

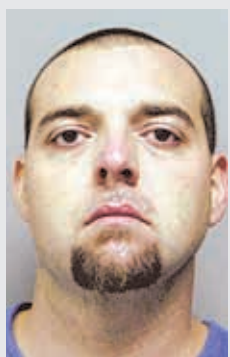
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MINDEN CITY GOVERNMENT

Council approves power supply talks

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The Minden City Council voted to give Mayor Tommy Davis authorization to attempt to negotiate the terms of the city's contract with SWEPCO Monday.

The authorization included retaining legal counsel if need be.

"It (contract) was very good to Minden in the first five years, but as we all know, it hasn't been recently," Davis said.

Davis has explained in recent workshops the need for the negotiation, saying the city is paying too much for its energy costs.

The city pays millions of dollars each year for energy, he said, adding the city is in year six of its 20-year contract with the energy company.

Benny Gray made the motion, seconded by Mike Toland, passing unanimously.

**DAVIS**

Storage Tank Removal

In other news, the council also approved a request from Waller Petroleum, who asked for permission to remove and replace the single wall underground storage tanks at 102 Broadway. Waller Petroleum sought permission to move forward with their project as the underground storage

tank at the Bulk Plant site is within 1,000 feet of public wells. However, Ordinance No. 802 provides for an exemption for replacement and repair.

The company will replace the single-walled 100,000-gallon fuel storage tank with a double-walled 30,000-gallon tank, thereby reducing storage

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US SENATE RACE

'America is much better than the leadership we have in Washington'

Rep. John Fleming, R-Minden

Rep. Fleming announces run for US Senate seat

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Republican U.S. Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana launched his campaign Monday for U.S. Senate, positioning himself as a contender willing to take on Washington's GOP leaders.

The congressman — who has represented northwest Louisiana since 2009 and is seeking the Senate seat being vacated by David Vitter — says in a video posted to his campaign website that he believes "America is much better than the leadership we have in Washington."

Fleming is a tea party favorite, and he describes himself as willing to challenge not only President Barack Obama, but Republicans in Washington who don't follow "conservative principles."

"As a passionate conservative, I can tell you with certainty that this president doesn't share our Louisiana values," Fleming says in the video. "But there is more blame to go around. We have too many in Washington who are all too willing to just go along with the status quo and not make any waves."



Republican U.S. Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana launched his campaign Monday for U.S. Senate, positioning himself as a contender willing to take on Washington's GOP leaders. File Photo

A doctor, Fleming has been an outspoken critic of Obama's health care overhaul, pledging to push repeal until he is successful.

Fleming becomes the

first of many GOP contenders expected to seek the seat. U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany, a Republican who represents southwest Louisiana, also has said he

will announce his Senate campaign soon.

Other well-known Republicans eyeing the race

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EDUCATION

Board hears campus worries

Board to address new Webster Jr. High campus concerns in new year

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At the last meeting of the year, the Webster Parish School Board adopted a resolution accepting the results of the Nov. 21 election to extend a bond resolution to provide better facilities for students at J.E. Harper Elementary.

Following a roll call vote, the board voted unanimously, with board members Linda Kinsey and Jeri "JJ" O'Neal absent. However, Kinsey, buildings and maintenance committee chair, brought some concerns to the board via member John Madden. He says she received these concerns from her constituents:

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AT THE CAPITOL

Reynolds talks state budget cuts

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Mid-year budget cuts are on the horizon as the Louisiana Legislature figures out how to plug holes in a budget with a \$117 million deficit.

State Rep. Gene Reynolds, D-Minden, says cuts are coming, except to higher education, which includes the vocational schools. He says they plan to use \$28 million from the

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GOING THE DISTANCE

Sibley firefighter honored for years of service

At their annual Christmas Banquet, the Sibley Fire Department honored one of their own as they presented Sammy Citrano a plaque signifying his more than 40 years of dedicated service. Firefighters young and old gathered to salute Citrano. Gregg Parks/Press-Herald



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LITTLE MISS MINDEN

Contestants of the Little Miss Minden Pageant were Alleigh Basinger, first runner up; Ella Williams, winner; Mikayla Blagg, Miss Photogenic; Addison Fields, second runner up and Gracie Purvis, participant. Courtesy Photo

HIGHER EDUCATION

Northwestern's fall commencement set for Dec. 18

NATCHITOCHES — Northwestern State University will hold its fall commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 18 in Prather Coliseum.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will honor graduates from

the Louisiana Scholars' College, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development.

Graduates from the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health and the Col-

lege of Business and Technology will be recognized at the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Nicole Vasquez, the 2016 State High School Teacher of the Year, will be the speaker at both ceremonies.

A teacher at Captain

Shreve High School in Shreveport, Vasquez has taught summer school classes in English, social studies and English language arts for grades eight through 12. She is a 2007 graduate of Northwestern State.

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rainy day fund to help plug the holes.

