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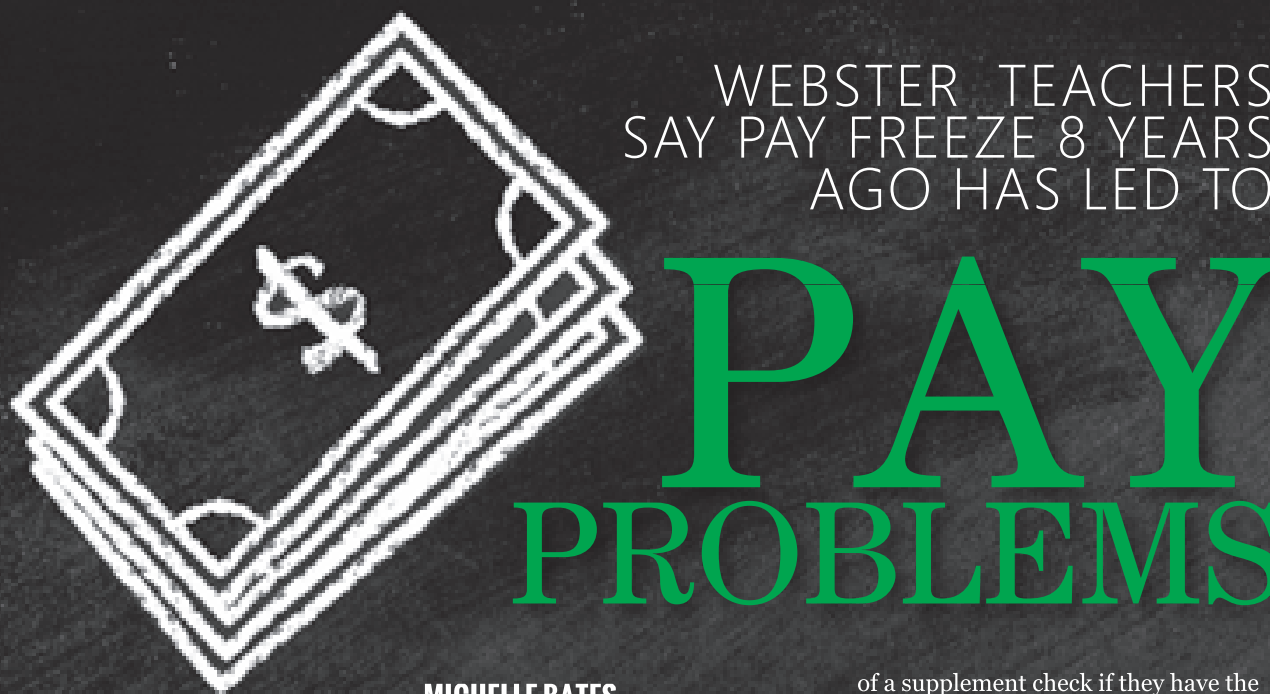
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WEBSTER TEACHERS
SAY PAY FREEZE 8 YEARS
AGO HAS LED TO

PAY PROBLEMS

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A closer look at the Webster Parish School Board's salary schedule shows that it might not be what it appears to be.

Jim Croad, an art teacher at Minden High School, says when the pay freeze took place eight years ago, no one questioned it, but the freeze has not been lifted since then.

"In our minds, there's a vast difference between a raise and the salary schedule," he said. "The salary schedule we're happy with, but we haven't been paid along that salary schedule in eight years now. So we're wanting to recoup or get back some of our lost wages, or at the very least, or including our lost time, which goes towards our retirement. We're not asking for a raise, we're asking for the money that's been kept from us."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls says the pay freeze has been lifted as of July 1, and there is no language in this year's budget that indicates a salary freeze.

"That means this year, the board can give them money if they have it," he said. "We budgeted \$150,000 for stepped increase. It will be in the form of a supplement check if they have the money."

Croad says the teachers he represents understand the school board may not be able to return to the salary schedule it once had due to changes in the law and budget cuts over the years. What they want, he says, is a salary schedule everyone can live with.

THE SALARY SCHEDULE

The salary schedule as it stands right now does not leave room for a teacher to move up or receive a step increase in their salary unless they are rated highly effective three years in a row. This means in their evaluations, their scores must total four three years in a row.

The way the salary structure is set up now, money they say is supposed to be included in their salary is not, but as separate checks.

Red River United president Jackie Lansdale says she's never seen a salary schedule set up like Webster's and calls it a manipulation of numbers to make their budget look good.

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WEBSTER EDUCATOR

AROUND THE STATE

Bond commission approves \$544M for projects

BATON ROUGE - The State Bond Commission approved \$544 million for projects statewide and approved more than \$3.7 million in savings at its October 15 meeting State Treasurer John Kennedy said.

"These local projects are so important to communities across Louisiana," Kennedy said. "We approved financing for sewer improvements in Caddo Parish, a biorefinery plant in Iberville Parish and a better emergency room in

Franklin Parish and a host of other projects."

In Webster Parish, \$7.5 million in Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds for School Board and Sales Tax School District No. 6 were approved saving taxpayers \$248,162.

Among the individual

projects approved were:

Acadia Parish, \$300,000 in Limited Tax Bonds for the Police Jury; for constructing and acquiring a multipurpose facility, including equipment accessories and fixtures.

Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes, \$30 million in Revenue Bonds for the Louisiana Community Development Authority's Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Project; for (1) financing the acquisition, development, renovation, relocation, and construction of public infrastructure to accomplish the purposes the District was created and (2) funding capitalized interest and a debt service reserve fund, including the payment of a premium for a debt service reserve fund surety policy, if necessary.

Bossier Parish, \$19 million in Sales Tax Refunding

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ELECTION 2015

Vitter squares off with opponents in TV debate

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

RUSTON — As he participated in his second TV debate with his competitors in the governor's race, Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter blamed the state's financial problems Thursday on a "broken and dysfunctional"

Baton Rouge, suggesting his three rivals helped create the troubles.

Vitter has positioned himself as an outsider over the years and turned that into a successful political career, and he returned to that approach in the latest debate as he sought to maintain his front-runner status among GOP contenders.

His rivals said Vitter couldn't be trusted to fix Louisiana's problems, describing him as part of a divisive Washington political culture that has been unable to effectively manage the nation's finances.

Louisiana has struggled with repeated budget shortfalls during Gov. Bobby Jindal's two terms in office. The

state closed last year's books with a deficit, has seen gaps appear in this year's budget and faces a more than \$700 million shortfall next year.

"Baton Rouge is broken and dysfunctional, and there are no adult leaders there taking on the big challenges," Vitter said.

Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle

replied that Vitter voted multiple times to raise the nation's debt ceiling and said "a Washington, D.C., guy coming to Baton Rouge" won't help repair the financial problems.

Echoing a similar theme was Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne: "When Sen. Vitter

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COURT WATCH

Turk
pleads
guiltySuspect pleads to
manslaughter for
Omar Lott death**MICHELLE BATES**
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One of two brothers took a plea deal in the shooting death of Omar Lott.

J'son Turk entered a guilty plea to manslaughter in front of 26th Judicial District Judge Parker Self Monday. Assistant district attorney

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WEBSTER CRIME

Minden
woman
charged
with DWI**MICHELLE BATES**
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A Minden woman found herself in trouble with the law after reportedly failing a series of field sobriety tests.

Nancy Marie Sanders, 48, of the 400 block of Cotton Lane, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 14, and charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense) and open container. Bond was set at \$1,300.

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputy John Lewis Jr. was

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**SANDERS**

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ARREST

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dispatched to the intersection of Highways 79 and 518 in reference to a vehicle swerving in the road. Upon arrival, he found a white Jaguar, still running, parked on the side of Highway 79.

Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Sanders, reports indicate he smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Once he was able to wake her up, she appeared to be confused, police say.

Sanders was asked to step out of her vehicle and nearly fell twice trying to walk to the back, according to reports.

Lewis conducted a series of field sobriety tests on Sanders, to which she performed poorly, police say. Her eyes appeared to be bloodshot and glassy.

Following the tests, Sanders was taken into custody on the above charges. A search of the vehicle revealed, in plain sight, a Styrofoam cup, to which police say she admitted to it containing an alcoholic beverage.

She was transported to the Webster Parish courthouse where she was asked to submit a sample for a breathalyzer test. According to reports, she refused to submit a sample.

