a nap

11 Basin accessory
17 Seed covering
19 Pub order
22 Branch
23 Pair
24 That girl
25 Recede
26 Anti-quoted
27 "Smoking or —?"
28 Pooch
29 Chances, for short
31 Slithery swimmer
34 Set afire
35 Adolescent
36 Energy
37 Admit oxygen
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40 Inquisitive
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