"We're trying to come up with some ideas about the current budget fall," Reynolds said. "The thought is trying to use that rainy day money is a good idea rather than cutting higher education."

Several departments received cuts through cutting costs, not filling vacant positions and cutting operating expenses.

The mid-year deficit elimination plan, published by the joint legislative committee on the budget, projects a \$117 million shortfall for the fiscal year 2015 and an estimated \$370 million for the fiscal year 2016.

"The plan proposes \$487.3 million in potential solutions through targeted reductions in contracts, travel and operating services, as well as strategic program reductions identified in discussions with agencies," reports the committee.

Overall, the plan includes \$149.7 million on strategic operational budget reductions to agencies, \$277.7 million of excess fund balances

not appropriated in the 2016 budget, \$31.7 million of additional revenues (Transocean, FEMA) and \$28.2 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund (rainy day fund).

The proposed reductions affect the following departments and the amounts:

- Executive Department, an estimated \$8.4 million,
- Veterans' Affairs, an estimated \$500,000,
- Elected Officials, an estimated \$5.3 million,
- LED, an estimated \$8.4 million,
- CRT, an estimated \$470,000,
- DOTD, an estimated \$49 million,
- Public Safety, an estimated \$5 million,
- DHH, an estimated \$340 million,
- N DCFS, an estimated \$400,000,
- Natural Resources, an estimated \$1.7 million,
- Revenue, an estimated \$27,000,
- DEQ, an estimated \$4.6 million,
- Workforce Commission, an estimated \$1.1 million,
- Wildlife and Fisheries, an estimated \$4.5 million, and
- DOE and Special Schools, an estimated \$1.8 million.

Statewide cuts total

\$55,854,653, with all these adding up to \$487 million in total cuts.

"That's just to get us to the next budget cycle," he said. "That will get us to July 1. What the special session is going to do, is we will take a look at the temporary moves to see if it adequately funded this year and also look at short-term and long-term fixes for the budget going forward. Some of these things to change, like if it's constitutional, we can't change it until October, because that's when it comes up on the ballot."

The idea is to use undesignated balances in excess of appropriations from statutory dedications and other accounts to restore reductions to appropriations from those funds, reported the committee.

"For example, the Audubon Golf Trail Development Fund appropriation to CRT has been reduced by \$600 as part of the mid-year solution, but the Fund's prior balance and excess revenues are sufficient to fully restore the \$600 to CRT, so that there is no net reduction or operational impact arising from this adjustment," the committee writes.

Reynolds says the revenue reduction forecast is due to major factors such as falling

oil prices, sales tax and other things.

The committees tasked with trying to come up with a solution are diverse, Reynolds said. The commit-

NORTH WEBSTER

Early voting gets easier for Springhill voters

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Early voting is getting easier for voters in the Springhill area.

Webster Parish Registrar of Voters Melanie Smith says an internet line will be added to the Springhill Civic Center, which will connect them to the main office in Minden.

"It is an internet connection to the ERIN statewide voter registration system," she said. "The reason I want to have it there is we have early voted in Springhill since the 70s, and we early vote up there completely manually. We do not have a computer connection with ERIN."

ERIN, or the Elections and Registration Information Network, is the statewide voter registration system used by all parishes in Louisiana.

"Anyone can vote there, just like they can in the main office," she said.

She says when voters cast their ballots during early voting week people will use the machines just like they would at the courthouse in Minden. Instead of entering their registration information into the computer like

they would in Minden, those who early vote in Springhill currently have to be logged into a book that contains 26,000 registered voters, Smith said.

"All the work that's been done manually has to come back here and be entered into the ERIN system immediately," she said. "This will eliminate that entire process, and you can come to the early voting location at the Springhill Civic Center. The process will function exactly as it does in the main office, because we'll have a direct line into the statewide voter registration system."

Figures from the Webster Parish Police Jury show the initial cost of the project will cost \$2,000, and an annual fee of \$4,200 for the line, breaking down to about \$350 per month. The police jury approved the line item in the December meeting with the approval of the 2016 total budget.

Funding for the installation will come from the police jury's general fund under elections expenses, with the annual/monthly fee coming from the registrar's budget for their phone lines.

The registrar of voters' office has about \$56,600 total in 2016's budget.



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NORTH WEBSTER CRIME

Sarepta man arrested on battery charge

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SAREPTA – Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a Sarepta home in reference to an argument that turned physical. Kevin B. Hubbard, 32, of the 600 block of Porterville Road, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 6, and charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.

When Deputy George Salsberry and Lt. Ken



HUBBARD

Sivils arrived on scene, they made contact with a female victim, who reportedly told police the two had gotten into an argument about his job. Deputies report she told them "he got in her face" and she pushed him.

According to the police report, the victim told deputies Hubbard grabbed her by the hair, punched her in the eye and slammed her to the floor.