She was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

CRIME TRACKER

Arrests for the week of Oct. 8

MINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rex Taylor, 49, 800 block of Brackin Street in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery, aggravated assault, public drunkenness, and resisting an officer.

Bobby Ray Tobin, 42, 1300 block of Sheppard Street in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace by profanity and domestic abuse battery.

Ventavious Williams, 17, 500 block of Peach Street in Minden. Charged with theft and resisting an officer by flight.

Leonardo McCarter, 17, 200 block of Hartwell Road in Minden. Charged with interfering with an officer and resisting an officer.

Rosevelt Isreal, Jr., 48, 1000 block of Horton Street in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Christopher Coleman, 30, 6400 block of Highway 531 in Heflin. Charged with theft of goods.

Alonzo Moore, 45. Charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Michael Parks, 59, 600 block of Caesar Road in Ringgold. Charged with simple burglary, possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine).

James Mosley, 27, 400 block of Clerk

Street in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under suspension, and no insurance.

Sedricka Adams, 20, 800 block of Fincher Road in Minden. Charged with accessory after the fact to attempted second degree murder.

Benjamin Woods, Jr., 22, 500 block of Patrick Street in Minden. Charged with attempted armed robbery.

Derrick Pennington, 30, 1400 block of Lewisville Road in Minden. Charged with theft of goods and prohibited acts.

Elizabeth Coker, 22, 1400 block of Lewisville Road in Minden. Charged with theft of goods.

Kristi McKan, 48, 100 block of Mouser Lane in Minden. Charged with hit and run, driving under the influence (fourth offense), and open container.

Kyle Lacy, 29, 300 block of S. Natchitoches Street in Sibley. Charged with two counts of forgery and theft by fraud.

Tammy Cook, 36, 600 block of Chandler Road in Haughton. Charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine), prohibited acts, reckless operation, and driving under suspension.

Kimberly Ann Strother, 46, 100 block of Penny Circle in Springhill.

Charged with identity theft.

Demetric Carey, 500 block of Patrick Street in Minden. Charged with contempt of court.

WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Donna Mosley, 57, 200 block of 7th Street SW in Springhill. Charged with distribution of Schedule II CDS.

Andy Scott Graves, 200 block of 7th Street SW in Springhill. Charged with distribution of Schedule II CDS.

Willie Miller, 27, Cherry Street in Minden. Charged with running a stop sign, driving under suspension, no driver's license on person, contempt of court, resisting by false information, and resisting by flight.

Samuel Jay Dance, 32, Blue Run Road in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia, no turn signal, expired driver's license, and no insurance.

Anthony J. McLaughlin, 56, 200 block of Roy Street in Minden. Charged with distribution of Schedule II CDS.

Stacey M. Theodos, 200 block of Woodland Drive in Simsboro. Charged with unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and simple criminal damage to property.

DEBATE

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returns to Washington next, I hope he'll start working on the \$12 trillion national deficit that he helped to create."

Vitter, Angelle, Dardenne and Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards each talked of a plan to hold one or more special legislative sessions to address the state's budget woes and to restructure the state's tax system.

With a solid Democratic

base of support, Edwards appears certain to secure a place in the Nov. 21 runoff. The competition is largely for the second spot, with Vitter slipping in the polls but still ahead of Angelle and Dardenne so far.

Thursday's debate at Louisiana Tech University was only Vitter's second appearance in five televised debates ahead of the Oct. 24 election. It was expected to be his last before Election Day, even though his three competitors planned to face off in two more TV events.

Though it was held on a university campus, the

debate was closed to college students, the general public and members of the media who weren't panelists. Angelle, Dardenne and Edwards criticized the restrictions and said they believed Vitter was behind them.

"I absolutely believe his hand was in play today," Angelle said.

Vitter didn't speak to reporters after the debate, to respond to the allegations.

The men have repeatedly accused Vitter of limiting public access, refusing most unscripted events and seeking sterile environments

where he's less likely to be confronted with questions about his 2007 prostitution scandal.

The scandal didn't come up during the debate, which focused mainly on the state's deep budget woes.

All four candidates pledged to work on reversing years of cuts to Louisiana's public colleges that have stripped \$700 million in state financing from campuses.

"I'm tired of funding everything to a level of mediocrity," Dardenne said.

Edwards slammed Jindal for the college cuts — and

Vitter hit Angelle in a similar fashion, saying Angelle was a member of Jindal's "inner circle" when the cuts were made.

The candidates offered similar plans for chipping away at the state's \$12 billion backlog of road and bridge work needs, saying they'd steer more money in the state's construction budget to transportation projects and stop using transportation trust fund dollars for items other than roadwork.

Differing answers came when the contenders were asked how they would address Louisiana's

entrenched poverty. The three Republican candidates opposed an increase in the state minimum wage, while Edwards backed the idea.

"Seven dollars and a quarter an hour is not meaningful compensation in 2015," Edwards said.

Dardenne, Angelle and Vitter focused on education. Angelle said he'd raise the emphasis on skills training and put new money into early childhood education programs. Vitter said his approach to poverty would center on "faith, family, education and hard work."

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Dr. Wilson is a true sports enthusiast. He also enjoys camping hiking fishing watching airplanes with his children Evan and Ella and attending their activities with his wife, Jill, including soccer and t-ball games.

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AROUND THE STATE

Burn ban issued for entire state

BATON ROUGE — Due to the extremely dry conditions in the state, State Fire Marshal H. Butch Browning and Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain have issued a burn ban for all of Louisiana.

The vast majority of the state is in extreme drought. In a news release Thursday, Browning and Strain said a cease and desist order is in effect for all private burning. They

said private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or government.

The order is effective at 6 a.m. Friday and shall remain in effect until lifted.

The statewide burn ban is in response to extreme dry conditions, abnormal emergency responses, and adverse future weather predictions.

BONDS

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Bonds for the city of Bossier City, saving taxpayers \$627,888.

Caddo Parish, \$300,000 in Certificates of Indebtedness for Sewerage District No. 7, for acquiring and constructing improvements, including acquiring equipment and fixtures.

Caddo Parish, \$42 million in Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds for the city of Shreveport's Shreveport Airport System: for (1) approximately \$27,270,000, Series 2015A, defeating and refunding LCDA Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008A-AMT, LCDA Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT and LCDA Taxable Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D; (2) approximately \$13,230,000, Series 2015B, defeating and refunding LCDA Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008B-AMT; (3) approximately \$1,500,000, Series 2015C, reconfigure existing terminal, acquire jet bridges, make such other infrastructure repairs as may be necessary or required and (4)(a) purchasing a municipal bond insurance policy, if necessary, (b) funding a debt service reserve fund or reserve fund surety, if necessary and (c) funding a coverage reserve fund.

Franklin Parish, \$3 million in Revenue Bonds for Hospital Service District No. 1: for acquiring, constructing and improving the hospital's emergency room, including acquisition of equipment.

Iberville Parish, \$60 million in Revenue Bonds for the Louisiana Commu-

nity Development Authority's NFR BioEnergy CT, LLC Project: for (1) development and construction of a biorefinery plant that will convert sugarcane waste and other agricultural waste into biocarbon products in White Castle, Iberville Parish, (2) paying capitalized interest and (3) funding a debt service reserve fund.

Jefferson Parish, \$48 million in Revenue Refunding Bonds for the Louisiana Community Development Authority's Jefferson Parish Projects, saving \$2,285,961.

Orleans Parish, \$100 million in Water Service Revenue Bonds for the city of New Orleans, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, for (1) capital improvements and (2) funding a debt service fund and other reserve funds, if required.

Orleans Parish, \$100 million Sewerage Service Revenue Bonds for the city of New Orleans, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, for (1) capital improvements and (2) funding a debt service fund and other reserve funds, if required.

Orleans Parish, \$7.5 million in Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds for the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District: for constructing, acquiring and improving energy facilities as part of an energy retrofit project pursuant to the Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens Industry, Inc.

Rapides Parish, \$18 million in Sales Tax Refunding Bonds for the city of Alexandria, saving taxpayers \$557,717.

The Louisiana State Bond Commission meets monthly to review and approve applications from parishes, municipalities, special taxing districts, and other political subdivisions of the State requesting authority to incur debt.

OBITUARIES

Charles F. Bailey

Charles F. Bailey's funeral will be held at Mayflower Baptist Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The viewing will be at Benevolent Funeral Home from 10 until 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Bro. Charles F. Bailey was born to the late John M. and Evelyn Bailey on Dec. 26, 1956. He was one of nine children. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Raymond Bailey, Crevell Moody, and Eddie J. Moody. Bro. Charles was a member at the Mayflower Baptist Church where he served faithfully as an usher. Bro. Charles departed life on Oct. 11, 2015. He leaves to cherish his memory, three sisters: Gloria Qualls of Dallas; Lois West (Richard) of Minden; and Doris Stephens (Ivory) of Athens; two brothers: Johnny C. Moody (Leona) of Los Angeles; and Bobby Bailey (Andrewlynn) of Dallas and a host of nieces and nephews.



BAILEY

Byretha Hamilton

Funeral services for Byretha Hamilton will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at St. Rest Baptist Church. The body will lie in state from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Byretha Hamilton, a resident of Minden, passed away at her home on Oct. 13, 2015. Byretha was known around the community for her famous "Bye's Peanut & Pecan Brittle," which she handmade every winter and sold to people near and far.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, C.L. Hamilton. She is survived by her sisters, Nancy Kenny, Estelle Jones, and Patsy Turner; and her children, Wanda Bradford, Elena Black, Donald "Ray" Hamilton (Rita, deceased), Janice Hamilton-Crawford (Perry), and Dedri Lewis (Kelvin). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to St. Rest Baptist Church, where Byretha served and was a faithful member for nearly 60 years.

Cottrell Terrell Jr.

The funeral for Cottrell Terrell Jr. will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at New Light Baptist Church in Minden. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 at Benevolent Funeral Home. Cottrell Terrell Jr. was born to Mr. Cottrell Terrell Sr. and Mrs. Alma Teresa Williams Terrell in Minden.

He accepted Christ at an early age at New Light Baptist Church and was baptized by the late Pastor J. B. Huey. He was in the Sunshine Band, Home-Made Mission, attended Church Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and took part in the



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annual Easter Program. He received his education in the Webster Parish school system. He graduated from Webster High School in 1961.

He united in Holy Matrimony to Miss Vera "Baby Lee" Benton and to this union one son was born. They left Minden and lived in Kansas City, Missouri for a number of years. They returned back to Minden and his places of employment were the Box Factory in Springhill and the Durham Plant in Minden.

In 1984 he married Ms. Martha Henderson Talley who preceded him in death on May 26, 2001. He devoted many years working at Clement Industries in Minden and officially retired on April 24, 2015.

He passed away in his home on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: B.C., Cecil, Felton, Milton, and Charles Richard Terrell. Left to cherish his memory are: his son, Vempere (Jennifer, Vempere, Jr., grandson) Terrell of Dallas, Texas; his sister, Mrs. Camilla Terrell Law of Minden; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Flournoy Terrell and Mrs. Mary Helen Terrell, one step-grandchild, Ms. Tera Bradford of Dallas, Texas; and a number of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Audrey A. Bethea Tolson

Audrey A. Bethea Tolson, 83, of Hampton died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 at El Dorado. She was born Oct. 2, 1932 in Baton Rouge and was a daughter of the late Floyd and Bernice Hardy Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, T.P. Bethea and H.W. Tolson, and a brother, Alton Ashley.

She is survived by her children, Virgil Bethea and wife Regina of Hampton, Monroe Bethea and wife Janice of Poplarville, MS, Elizabeth Johnston and husband David of Hampton, T.P. Bethea Jr. and wife Rise' of Monroe, Sam Bethea and wife Sallie of Minden, step-son Steve Tolson of Hammond; brother Virgil Ashley of Jena; sisters Phyllis Parker of Winnsboro, Bobbie Wise of Winnsboro; grandchildren Christine Benefield, Kevin Bethea, Shane Johnston, Chad Bethea, David Bethea, Adam Bethea, Ashley Taylor, Billy Bethea, Tyler Bethea, Hardy Bethea, Madeline Bethea; step-grandson Kyle Tolson; 17 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6 until 8 p.m. at Benton Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Campground Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Garland Skidmore officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Arrangements are by Benton Funeral Home of Hampton/Fordyce.

To sign the online register visit www.bentonfuneralhome.net.

TURK

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Hugo Holland says this was a compromise verdict "based on the lack of 'clean hands' by Mr. Lott."

"While it would have been very easy to prove that Mr. J'son Turk shot Mr. Lott, our office believed that a jury would be hard pressed to convict Mr. J'son Turk of second degree murder and send him to prison for the rest of his life when Mr. Lott did not have what the law calls 'clean hands,'" he said, "meaning that the victim, Mr. Lott, was in fact engaged in a felony himself at the time of his

murder."

Lott was shot and killed Aug. 24, 2014 in what Webster investigators called a possible drug deal gone bad. Holland says Turk shot and killed Lott, and his brother, Dylan Turk, helped hide the body.

"Omar had previously robbed one of the Turk brothers and the murder was in retaliation for the robbery," Holland said. "The Turk brothers lured Mr. Lott to his death by convincing Mr. Lott that they, the Turk brothers and Mr. Lott, were going to rob another person of his money and drugs."

Lott's remains were recovered in a wooded area off Walter Lyons Road three days after the shooting.

Turk's brother, Dylan, is charged with accessory after the fact, and gave a sworn statement against J'son Turk, Holland said in July.

Dylan Turk gained additional charges while out on bail for the charge of accessory after the fact. He was arrested in April following a disturbance at Minden Medical Center. Minden Police arrested Dylan Turk, but he continued to cause a disturbance at the police station

where police chief Steve Cropper says at the time of his arrest in April, he tore up a bed in the holding cell and bit one of the officers, breaking the skin.

J'son Turk faces up to 40 years in prison, and sentencing is set for Feb. 1, 2016.

Holland says Dylan Turk is expected to take a plea agreement as well. He will be in court Monday, Oct. 19.

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Times-Picayune on South Carolina floods

Our community understands exactly how destructive floodwaters are. The levee breaches during Hurricane Katrina robbed us of family and friends and destroyed entire neighborhoods.

So there is a strong feeling of empathy across South Louisiana for what the people of South Carolina are going through. The images of homes and roads under water and the stories of people swept away in the flooding there are heart-breaking.

Louisianians know very well how much money and time it takes to recover from such widespread flood damage.

That is what inspired the United Way of Southeast Louisiana to give \$20,000 from its Pay It Forward Fund to the United Way of the Midlands in Columbia, S.C.

"In Columbia and throughout South Carolina rising floodwaters and dam breaks are all too reminiscent of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the levee breaches here. We know the heartache and want to help," United Way SELA said in a written release announcing the contribution.

Michael Williamson, president and CEO of United Way SELA, noted that the United Way of the Midlands helped more than 2,000 New Orleansians who were evacuated to South Carolina after Katrina.

"Working in the recovery and rebuilding of our region I know it's going to take a multitude of resources to help the people in Columbia," Mr. Williamson said. "I grew up in the Palmetto State and am a proud graduate of the University of South Carolina. So, to be able to encourage other United Ways and alumni living in Louisiana to help is especially important to me," he said.

That challenge could extend to all of us. This disaster is an opportunity for people here to show our gratitude to South Carolina residents who were so generous after Katrina.

The effort is already growing. Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge also is donating \$20,000 to the United Way of the Midlands.

Mac Bennett, the president and CEO of United Way of the Midlands, said the money is badly needed. "We serve about 750,000 Columbia metro residents. Right now we're working with hundreds of volunteers to distribute sandbags and water," he said. "Our water system was compromised and our region is under a boil water order. We don't know how long that's going to last."

United Way SELA's board moved quickly to help. The executive committee voted Tuesday night to make the donation, and the check should be headed to South Carolina this weekend.

The original plan was for the United Way check to be presented at halftime in Columbia during the LSU-South Carolina game Saturday. Then the game was moved to Baton Rouge, and officials are working out a plan to give the check to the Gamecocks to take back to Columbia.

Mr. Bennett talked about how appropriate that is. "College football is such an integral part of Southern culture," he said. "The game will provide a few hours of relaxation to many who need a morale booster as they prepare for possible more bad weather and the endless inevitable cleanup of their communities."

South Louisiana residents understand that as well. The first Saints and LSU games after Katrina were a brief reprieve from worrying about cleaning up flooded homes and getting kids settled in temporary schools.

Even the change in location is similar.

LSU's opening game against Arizona State in 2005 was supposed to be at Tiger Stadium. But the campus was being used for evacuees and medical services for disaster victims, so the game was moved to Tempe ...