Hubbard then left the residence and returned before authorities left the scene. Hubbard was then placed under arrest and charged with domestic abuse battery and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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age capacity. The idea is to replace the current tank with the newest, state-of-the-art technology and remove the above ground storage tanks.

Waller Petroleum intends to build a convenience store similar to Bon Temps on Sibley Road.

The motion was made by Mike Toland, seconded by Benny Gray and passed unanimously.

Economic Development

The council also got a report from Economic Development Director James Graham, who writes in his report the city has a strong network, but also faces challenges.

"While there are numerous challenges facing the community as it seeks to further develop, there are also plenty of important development opportunities that will result in more skilled labor, a growing middle income population, a more diversified and stronger industry base and an improved quality of life for all of its people," he writes.

Among his goals is to implement the economic development strategy put into place before his arrival. He also talked about business retention and expansion meetings as well as workforce development and economic development incentive, purpose and program.

He says a new theme for branding and marketing Minden has come into play, "Making It Work."

"You will see this phrase used in numerous ways as we move forward with the strategy," he writes. "We ask all community organizations and businesses to use this tag line in their promotion materials and

electronic correspondence. A unified Minden is essential to developing a better quality of life for all of its citizens."

Other Business

In other business, the council approved the following:

- the hiring of Antonio Mims to the Minden Police Department

- the reappointments of Kent Gibson and Charlotte Jones to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission

- the appointment of Ron Anderson to the Minden Housing Authority, replacing the unexpired term of Larry Johnson, and Latasha Dent, replacing Angela Willis

- Property annexation request from Anthony Garner and Andreka Garner on Weston Street

- The amendment and re-enactment of Ordinance No. 1063, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places

- Adoption of amended Ordinance No. 1064 Governing the Sale of Adjudicated Property

- Adoption of Ordinance No. 1065 Accepting Dedication of Water Main

- Adoption of Ordinance No. 1066 Abandonment of Right-of-Way

- Adoption of Ordinance No. 1067 Abandonment of Servitude

- Request to rescind re-subdivision of property – The Minden Planning Commission approved the preliminary plans for a re-subdivision of property owned by Benjamin Wood, located at Ferguson Street, but he has asked that council rescind that approval.

- Approval of final plat for re-subdivision of property – The Minden Planning Commission approved the preliminary plans for a re-subdivision of property owned by Larry Brown at Third Street.



PETITE MISS MINDEN WINNERS

Winners of the Petite Miss Minden Pageant were Landry Edwards, winner; Haylen Kramer, first runner up; Ava Martin, third runner up; Aynslea Mays, second runner up and Miss Photogenic. Courtesy Photo

FLEMING

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are Treasurer John Kennedy; Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, who ran third

in the governor's race earlier this year; and Rob Maness, who ran unsuccessfully for Senate last year.

Vitter, a Republican, announced he wouldn't run for a third term in 2016 after he was soundly defeated in Louisiana's election for gov-

ernor by Democrat John Bel Edwards.

The race became a referendum on Vitter's character, and his 12 percentage point loss was deemed a stunning rebuke of the one-time political powerbroker that could have made it difficult for him

to hold onto his Senate seat.

Democratic candidates have been slower to emerge for the race so far. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu has said he won't run for the Senate seat.

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- Not enough classrooms at the new wing to be built at Webster Junior High School,

- Too many children per classrooms

- Too much money for what the school system is getting,

- The possibility of utilizing Leon Hays Road, on the north side of Webster Junior High School in case of a traffic issue,

- The naming of the new campus,

- The proposal of seating in the cafeteria isn't enough,

- Nine classrooms would accommodate the core classes, but would not be enough for arts or class expansion.

The board will not discuss these concerns until at least January as Kinsey was absent due to a death in her family.

Charles Strong will preside over meetings as president for another year, with Johnnye Kennon remaining vice president. Frankie Mitchell nominated Kennon for president and she received votes in favor from board members Madden, Malachi Ridgel and Mitchell. She cast her vote in her favor.

Ronnie Rhymes nominated Strong for president with Brandon Edens, Jerry Lott, Penny Long, Ronnie Broughton and Rhymes voting in his favor. Strong cast his vote in his favor.

In other business, the board approved:

- Moro Electric, LLC to connect electricity to two portable buildings at Central School for \$1,545, using the District 3 Lease Fund.

- John Gibbs Roof Systems Inc., to work on the roof at the special needs building at Central Office for \$11,489 using the parish-wide maintenance tax.

- Southern Hardwood Floors to sand and finish the gym floor and repaint game lines and art at North Webster Junior High School for \$11,780, using the Sarepta School building fund, and

- the personnel report.

In the superintendent's report, Dr. Dan Rawls says he is still receiving test scores from spring testing. Although he says he has not seen all of them, the results so far seem to be promising.

Test scores are running nine to 10 months behind, he says, adding the tests and the rubric being used is delaying the release of those scores.