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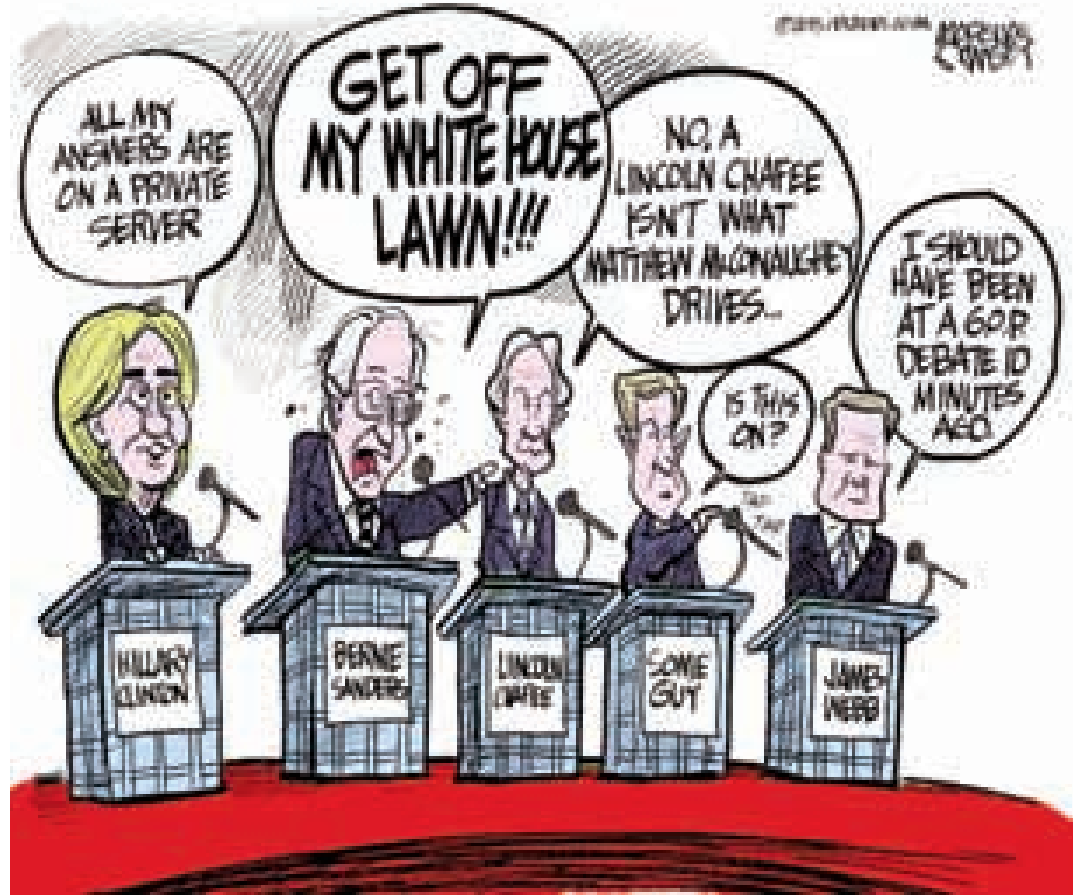
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PERSPECTIVE

A blameless, clueless president

Charles Krauthammer frequently quips that he is no longer a practicing psychiatrist. But the good doctor put our president on the proverbial couch this week and declared him 'delusional.' Not once, but twice in the same segment.

Of course, it doesn't take a trained shrink to conclude that President Obama sometimes seems to inhabit another world. It's a realm where everything he does, or has ever done, is pretty much on the money. A world where he is doing a bang-up job. A place where only Republicans and Fox News don't recognize the wisdom of his governance.

Dr. K's perspicacious diagnosis was in reaction to the president's sit-down on '60 Minutes,' where he was pressed surprisingly hard by Steve Kroft. Even Kroft, who often goes pretty easy on the big guy, looked incredulous when President Obama assured him that the 'community of nations' will eventually destroy ISIS.

Have you seen that elusive 'community of nations' stepping up to the plate in the Middle East? Didn't think so. It's a community talked about in the faculty lounge, but seldom found in the real world.

Then there was President Obama's declaration that he knew all along that training moderate Syrians to fight Assad was doomed to failure.

Why, then, did we authorize \$500-million and wind up with four or five trained fighters? Not four or five platoons. Four or five men willing and able to confront the Syrian butcher.

Put another way, the president was against the training program before he was for it, telling Kroft he was 'skeptical from the get-go.' Washington Post foreign affairs columnist David Ignatius, hardly a raging conservative, concluded that the president's claim was simply 'weird.'

The commander-in-chief habitually sets up a false choice in the Middle East. It's either do nothing or send in 'several hundred thousand troops,' as he accuses his critics of advocating. But surely there are other options between those extremes.

General David Petraeus, former boss of the CIA and a legendary military strategist, testified that we could be doing more in Syria, especially with air power. The president derided that as 'mumbo jumbo,' one more example of the many 'half-baked ideas' floating around.

He also dismissed Hillary Clinton's suggestion that a no-fly zone should at least be on the table. You expect Bernie Sanders to ridicule that notion, as he did in Tuesday's debate. But you don't anticipate the president of the United States giving the back of his hand to his former secretary of state.

In the end, the president seems to honestly believe that his Middle East strategy is working. Forget about his disappearing 'red line' or his demands for regime change

in Syria. Never mind the hundreds of thousands who have been killed by Assad, or their luckier brethren who are flooding into Europe. To this president, we are winning, Putin and Assad are losing, and the refugee crisis has absolutely nothing to do with him.

No president wants to admit failure. Not Jimmy Carter, not even Richard Nixon. They prefer to remember whatever good things happened on their watch. Especially when they promised so much more. And no one has ever promised more than Barack Obama.

In 2009, soon after his first inauguration, President Obama implied that his election would radically and permanently transform relations between the USA and the world's Muslims. 'I am a Christian,' he told a crowd in Cairo, 'but my father came from a Kenyan family that includes generations of Muslims. As a boy, I spent several years in Indonesia and heard the call of the Azaan at the break of dawn and the fall of dusk.'

Six years later, that implied promise has run aground. President Obama looks to the Middle East and sees, instead of peace and progress, nothing but carnage and chaos. Faced with that reality, he tends to do two things. First, deny that he is in any way responsible. We saw that in the revealing '60 Minutes' interview. When that doesn't work, he'll just change the subject.

Climate change, anyone? *Bill O'Reilly is a talk show host on Fox News. His column runs on Friday in the Minden Press-Herald.*

EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Houma Courier on women in the oilfields

Oilfield professionals are gearing up for a brighter future.

The current slowdown affecting much of the Gulf oilfield has created layoffs around many of the local businesses.

Others, though, are plugging along. This time around, the fallout from the collapse in oil prices will be much less severe than it was in the 1980s.

That's because the oilfield has changed. It has moved farther offshore, into deeper waters.

It now calls on more technically savvy workers and still rewards its workers nicely and provides good careers throughout our region.

And more changes are coming.

If a local education group has its way, the oilfield of the future will employ more women. And it should.

"It's a male-dominant industry, but there are so many options for girls," said Nicol Blanchard, college and career transition coordinator for Fletcher Technical Community College. "We're trying to get away from the stereotype that working in the oil industry is all dirty and primarily for men."

If our education and industry officials can work together to end that stereotype, it will surely benefit everyone.

The companies will benefit from a new group of potential employees, skilled future workers who have the technological training needed to work in tomorrow's oilfield.

The workers, of course, will benefit. The women who enter the oilfield will have access to lucrative careers and will be able to bridge much of the gender gap that currently afflicts our state.

The technical schools and colleges will benefit from having a much larger pool of potential students, eager to learn skills they can apply in the oilfield ...

At the moment, women account for just 19 percent of the oil industry jobs.

In our society, there is no reason for that trend to continue. Instead, girls should know that they have the same alternatives as the boys. Among those alternatives is taking full advantage of the economic engine that is oil and gas.

Let's get to work.

Share
your
thoughts.

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to the Editor to
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Around Town

Oct. 13-31

First United Methodist's "Pumpkin Patch" featuring 1,500 pumpkins will be open throughout the month. "Football in the patch" will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Oct. 17, The LSU game will be shown via projector. There will also be games and food. Attendees should bring own chairs. "Pumpkin Shine" will be Oct. 24 from 3 until 5 p.m. with food and carnival games. For more information contact First United Methodist's main office.

Oct. 17

University Health, David Raines Clinic and the Central Community Association will sponsor a "Free Health Fair" from 9 a.m. 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 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 119 Pine Street in 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.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate "Pink Sunday", a celebration of life intended to increase awareness and hope, at 8 a.m. Guest speaker will be Brenda Lewis.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church's 146th anniversary will be celebrated at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Reggie Lofton Sr.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church's congregation will celebrate Pastor Billy Jay Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins' 33rd pastoral anniversary at 3 p.m. Special guest will be the Rev. James C. Smith and Galilee Baptist Church.

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.

Oct. 22

An auction of Chief T.C. Bloxom's personal gun collection will be at 6 p.m. at 100 Willow Creek Drive. \$25 ticket must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets may be purchased at Carey Real Estate, First United Methodist Church, and TG's Garden and Gifts.

Saint Rest Baptist Church celebrates 150th anniversary



Saint Rest Baptist Church of Minden, Inc. was founded in 1865. Pictured left is the church as it stood in 1911. This edifice was replaced in 1954 with the building on the right. Numerous renovations, along with the construction of additional buildings, have taken place since 1954. The late Rev. B.F. Martin served as pastor from 1952 to 1998 and his son, the Rev. B.J. Martin currently serves as pa stor. Courtesy Photo

Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 19

Sliced Turkey Roast, Broccoli Cheese/Rice Casserole, Yam Patty, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Green Salad, Salad Dressing, Mandarin Oranges, Rolls, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Roasted Chicken, Steamed Brown Rice/Gravy, Turnip Greens, Yam Patty, WG Cornbread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 22

Beef Taco, Whole Kernel Corn, Cinnamon Rolls, Taco Salad Cup, Peaches, Milk

Friday, Oct. 23

Chicken Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Popeye Salad, Apples/Orange Wedges, Rolls, Milk

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EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK



Denny Finley, Principal of Lakeside High School

Congratulations to Lakeside High School's Denny Finley. He is this week's MPH/Minden Farm & Garden's Educator of the Week. Mr. Finley has spent 15 years at Lakeside and 18 years in education. He has taught history, coached baseball, and junior high football. Mr. Finley is a graduate of Northeast LA University with a degree in Social Studies and Physical Education. He also holds a Master's Degree from LA Tech in Education Leadership. The Press-Herald's Educator of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Minden Farm & Garden.

PARISH WIDE MAINTENANCE TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Webster Parish School District of Webster, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of two and eighty-two hundredths (2.82) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$729,400 reasonable expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2016 and ending with the year 2025, for the purpose of giving additional supoort to public schools in the Parish of Webster, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating the public school system of the District?

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FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS

NORTH WEBSTER HOSTS LOYOLA IN PIVOTAL DISTRICT GAME



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SPRINGHILL - The North Webster Knights are in the middle of an up-and-down 2015 campaign.

The Knights have seen the highest of highs (34-13 season opening win against Haynesville) and the lowest of lows (33-0 loss to Ouachita in week four).

One thing that hasn't changed is the talent on the roster. Led by talented running backs Devin White and Jalen Smith, the Knights have gotten back on track after back-to-back losses against Minden and Ouachita.

At 4-2, and with the meat of what's been a brutal schedule at their back, North Webster is in good shape to go unbeaten the rest of the way.

Many feel like the team the Knights are up against this week, Loyola College Prep (2-4), could be the biggest threat to the district championship. North Webster players and coaches covet so badly.

"Their record doesn't indicate how good they are," Knights head coach John Ware said. "They're a very solid football team. They've played the No. 1 team in 1A and 2A,

and lost a heartbreaker last week against Green Oaks.

They are coached up well and they have a good football team that's going to come in here and give us a challenge."

The Knights will be comfortable at home this week under the lights in Springhill.

North Webster's two losses have actually come at home, a rarity for a program that's built a significant home-field advantage. Regardless, Ware believes staying put and not having to travel will play a big role in this game, along with the home crowd.

"It's a huge advantage to have this one here,"



WARE said. "I told the kids all week this is a huge, district game and they're coming in here with the mindset they can win. Our kids have a lot of respect for them after watching the film."

Loyola's defense comes into this game limping a bit, as the Flyers have given up 40 and 41 points in their last two games.

Ware said those scores can't be in the back of his team's mind, as they came against a different style opponent.

"Every matchup is different," Ware said. "The teams that scored on them before were spread teams and there were some special teams scores



The North Webster Knights take the field with passion against Haynesville earlier this season. The Knights will hope to bring that same fire into Friday's game against Loyola. Lori Hughes/Courtesy

involved too. They're a big team up front and that's always worse when you're trying to run the football."

Ware isn't sure what type of approach will win out Friday night, noting he'll be open to changing mid-game if the defense shows they can handle the run.

"We always go with the flow," Ware said.

"Our mentality is always to run the football, but if something else opens up then we'll take it."

Loyola ran mostly out of the I-formation last season, but have transformed into a spread team this season.

"They'll still run some power plays at you," Ware said. "Their running backs are both very good, they have a good tight

end and a couple good wide receiver targets. The linemen also block very well, so that always poses problems when your defense is spread out. It's something different than what they've done, but they're doing it very well."

Ware said his team knows they'll have to be at their best to beat the Flyers, and they have

worked with an increased focus this week.

"It's been pretty good this week," Ware said. "You could tell during the film session they understood this wasn't no joke. Records don't mean anything this time of year and our guys have focused in pretty good."

Kickoff between the Flyers and Knights is at 7 p.m. in Springhill.

FOOTBALL EXPERTS PICK 'EM



This week's games

Minden vs. Bossier
Glenbrook vs. Trinity
Lakeside vs. J-Hodge
N. Webster vs. Loyola
LSU vs. Florida
LaTech vs. Mississippi St.
Alabama vs. Texas A&M
Auburn vs. Kentucky
Missouri vs. Georgia
Michigan vs. Mich St.
Patriots vs. Colts
Bears vs. Lions
Redskins vs. Jets
Dolphins vs. Titans
Panthers vs. Seahawks
Cardinals vs. Steelers

Last week

Overall



Louis Mitchell

Minden
Trinity
J-Hodge
N. Webster
LSU
Miss St.
A&M
Kentucky
Missouri
Michigan State
Patriots
Bears
Jets
Titans
Panthers
Cardinals

12-4

71-25



Blake Branch

Minden
Trinity
J-Hodge
N. Webster
LSU
Miss St.
A&M
Kentucky
Georgia
Michigan
Patriots
Lions
Jets
Titans
Seahawks
Steelers

11-5

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Zach Specht

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Gregg Parks

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Curtis Mays

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Pete Covington

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saints foil Falcons undefeated season in Dome



NEW ORLEANS — Ben Watson sank to his knees at the back of the end zone with both arms raised, looked up at the frenzied Superdome crowd and absorbed the adulation.

This was more like it. Drew Brees passed for 312 yards, Watson racked up a career-high 127 yards receiving to go with a fourth-down touchdown catch, and recently reeling New Orleans handed the Atlanta Falcons their first loss this season, 31-21 on Thursday night.

"It felt great. It was

really great to see the fans enjoying themselves," Watson said. "We want to win for ourselves and for our families, but to be able to look up at the stands and see people dancing and having fun, it was very exciting for us."

Desperate for a victory, the Saints (2-4) enjoyed big plays in all phases, a common occurrence when New Orleans hosts night games. Including the playoffs, the Saints have now won 19 of their last 21 prime-time games in the Superdome.

Michael Mauti, who grew up near New Orleans after his father, Rich, played for the Saints, blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown, delighting the Superdome crowd with a play reminiscent of Steve Gleason's famous block against Atlanta in 2006.

Gleason, now paralyzed by ALS, was at the game, watching from his motorized wheel chair. He reacted with this Twitter post: "Hey, Falcons. #NeverPunt."

"The cool thing was that Steve was here to see that," Brees said. "It brought back some good memories."

Mark Ingram ran for two short touchdowns, and New Orleans' defense recovered three fumbles — two inside its own 20.

"That blocked punt and a couple of turnovers really told the story," said first-year Falcons coach Dan Quinn, speaking after a loss for the first time.



MAUTI

"It's hard to overcome those."

Devonta Freeman rushed for 100 yards, including a 25-yard TD, for Atlanta (5-1). Matt Ryan passed for 295 yards and two TDs. He also was sacked five times, including three for defensive end Cam Jordan.

"We made mistakes early on and it cost us," said Freeman, who also turned a short pass into a late 13-yard score. "I feel like we beat ourselves, but they're a talented team and they did a lot of great things tonight."