"They gave us raw scores, but you can't do much with

WPSB DECEMBER 2015 PERSONNEL REPORT

■**Dimettera Frazier, a paraprofessional, will replace Mitzie Wison who transferred to Webster Junior High School, effective Nov. 16.**

■**Donna Parkerson, a bus driver, is retiring from North Webster Junior High School, effective Nov. 21.**

■**Pamela McLendon, a paraprofessional, will replace Cleodis Bell who resigned from Webster Junior High School, effective Nov. 30.**

■**Deborah Stevens, a speech therapist, is resigning from the Webster Parish School Board, effective Dec. 15.**

■**Barbara Slack, a paraprofessional from Browning Elementary is retiring, effective Jan. 23, 2016.**

raw scores unless you know the scoring rubric," he said. "You don't know what you have, and right now they are in the process of scoring raw scores. We have the majority of them, but we still don't have them all. I'm hearing it may be after the holidays before we get them all."

He explained the state had to contract with a company to grade the tests, and the contract did not go through until the summer, hence the reason it took so long to get the raw scores. The data is more than 1,000 pages of information, and Rawls expects to bring it to

the February meeting so board members can see how much goes into it.

"You're not going to believe it when you see it," he told the board. "When you see the number of tests that we give and the hours of the days we test kids, you're not going to believe it. It's very, very difficult for our teachers. The spend so much of their time prepping for tests, studying for tests and testing and not teaching the curriculum."

The board will meet for its first meeting of the year at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.

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PERSPECTIVE

Junk or treasured memories

A few days ago while retrieving the Christmas tree from its storage place in the utility room, we noticed a small cardboard box behind it. Most likely the box had been there for years but this was the first time I had been present when taking the tree down, so it was the first time I had seen it.

Naturally, I was a very inquisitive by-stander so I asked Hubby if he would retrieve it for me.

I was quite surprised when I opened the box. Inside were all kinds of treasures. Some I had completely forgotten about.

You know most writers have a story of how they could have papered a room with rejection slips before they finally broke through and began to make sales. Well, I couldn't paper an entire room, but I had my share, and nestled among assorted papers were a handful of the those such slips. The little notes of rejection always made me feel as if they were rejecting me, instead of my writing. It takes a tough skin to bear the many rejections one receives when just beginning to submit manuscripts. But that day, I just tossed them.

There were copies of my very first attempts at writing a column. These were titled "More Muses by...Fannie Moore" and were published by the Springhill Press beginning in 1967 (while I was in college). It was interesting to look back at those, but surprisingly, some of them were pretty good.

Then there were the college papers I had saved for some reason. After looking them over, I can't think of any reason I saved them.

As you probably recall that I started college as a 30-year old mother of three, A freshman at age 30, Most of the 18-year olds found this hard to believe.

I was majoring in Elementary Education with a minor, or specialty, in English. Among the classes I took were Greek Literature and Shakespeare. At the time these papers were written I was doing practice teaching in sixth grade and some of my assignments were to prepare curriculum units on these topics that would be appropriate for the age level.

One paper titled "Life and Works of Shakespeare- Curriculum Unit" was among the items. The project had to show correlation with arithmetic, dramatization, art, language-both written and oral-, reading, science and social studies.

There was a unit on poetry, with Autumn as its theme. A paper on Theseus for Greek Lit. and one titled, "Thoreau's Living" were among them.

I had an enjoyable time reading over some of these and recalling those days when I was working hard to keep my head above water. There I was as an elementary education major among all those English majors. But it was a fun experience, just to recall those days.

One never knows what he will find in those hidden boxes.

Could be junk, or like this, a treasure trove of good memories.

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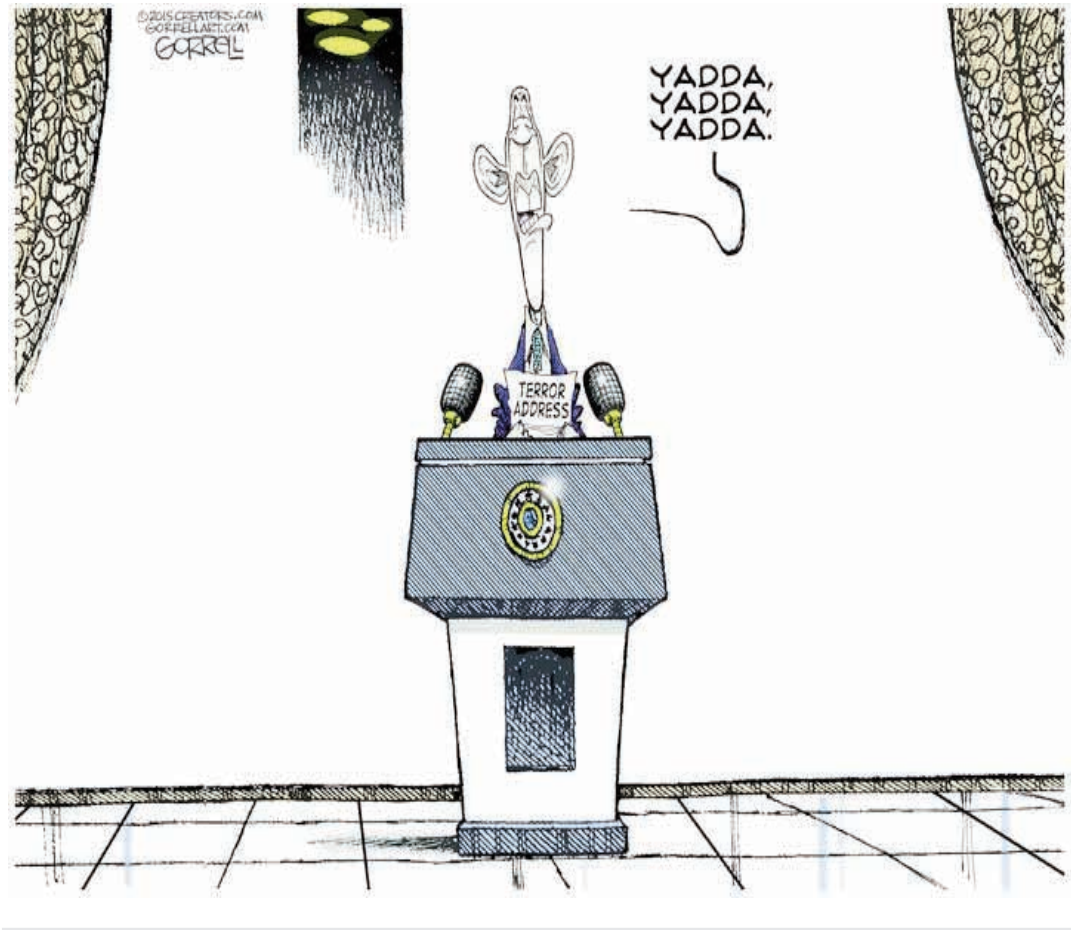
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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

The Advocate on the Water Institute of the Gulf Research and Conference Center

Because coastal erosion is threatening the very existence of Louisiana, we have welcomed the development of not only physical restoration projects but the intellectual infrastructure to combat coastline loss.

That is going to be advanced by the development of a permanent research center on the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge. The \$22 million Water Institute of the Gulf Research and Conference Center is just the first project in a build-out of the institute's physical spaces.

The institute will be housed on two floors of the new building, with a third floor devoted to academic conventions and research conferences.

Gov. Bobby Jindal and Water Institute President Chip Groat were among the speakers at a groundbreaking for the new center.

By 2017, the institute will move from rented space to the new headquarters.

It's a great project, like the parks and convention spaces along the river in downtown

New Orleans. Our cities need to be able to look upon the river, the reason for the existence of our communities since the 17th century. This new project harkens back to Baton Rouge's river roots, said John Davies, president of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, which played a leadership role in the institute's formation.

But it's not just a matter of physical development, although that will be impressive. What matters is what the institute does, and that includes a tremendous amount of technical research into Louisiana's river deltas and those around the world facing similar challenges.

"We strive to conduct world-class applied research focused on sustaining the vitality of the world's great coasts and deltas," said Groat, a veteran coastal scientist at LSU who returned from the University of Texas to head the new institute. "Our roots are in Louisiana's great delta and coast."

The institute hopes to expand from about 45 scientists, engineers and technology specialists to about 80 in the next five years. The institute will adjoin the offices of the state Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the LSU Center for River Studies, also now under construction.

We hope that the institute, collaborating closely with not only LSU but Tulane University and other research institutions, will help spur not only new knowledge about the coast's challenges but perhaps one day generate economic returns.

Jindal's ambitions for the center include its potential as "a magnet for water management research worldwide" that he hopes will one day generate direct and indirect jobs in water management in the state.

As the institute expands, it can and should be a central research hub for the state and federal agencies working in the Louisiana coastal zone. We have high hopes for its prospects.

PERSPECTIVE

The Smear

This week my TV show is on gun control. I interviewed activist Leah Barrett, who wants stricter gun laws.

I pointed out that after most states loosened gun laws to let people carry guns, 29 peer-reviewed studies examined the effect. Eighteen found less crime, 10 found no difference and only one found an increase.

"Which studies?" Barrett snapped. "John Lott's? His research has been totally discredited."

"Discredited" is a word the anti-gun activists use a lot. It's as if they speak from the same playbook.

"Lott is a widely discredited ideologue," said a spokeswoman for Everytown — a Bloomberg-funded gun control group.

"Completely discredited" is how the director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy described Lott's research.

The left-wing site Salon says Lott "was discredited in the early 2000s." Media Matters for America called Lott "discredited" at least 40 times.

So how is Lott "discredited"? Barrett says, "He claims his data was lost on his hard drive. Well, go re-create it! He hasn't been able to!" But that's false. Lott's "More Guns, Less Crime" study has been replicated often, including by the National Research Council and even by some critics.