Freeman's first touchdown cut New Orleans' lead to 24-14 with 13:07 remaining, which seemed like plenty of time for a Falcons team that had already orchestrated four fourth-quarter comebacks this season.

The Saints had other plans, responding with the type of will-imposing

drive that was commonplace during much of the decade since coach Sean Payton and Brees arrived in New Orleans, but seldom seen this season.

New Orleans drove 80 yards in 11 plays, eating about five minutes off the clock. During the series, Watson tied a career high with his 10th catch of the game. Brees found Brandon Cooks for 26 yards on a third down. Ingram capped the drive by powering in to make it 31-14.

That wasn't the only example of the Saints' restored swagger on offense. Late in the third quarter, the Saints capped a 10-play, 63-yard drive by first drawing Atlanta offside on fourth-and-goal from the 4, then converting a 2-yard pass to Watson.

"That's a huge momentum-gaining-type play in a game like that, and it took some marbles to call it,"

Brees said, summing up the night as "validation."

"For it all to come together like that, it just gives us a glimpse of what we can be," he said.

The Saints never trailed, racing in front on the opening series, an 80-yard drive capped by Ingram's first TD.

Mauti made it 14-0 when he smothered Matt Boshers' punt, scooped up the ball as he landed and sprang into the end zone.

Atlanta cut it to 14-7 on Ryan's 7-yard pass to Roddy White, but the Falcons, who outgained the Saints 265 yards to 174 in the half, squandered a pair of promising drives with fumbles. First, rookie Tevin Coleman was stripped by linebacker Dannell Ellerbe and cornerback Brandon Browner recovered on the 9. Later, Ryan mishandled a snap and Ellerbe recovered on the New Orleans 17.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lander leads way at MC



Special to the Press-Herald

The Mississippi College Cross-Country meet featured many of the top runners in Mississippi and Louisiana. Alisa Lander and Eric Greene once again proved that they remain among the top runners in Louisiana running out-

standing races against tough competition.

Running in the gold girls 5K (3.2 miles) division Lander ran a time of 18:55.60. This time placed her second in the 85 runner race. The winner was Mississippi's top female runner, Morgan Rose, at 18:44.58.

In the boys' gold 5K event, Eric Greene placed 15th at 16:40.10 which was a personal best. Eric Coston of St. Paul's easily won the race at 15:28.63. There were 131 runners in this race.

In the girls' division two 5K run, Kerrigan Zachary lead the Lady Warriors finessing 14th at 22:38.90. Other

finishers were Kaylee Davis (29th at 24:19.26), Angelina Futch (31st at 24:27.79), Taynia Joiner (36th at 24:48.44), Alainia Stiles (50th at 25:28.18), Egypt Anderson (62nd at 26:38.98), Lillian Vining (63rd at 26:24.31), and Essence Anderson (100th at 29:44.98). There were 119 runners in the race. Lakeside as a team finished fifth out of 11. Cody Robinson finished second in the boys' division two 5K event running a 17:11.30 which was behind the winning time of 17:01.10. Tyler Davis finished 10th at 18:26.28. Austin Nunn finished 104th at 24:04.09. There were 132 runners in the race.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bruins beatdown, 56-35

STANFORD, Calif. — One jaw-dropping catch by Francis Owusu nearly overshadowed a record-setting performance from Christian McCaffrey.

Owusu pinned the ball on the back of a defender in the end zone for one of the most memorable catches in recent memory and McCaffrey did most of the rest with a school-record 243 yards rushing and four touchdowns in No. 15 Stanford's 56-35 victory over No. 18 UCLA on Thursday night.

"That's one of the most amazing things I've ever

seen," McCaffrey said.

He was talking about Owusu's catch but others could have said it about McCaffrey's own performance. He scored on a 70-yard run out of the wildcat, returned a kick 96 yards to set up another score and ran for three more touchdowns in a virtuoso performance that broke Toby Gerhart's school record of 223 yards rushing in a game set in 2009.

McCaffrey finished with 369 all-purpose yards as the Cardinal (5-1, 4-0 Pac-12) beat the Bruins (4-2, 1-2) for the eighth straight time.

"We've got a big back in a little body," coach David Shaw said of McCaffrey, who some critics once questioned if he was strong enough to thrive in Stanford's power running game. "He's a heck of a football player, not just a great runner."

Kevin Hogan threw for 131 yards and three TDs on eight completions and McCaffrey took over the national lead in all-purpose yards with 1,518 for the Cardinal, who have scored 225 points the past five games after being kept out of the end zone in a season-opening 16-6 loss at Northwestern.

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I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the District 6 Police Jury Seat for Webster Parish. I wish to continue to work for the people of District 6 and for Webster Parish. When I was first elected to the Police Jury I thought I knew what the Police Jury did. I had some ideas about some changes that would benefit the people of District 6 and Webster Parish. Well as it turns out I only knew a small part of what the jury does, what its responsibilities are. It may have taken me two years to understand all we do. I also found out it takes seven votes to actually get anything done. Over time I realized that sometimes what is good for District 6 is not always good for Webster Parish. But usually what is good for Webster Parish is good for District 6. I worked hard, gained the confidence of some of the other jurors pretty quick. I studied the budget. The different sources for funds, the specific ways these funds can be used. With hard work over time I began to have an impact on what we did as a jury. Mr. Charles Walker, the President of the Jury when I was elected, began to give me some committee assignments with responsibilities. I found out that if I would work he would let me. I watched him and learned a lot. Each election cycle new jurors replaced old jurors for one reason or another. After several years I wasn't the new guy any more but one of the leaders. Three years ago Mr. Walker decided he was going to step down from President because of his age and health issues. Probably because of his help I was elected President of the Webster Parish Police Jury by a unanimous vote of the other jurors. I have been elected now three years in a row by a unanimous vote. I joke sometimes and say I don't know if I drew the short straw or the long straw in this process. There is a lot of work and responsibility being the President. I discovered it is a lot easier to sit on the side of the table and fight for somethings than to set at the head of the table and be responsible for keeping everything headed in a direction that is right for Webster Parish. There have been some very good jurors come and go in the past but I believe this jury is the best as a whole since I was elected. They do their job which makes it easy for me to do my job. We also have some good employees in key positions. They also make our jobs easier, we depend on them. I've talked a lot about my experience. I am asking District 6 voters to let me use this experience for their good. I will continue to work to make Webster Parish a good place to live. Financially and physically Webster Parish is in good shape. We continue to have a healthy contingency in every fund. Tax collections and funds we receive have been up and down for the last few years. Materials and services we buy have increased in cost over this same period but we have been able to continue to provide most of the services that is expected of the jury. One of the things I'm most proud of is our Audits. They have been very good with absolutely no financial discrepancies in a time where it is not uncommon to see elected officials and agencies in trouble for illegal practices.

For those who don't know me, here is a little of my history I am most proud of:

I attend Emmanuel Baptist Church in Minden

I have been married to Cathy Chandler Bonsall for 42 years.

I have two children - Penny Rhame and Toby Bonsall

They both have college degrees - Penny has a Master's in Education and Toby has a Bachelor's in Marketing

I have been a local building contractor since 1982

I graduated Sibley High School in 1972 - Salutatorian

Attended Northeast LA University and Baptist Christian College

I have been President of Webster Parish Police Jury since 2012

I have just been elected President District 6 Police Jury Association of LA.

Again, I want to ask you to vote for me on Election Day and I want to thank you for your votes in the past elections. I think everyone has my cell phone number but in case you don't it is 318-422-2935. Call me if you have any questions or comments.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Tom Brady on Deflategate, Gisele and Trump

NEW YORK — Tom Brady has four Super Bowl rings, is a future Hall of Famer and his New England Patriots are off to a 4-0 start, yet he's still quick to mention his 199th rank in the draft more than a decade ago as motivation for excellence.

After the high of winning the Super Bowl, the National Football League tried to suspend him for four games over his role in the deflation of game balls in a playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts. Brady, who denied wrongdoing, successfully appealed in time for the start of the season.

While it certainly provided more fuel for Brady's critics, he remains one of the most popular athletes in the world, thanks to his golden-boy persona (being married to supermodel Gisele Bündchen doesn't hurt).

The quarterback, who recently signed on as a pitchman for Tag Heuer with the motto "Don't Break Under Pressure," says it's the past failures that have fueled his success: "These challenging experiences that have been the best things I've ever had to deal with."