After a hard-drive crash, Lott did lose data that supported a lesser point: 98 percent of the time, people only need to point a gun at a criminal for him to back down. But Lott did replicate that survey (he got 95 percent, close results for statistical purposes). That data is posted on his group's website and available to anyone who wants it.

Barrett continued her smear: Lott "actually impersonated a student ... to say what a great professor he is."

That's actually true. On the Internet, Lott once posed as a student to praise his own course. Dumb, yes. Deceitful, too. But it doesn't "discredit" all his research.

I may be biased here. One of Lott's kids works for me. But when I look at the facts, I conclude that Lott is right. His critics, instead of arguing facts, smear.

Sometimes it reaches comical levels.

Jonah Peretti, founder of BuzzFeed, impersonated Lott on a website he set up called "Ask John Lott." When people emailed the site, Peretti wrote back pretending to be Lott and saying that he didn't support certain gun controls.

After legal action, Peretti took down the site and apologized. But BuzzFeed recently ran an article claiming that Lott pressured a stalking victim into talking to the media about why she wanted a gun. BuzzFeed ignored screen shots Lott sent them of text exchanges showing that the woman said she wanted to talk to the media.

Lott isn't the only smear victim. Many academics who don't toe the leftist line get attacked.

Climatologist Judith Curry was popular in academic circles when she assumed that global warming was a big problem. But then she looked deeper into the research and expressed some doubts.

Suddenly Curry was a "climate misinformer" who made "assertions unsupported by evidence" with "an irresponsible level of sloppiness." Climate Progress founder Joe Romm wrote that Curry "abandons science." Congressmen demanded that her university investigate her funding.

Curry told me that she only dared speak out against the leftist mob because she has tenure and is near retirement. Professors without tenure often lose jobs.

Lott was pushed out of Yale, Wharton and the University of Chicago. Now he runs a group called the Crime Prevention Research Center. To fend off smears, he refuses all funding from gun-makers.

I grew up assuming that more guns meant more crime and that gun control would save lives. Lott showed that the facts don't support that assumption. Now even some leftists admit that.

A New York Times op-ed said, "Even gun control advocates acknowledge a larger truth: the law that barred the sale of assault weapons from 1994 to 2004 made little difference."

It's also a myth that gun owners are more likely to hurt themselves than protect themselves. There were 505 accidental gun deaths in 2013, but surveys estimate that guns are used for self-defense somewhere between 100,000 and 2 million times a year.

It's counterintuitive, but it's true: More guns lead to less crime.

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



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Around Town

Dec. 8

The first meeting of the Breast Cancer Support Group in Minden will be from 5 p.m. until 6 at Pink Pratique. The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet the second Tuesday of each month to provide positive support and encouragement to women/men who are currently being treated for, or are survivors of breast cancer. For more information contact Deborah Cooksey at 318-639-5035.

Dec. 10

Chad Bowen, Louisiana representative of Friends of the NRA, will be speaking to the Minden Lions Club at noon. He will describe the NRA incentives to protect Second Amendment rights, and discuss how the local Friends of NRA Dinners in Minden and Shreveport are aiding youth gun sports in the area and improving the Gun and Archery Range for the Boy Scouts at Camp Garland (near Stonewall.) Members are invited to bring guests, lunch will be served. The Lions Club meets every Thursday at noon in the American Legion Hall.

Dec. 12

The St. James Baptist Church will be hosting a "Community Connection" concert at 5 p.m.

Dec. 13

The St. James Baptist Church will be hosting an Auxiliary Day program on at 3 p.m.

An Annual Prayer Band program will be hosted at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Serving as guest pastor and church will be Pastor Greg Deloach and Blue Run Baptist Church.

The Class of 1970 will be sponsoring a 45th class celebration at the Forestry Building at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information call 377-3652 or 377-3357.



The Roadrunner Choir made their debut at E.S. Richardson Veterans Day celebration. From left, front row, are T. Brown, T. Burdette, R. Lachney, N. Speed, K. Troquille, J. Tanner, K. Kemp, A. Blanks, T. Smith, K. Cole, L. Wall, L. Guthrie, Z. Cooper, T. Young, E. Croad, P. West, C. Floyd, A. Fields and K. Lang. Back row are, K. Dixon, B. Washington, N. Cooksey, L. Garrett, S. Whitfield, K. Coleman, J. Dent, E. Wynn, E. Baldwin, M. Blagg, B. Winzer-Jackson, A. Basinger, A. Bernard, K. Forbes, K. White, K. Washington, Z. Rowell, Q. Eason, A. Streetman and K. Ryan. Courtesy Photo

E.S. Richardson Veterans Day ceremony

On Nov. 11, Veterans Day was celebrated at E. S. Richardson Elementary School.

The Honor Guard presented the flags. Veterans were entertained by the Roadrunner Choir, which made their debut. The choir sung several patriotic songs for the Veter-

ans and parents in the audience.

Veterans and special guests were served a lunch of cheesy potato soup, Sub-way sandwiches, and cake as a way of saying thank you. Richardson's fifth grade Character Counts group served as hostesses and servers for the day.

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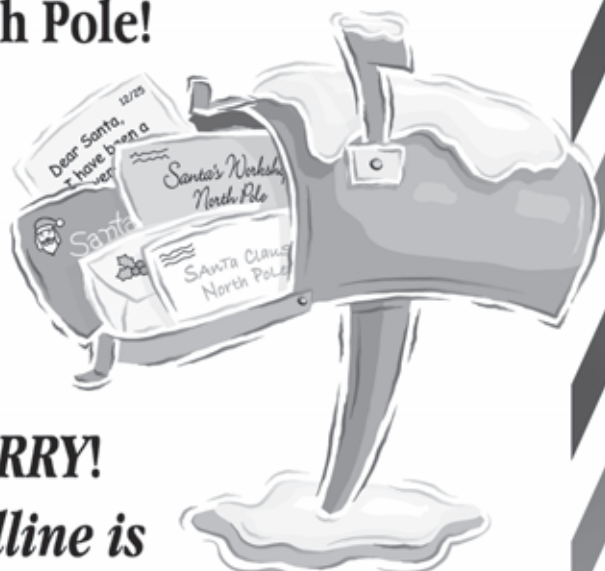
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NFL

Cowboys stay alive
with comeback win

LANDOVER, Md. — After the game's 10th drive finally resulted in the evening's first points, Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant stalked around the sideline, cursing and yelling and, oddly, even removing his shoes.

He was upset that the football wasn't being thrown his way.

On the game's final scoring drive, Matt Cassel's only two completions both went to Bryant, helping set up Dan Bailey's 54-yard field goal with 9 seconds left Monday night that gave Dallas a 19-16 victory over the Washington Redskins and allowed the Cowboys to somehow keep themselves in the thick of the playoff chase in the woeful NFC East.

"I was frustrated," Bryant said of his first-half tantrum. "But then I had to calm down and understand that this is the game. Everybody wants to make plays and be there for their team."

The last-place Cowboys (4-8) won for the first time this season without Romo and now are only one game behind the Redskins, New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, who are all 5-7.

"We are still in this thing," Bryant said.

Hard to believe, but it's true.

"I would never have dreamed it," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "You can say it speaks to parity — and I guess it does. We are fortunate."

Jones added: "We won one on will tonight."

NCAAF

Fournette not a
Heisman finalist

NEW YORK — Alabama's Derrick Henry and Stanford's Christian McCaffrey are hoping to return to the Heisman Trophy to the running backs.

Clemson's Deshaun Watson can keep it with the QBs.

The two star running backs with very different styles and the dual-threat quarterback of the No. 1 team in the country are headed for New York after being named Heisman finalists Monday night.

Henry and McCaffrey will be looking to break a five-year streak of quarterbacks winning college football's top honor when the trophy is presented Saturday night in Midtown Manhattan.

Mark Ingram of Alabama in 2009 was the last running back — and only Crimson Tide player — to win the Heisman. Since 2000, 13 of the 15 Heisman winners have been quarterbacks.

Among those missing out on a trip to New York City was Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield, LSU running back Leonard Fournette, who was the early season favorite, and Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Tiders win tourney



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Over the weekend, the Minden Lady Tiders took part in the Jack Clayton Invitational Tournament, bringing the first place trophy home to Minden in convincing fashion.

The tournament title comes on the heels of big wins over Neville (75-59), Captain Shreve (57-40) and Haughton (63-44) in the finals.

Lady Tider head coach Jacob Brown was pleased with the championship performance of his girls.

"Each game this weekend was unique," Brown said. "Our girls showed they have the ability to play from ahead or behind, and we proved we can play some pretty good defense. I was really proud of our girls for

finding ways to win each ball game. We'll continue to improve from here."

In the championship game against Haughton, Sha'Terra Batton led the Lady Tiders with 22 points, followed by Bre Rogers and Tiaga Pugh with 16 points.

The Lady Tiders will take on Airline, Tuesday, Dec. 8, before taking part in the Doyline Tournament which begins Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Lakeside Warriors

In the consolation finals of the boys bracket in the Jack Clayton Invitational, the Lakeside boys fell to Benton, 73-69 in double overtime.

Lakeside trailed by 18 at one point before rallying in the second half to send the game into OT.

Lakeside and Benton played to a 6-6 tie in the first OT, but Benton would end the exciting contest in the second.

"We had to play most of the overtimes without some key players who were fouled out," Lakeside head coach Jason Gould said. "I was proud of my bench guys for stepping up, especially Djimon Lard."



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Doyline dominates ahead of tournament



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DOYLINE - The Doyline Panthers defeated Converse Monday night at home, 86-42.

The Panthers were in a tight contest early on, but turned up their defensive pressure and the result was a bevy of steals and buckets on the other end.