Brady talked to The Associated Press this week about why he doesn't let critics get under his skin, his relationship with his wife and his friendship with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Associated Press: Sunday you're playing the Indianapolis Colts. After all you've been through this entire year, is it vindication to play them?

Brady: I approach every day the same. I think I've always tried to be very professional to how I approach the game, my preparation. Every game is important. We only get 16 of them. We've had a great rivalry with that team. They've got a good team this year, they won three straight, so I'm excited to see what we can do in the game. What more can you ask?

AP: You were almost sus-



pended because of Deflategate. Does that figure in at all?

Brady: It really doesn't. Whether that was the case or not, it's not going to make any difference on Sunday night.

AP: Your relationship with Gisele is always under scrutiny. How to you put all that aside?

Brady: Well, you compartmentalize. You owe that to your teammates. They gotta do the same thing. Everyone

is dealing with something. This is life; this is not just a piece of cake. You expect that when your teammates are doing their jobs, so you got to compartmentalize and do your job. I've tried that over a long period of time; it's tried and tested. That's something you take a lot of pride in. You put all the other stuff aside and go out and do your job, and mine is to be the best I can be for my teammates.

AP: At 38, you're playing quarterback in the NFL at a

high level. How much longer do you see yourself playing?

Brady: I've got a lot of football left. ... Football is a contact sport and there's a lot that goes into it. But I have committed myself for a long time to doing it, and because I love doing it so much I want to make that commitment.

AP: Were you bothered by (Dallas Cowboys) Greg Hardy's comment (about wanting to see Gisele)?

Brady: No, I've been around for a long time, I've

seen it all. He's not the first person that makes comments that don't have anything to do with the game. I put them aside and I go about my business. If you waste your time and energy on things that don't matter in the outcome of the game, then when you get to the game you're not going to give your teammates the best that you have to offer.

AP: As far as your non-endorsement endorsement of Donald Trump, what do

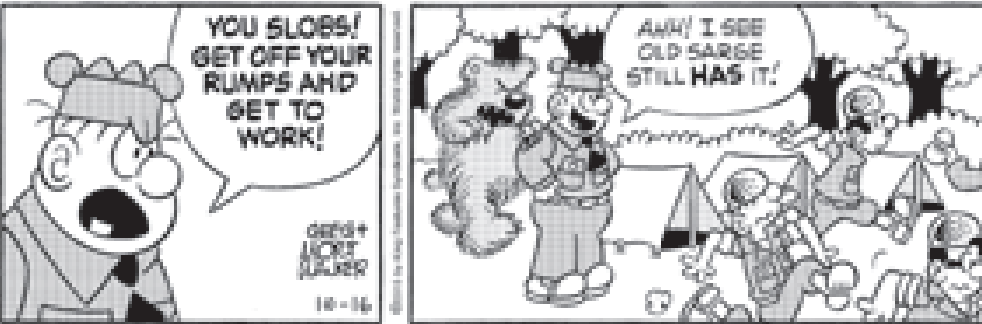
you say about that?

Brady: (Laughs.) He's been a long-time friend of mine, so we played a lot of golf over the years. He's invited me many times to some of his great golf resorts. We've had a lot of fun together. We'll see what turns out with him as a politician, but he's certainly a great friend. Nobody supports their friends like Tom Brady or Donald Trump.

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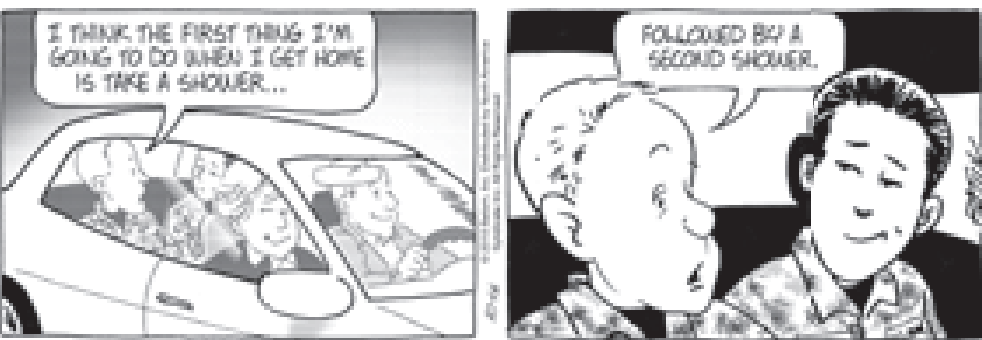
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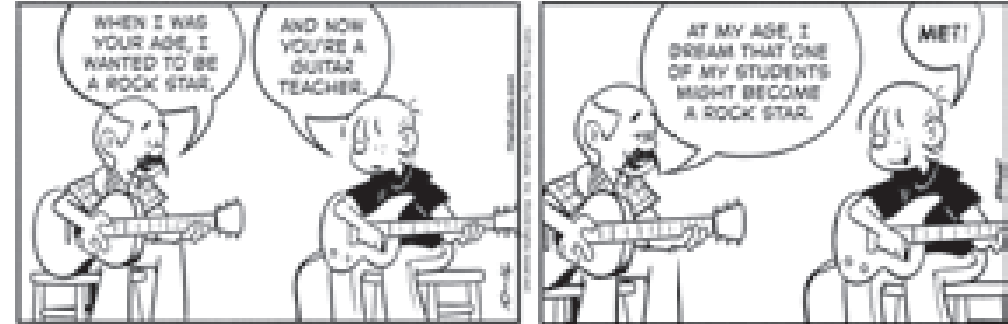
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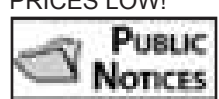
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ROBERT AARON MILLER A/K/A ROBERT A. MILLER A/K/A ROBERT MILLER AND DONNA LYNN BROWN A/K/A DONNA L. BROWN A/K/A DONNA BROWN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 74677.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my

possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2015, during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 1.075 acres, more or less, tract of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

From the Northeast corner of said Section 36, run thence South 0°33' West along the East line of said Section 36, a distance of 1778.38 feet to a set railroad spike and Point of Beginning of the tract herein described. Continue thence South 0°33' West along the East line of Section 36, a distance of 5.0 feet to a found 2 iron pipe for corner, being a point on the Northwest right-of-way line of Miller Road; run thence South 31°30' West along Miller Road, a distance of 210.0 feet to a found 1/2 iron pipe for corner; run thence North 58°30' West, a distance of 210.0 feet to a found 1/2 iron pipe for corner; run thence North 31°30' East, a distance of 210.0 feet to a found 1/2 iron pipe for corner; run thence North 0°33' East, a distance of 105.0 feet to a found 2 iron pipe for corner; run thence South 58°30' East, a distance of 53.4 feet to a set 1/2 iron pipe for corner; run thence South 0°29'54" West, a distance of 133.05 feet to a set 1/2 iron pipe for corner; run thence South 69°33'06" East, a distance of 142.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV74211.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015, during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northeast corner of Lot No. 28, E.B. Smith Subdivision, located in Government Lots 4, 5 and 8, Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West.

A/B, HUD #TRA563295 & HUD #TRA563296, said unit(s) attached to the land in a permanent manner so as to be rendered an immovable fixture and an integral part of the subject property. **SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.**

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

GARY S. SEXTON Sheriff and Ex-Officio Auctioneer, Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan-Deputy

September 18, 2015
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SHERIFF'S SALE

TIB - THE INDEPENDENT BANKERSBANK VS.

THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF THOMAS R. JANSSEN A/K/A THOMAS RICHARD JANSSEN AND GAIL G. JANSSEN A/K/A GAIL GREEN BOYD JANSSEN, GAIL BOYD, GAIL GREEN, GAIL JANSSEN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV74211.

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Begin at the Northeast corner of Lot No. 28, E.B. Smith Subdivision, located in Government Lots 4, 5 and 8, Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West.

WILLIAMS, VICKI AND WILLIAMS, LARRY GLENN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV72012.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out

Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 3, Page 4, thence run North 84 degrees 49 minutes West 326 feet, thence run South 22 degrees 00 minutes West 102.47 feet, thence run South 84 degrees 49 minutes East 48.3 feet, thence run South 23 degrees 55 minutes East 203.1 feet, thence run North 60 degrees 24 minutes East 243.8 feet, thence run North 7 degrees 55 minutes East 137 feet to the Point of Beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

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U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-HE9, ASSET BACK CERTIFICATEES SERIES 2006-HE9 VS.