Jatavion Jackson led Doyline with 21 points, followed by Tyreck

Wilson 19 and Desmond Jackson added 14 points.

Doyline Tournament

The Doyline Tournament begins tomorrow night and runs through Saturday, Dec. 12. Here is a list of first round matchups.

Wednesday

Haynesville vs. Bossier (Girls) - 4:30 p.m.

Byrd vs. Haynesville (Boys) - 6 p.m.

Doyline vs. Lakeside (Girls) - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

North DeSoto vs. Calvary (Girls) - 4:30 p.m.

Lakeside vs. North DeSoto (Boys) - 6 p.m.

Doyline vs. Minden (Boys) - 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Minden vs. North Webster (Girls) - 4:30 p.m.

North Webster vs. Red River (Boys) - 6 p.m.

LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

Excitement in the woods this time of year

It's called the "rut". For the uninformed, that means the time of year when usually secretive and wary buck deer, following an urge to breed doe deer, drop their guard and follow receptive does everywhere. A song out of the old Broadman hymnal comes to mind during this time of year. Slightly paraphrased.... "Wherever SHE Leads, I'll Go".

For this writer, that scenario played out this past weekend on Two Creeks, my Jackson Parish hunting club. SHE lured him out in to the opening in front of my stand, and I got him. Here's how it all went down.

Earlier this season, I sat on one of my two deer stands, the one I call Three Mile (that's exactly how far the stand is from our camp). Over the span of an hour, I watched 10 deer — does, yearlings and two small bucks — come out on my shooting lanes. Since I already had fresh venison in the freezer, I "shot" them with my camera.

The following Saturday, I elected to sit in another stand closer to the camp but after two

hours of seeing nothing, I made the decision to relocate to where all the action was the week before.

Parking my truck and walking the last 300 or so yards to Three Mile, I climbed up onto the landing to the stand, opened the door while my rifle and pack were still on my back.

Glancing out the plexi-glass window on the front of the stand facing the most heavily used lane, I saw a buck 175 yards or so down the lane. Fortunately, he hadn't seen me as he moseyed along the lane headed for a scrape at the edge. I'm trying to get my rifle and pack off my shoulder, huffing and puffing a bit from my climb into the stand. Before I could get settled, he leisurely walked off into the woods and was gone.

Fast forward to this past Saturday morning. When the

alarm sounded at 4:00, I debated as to whether to hunt or crawl back in bed; the radar showed rain in the area with temperature 68 degrees. Since the annual rut takes place in this part of the state a week or so around Thanksgiving, warm rain or not, I opted to go hunting.

I parked and walked to my stand while a gentle rain was falling. Getting settled and cozy in the stand, I exchanged texts with a hunting partner, Mike Brister, to let him know I where I was hunting, and he did the same.

Not long after daylight, three deer — all does — stepped onto the lane, fed a bit and then walked off into the woods.

The next couple of hours were rather boring; the rain had stopped but nothing was happening. Brister messaged me that if he hadn't seen anything, he was getting down from his stand at 9:00. I agreed to do the same.

Suddenly at around 8:45, two does burst across the lane at full speed. Something had obvious-

ly alarmed them and since the date was the last Saturday in November, I suspected what it may have been, so I got my rifle out the window expecting the buck that had been chasing them to step out.

At 8:55, he did and paused just long enough for me to realize he was very likely the same one I'd seen a week earlier. I dropped him where he stood.

I have been a member of this hunting club for at least 10 years, have taken a doe just about every year for the freezer, but had never shot a buck. I couldn't have had my drought broken any better when contemplating the one lying at my feet. Sporting 8 points with a 17 inch inside spread, the deer bumped the scales at around 200 pounds.

This all happened because I was in the right place at the right time, thinking about the words of that old hymn.... "Wherever SHE Leads, I'll Go".

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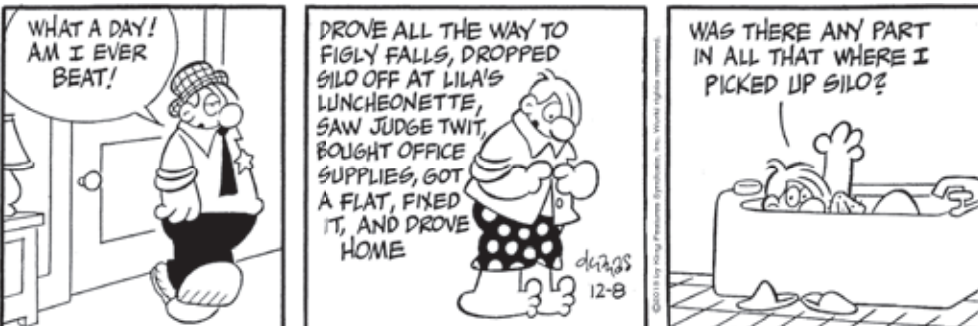
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