WILLIAMS, VICKI AND WILLIAMS, LARRY GLENN

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105 WOODHAVEN - Beautiful home w/ approx. 3780 sq.ft., two story entry & den w/ F.P., D/R, large kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, game room, large master bedroom & bath, inground saltwater pool w/ landscaped yard. \$435,500

151 PEPPERIDGE DR - New Construction w/ lots of extras, high ceilings, granite counter tops, S.S. appliances, 4BR/3.5BA, 2615 sq.ft.+/- \$370,000

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220 NORTHWOOD - Remodeled 2 story home w/ 3600 +/- sqft, 4BR/3BA, granite countertops, L/R, den, remote master w/l.p, game room & RV shed. **REDUCED \$269,000**

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1305 MARK DRIVE - Beautiful renovated 3BR/2BA home in a quiet neighborhood. Stunning update on the kitchen with top of the line appliances that convey.**\$182,500 REDUCED \$179,500**

618 ELM - Precious updated home, 3BR/3BA, 2509 sq.ft +/-, w/ L/R, D/R, study, large kitchen w/ S.S. appliances. **\$184,999 REDUCED \$179,500**

101 EMERALD DR - 4BR/3BA, spacious home, large den, & fenced in back yard \$152,500

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1277 HWY 520/HOMER - Must see 20 acres w/ large barn, pond, 3BR/2BA home \$149,900

227 CALVIN LINER ROAD - 3.7 acres+/- with a 1961 sq.ft.+/- 3BR/2BA brick home. Nice den w/ F.P., D/R, office, barn & shed \$149,500

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286 GRIDER ROAD - 3 acres +/- home w/1536 sq.ft.+/- 3 BR/2BA home w/vinyl siding, Large open den w/fireplace, 2 storage buildings \$139,500

217 1ST STREET/SIBLEY - Nice home on larger corner lot, 3BR/2BA, owners have repainted inside, replaced carpet & ceramic in kitchen and breakfast room. \$137,900

2334 COOK STREET/RINGGOLD - 3 acres +/- with lots of pecan trees, 40x20 +/- shop with full bath, 3BR/2BA, L/R/DR combo, den open kitchen **\$144,500 REDUCED \$129,000**

237 W. UNION - Spacious family home w/ 2218 sq.ft., 3BR/2BA, large L/R, extra large master, garage apt. 1BR/1BA w/ kitchen, deep lot. \$134,500

1195 PEACH TREE/DUBBERLY - Precious 3BR/2BA on 2 acres w/1664 +/- sq.ft., open kitchen, breakfast & den, remote master bath w/ separate tub/shower **REDUCED \$129,000**

511 WOODMILL RD/HEFLIN - 3BR/2BA Brick home on 1 acre. \$120,000

140 KATIE - 1.25 acres 3/1.5, den w/F.P., fenced yard, replaced C/A & C/H \$109,500

401 FINCHER - 3BR/1.5BA, nice kitchen w/ large breakfast area, shady fenced yard \$104,900

514 RICHARDSON - Very cute home w/ lots of charm. Approx. 1600 sq.ft. 3BR/1.5BA, L/R, D/R, large kitchen open to breakfast area. **\$104,500 REDUCED \$99,500**

2610 BARDOT/BOSSIER -Cute updated home! 3 BR/1BA, 1134 sq.ft. \$95,000

206 MARY - Totally remodeled home w/ 4BR/2BA, 1243 sq.ft. +/-, replaced C/A & C/H, stove, refrigerator, large back yard. \$94,500

1006 ELM - Very Charming home w/ 3BR/2BA, 1100 sq.ft., hardwood floors, carpet & ceramic - great starter home! **\$99,999 REDUCED \$89,900**

1355 MIDDLE ROAD - D.W. w/ approx. 1876 sq.ft. 3BR/2BA, located on .89 acres \$82,900

207 WEST UNION - Nice home located close to downtown Minden. 3BR/2BA, 1485sq.ft. \$79,900

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101 FULLER STREET - Nice 2BR/1BA, kitchen appliances stay, new deck \$65,000

1368 ANNETTE ST/GIBSLAND - Precious 2BR/1BA, Corner lot \$52,000

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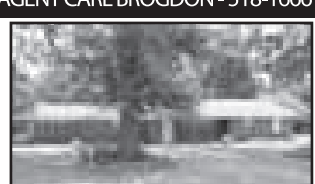


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301 EAST UNION -large concrete building on corner lot, 3, 1/2 BA, large parking area, fenced, can be used as a car lot and auto repair shop. New Roof. \$125,000. Owner will consider all offers!

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819 TILLMAN - 3 br, refinished H/W floors, W/D, stove, refrigerator, D/W, D/R, garage, fenced yard, corner lot. Move In Ready! Call Charlotte. \$87,000

137 SHANE DRIVE- 3BR, 2BA, Brick, FP, large open kitchen-den, large fenced yard on 3 lots **\$159,000 REDUCED \$148,000**

410 ART CAMP ROAD/HEFLIN - 2BR/2BA, M/H, 08, nice lot, covered carport, storage builds, front covered deck across road from lake bistineau approx. 1300 + sq ft \$85,000

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the sales tax built into it, and then they took the sales tax out of it," she said. "Therein becomes the issue. We're not going to accuse anyone of anything, but there's a law that says you can't reduce a teacher's salary from year to year. On that salary schedule, when they redid it, they took the sales tax out of it, then they froze everybody at whatever step they were on. They could only progress if they were highly effective for three consecutive years. There's no other district in the state that has a salary schedule like that."

THE SALES TAXES

There are at least two sales taxes that are partially dedicated to teachers' salaries. One is the 1969 sales tax. A total of 70 percent goes to professional salaries, including instructional personnel, adjustment first and second year teachers' salaries and sabbatical leave and substitute teachers. A total of 14.98 percent goes to non-professional salaries including lunchroom workers, managers, janitors, maintenance personnel, school secretaries, bus mechanics and bus drivers. The remaining 15 percent goes into the general fund and non-salary items.

The 1996 sales tax is a one percent sales tax for the school board "for providing salary and benefit increases for school board employees, paying benefits for retired school employees, paying for instructional programs and materials, purchasing computer equipment and software, paying energy costs, maintaining air conditioning

equipment and systems and purchasing school buses."

When asked about the 1996 sales tax, Rawls says he knows about the tax but did not know anything about whether it was taken out of the teacher's salary schedule at the time pay was frozen.

"I would suspect that Webster did the same thing all the other districts did in the state," he said. "That would be to hand the money out so that it's not locked into the salary schedule. If you put it into the salary schedule and hand it out, then it's locked in. If it's given outside the salary schedule and given as a supplement, it's not locked in."

THE SCHEDULE AND EVALUATION

According to the salary schedule, it appears support personnel and other employees are evaluated the same way as a teacher.

"There's nothing in Act 1 that stipulates that support personnel should be evaluated in that way," Croad said. "Act 1 was completely for teachers and not in any way directed towards support personnel."

Teachers are evaluated twice per year, once in the fall and once in the spring, scoring from one to four. In the 2013-14 salary schedule, the guidelines read in part: "Teachers who are rated 'highly effective' shall receive an annual compensation stipend. Teachers who are rated 'highly effective' for three consecutive years shall receive a step increase. VAM (value added model) teachers will also receive a one-time \$500 stipend. SLT (student learning targets) teachers will also receive a one-time \$375 stipend."

Barry Landry, with the Louisiana Department of Education, says 50 percent of

a teacher's evaluation is based on a composite score comprised of student growth and qualitative assessment of performance. The other 50 percent is based on the principal's evaluation, Rawls said.

"The principal does an observation evaluation, and out of that observation, he's going to score the teacher on a rubric," the superintendent said.

One teacher who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal says in order for them to get a stipend for their rating, a teacher must score a four for three consecutive years.

"To score a four is virtually impossible," he said. "Principals have the right to do an informal evaluation without notice, but it's never been done in Webster Parish until now. It just seems strange this being exercised when money is now tied to it. It's manipulation. It's wrong."

Rawls says the language is confusing and needs to be fixed. He explained that at the end of the three years, it becomes a permanent step increase in their salary.

"What it's saying is, 'I've been highly effective for three years in a row,'" he said. "Then at the end of those three years, I get a permanent increase of those steps in my salary schedule.' But each year of those three years, it's just a stipend. Those three years of highly effective makes that increase permanent."

About 40 teachers out of some 300 in Webster Parish scored highly effective, Rawls says, with only two scoring ineffective.

Lansdale believes Webster is using that three-year stipulation as "an excuse to balance their budget on the backs of their employees."

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