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24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras 2022

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24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras/Minden Fasching Karneval Parade took place in Minden this past Saturday. Gatherings, cookouts, and more could be seen along the parade route where local citizens enjoyed one another's company while waiting for the parade to begin. Beautifully decorated floats from a variety of Krewe's took part in the parade showering attendees with beads, snacks, and other goodies in classic Mardi Gras fashion. This year's parade featured countless local notable figures: 2022's Miss Spirit of Fasching, Courtney Patterson, 2022 Miss Minden Anne Claire Lemoine, Minden's Man and Woman of the Year Jake Chapman and Tokia Whiting, and countless others. The winners of the parade's various categories will be announced during the March City Council Meeting.



HISTORIC DISTRICT

Huffman event center zoning vote fails to pass

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Planning Commission met last Thursday to vote on a zoning variance for the property formerly known as Grace Estate. Proponents for each side showed up with supporters and documentation. After three hours of debate, the request to allow a bed and breakfast to operate was approved, but the variance for the event center was not.

The property is located in the Minden Historic Residential District. In 1992, this neighborhood was designated a Historic Trust neighborhood. This means that the homes are protected, to a certain extent, from changes. "In the Historic Residential District, any changes that you make to the exterior of your home has to be approved with a certificate of appropriateness

by the Historic Commission before you can get a building permit from me. It includes changing colors of paint and things like that that are even more inclusive than what I do," said Brent Cooley, City Building Official.

The Huffmans, who are in the process of purchasing Grace Estate and who have owned and operated Huffman house for seven years, requested that they be able to use 70% of the home as the bed and breakfast. This is a special request as the amount usually allotted is 20%. The President of the Minden Historic Residential District, Leslie Rainier, was against this portion of the variance. She stated, "The bed and breakfast idea was created for the benefit of the homeowners so they could offset the cost of running a large, historic home. It really was not created to provide a commer-

cial venture and a profit-building situation."

They plan to convert spaces within the main house so that it will have five bedrooms and five and a half bathrooms. One suite would be for his daughter, who currently attends LSU in Baton Rouge. The other four sleeping rooms plus the two bedrooms and 2 bathrooms in the carriage house would be for guests. "The variance he's requesting is to do a Lodging House, which is an auxiliary residential use," said Cooley. "As long as he's not renting more than five bedrooms inside the house, that structure still can be, and should be, considered residential."

When asked where all these guests would park, Huffman explained his plan for a small strip of parking spaces on the side of the home near Syl-See, **ZONING**, Page 2

"GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

St. Jude Auction Returns this Weekend

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden St. Jude Auction "Greatest Show on Earth" will be returning this Thursday, Feb. 10 at 9 AM and will be continued through Super Bowl Sunday. The auction will be available to watch/listen/stream/bid via KASO/KBEF, Sudenlink, and of course via their website at mindenstjude.com.

Many of the auction's beloved events that had to be put on hold last year due to COVID-19 will be returning, such as the fan favorite Chili Cookoff, where countless cooks will be competing amongst themselves to determine who is the best. Tasting cups for the public will begin being sold at 11 AM on Saturday.

Kids Day, hosted by the

Young Women's Service Club, will also be taking place this Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. With a \$5 entry fee, families can bring their children to get their faces painted, play in bounce houses and so much more.

While auction is in the name, there are more ways besides the auction alone to support St. Jude during this event. The phone number 318-377-1100 can be called in order to give a pledge to St. Jude. Limited edition Minden St. Jude Auction T-Shirts featuring this year's unique theme will be available for purchase and pickup for those who pre-ordered.

The Minden Run for St. Jude will be taking place as usual, starting at First Baptist Church on Saturday. Be sure to visit the [MindenRunForStJude](https://www.facebook.com/MindenRunForStJude) Facebook page for more

information.

As always a full list of the items to be auctioned and raffled can be found at the auction's website mindenstjude.com. There people can purchase raffles, t-shirts, make donations, as well as see everything else that the auction has to offer.

Last year, even with the complications that arose due to Covid, the auction was still able to raise roughly 1.6 million dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, due in no small part to the overwhelming generosity displayed from the citizens of Minden. With the event back in full swing, there's no doubt that Minden will continue to be the city raising the most money per capita for the vital work that St. Jude carries out every day.

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van Place.

The debate concerning the proposed event center focused on things that have happened in the past, under the previous ownership. Noise from bands and fireworks, parking issues, trash issues were all discussed extensively. “I’ll commit right now that we won’t shoot fireworks,” said Jim Huffman. Huffman also planned to have security for any larger events as well as parking attendants to manage the parking and to collect trash. Regarding the trash, Huffman noted that the trash along Sylvan Place has been laying there for months and much of it cannot be attributed to the former event center.

Many people do not want to hear any disturbances when they are home. Between 2015 and

2021 there have been approximately ten events of around one hundred people at Grace Estate. Huffman pointed out that there are about seven or eight football games at Minden High that cause noise, parking issues, and trash. There are at least six parades a year that cause noise, parking issues, and trash. “But we tolerate it, because it’s in the best interest of our community. We make a decision to have those things, in spite of the negative impacts,” he said.

Mrs. Rainer rebutted by saying, “For some reason, the Historic District, even though it’s protected by the National Trust, is constantly bombarded by people who want to come in and take a historic neighborhood and make it into something else.”

Planning commissioner, Sarah Haynes stated, “We wanted to, as a com-

mission, to do what’s right. It’s right down the middle. About half don’t want it; and little over half of the people do want it.”

While the bed and breakfast passed with three in favor and two opposed, the event center was declined with a vote of two in favor and three opposed.

Jim Huffman stated, “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to serve our community as a bed and breakfast. This was our primary focus.” The Huffmans hosted a get-together this past Saturday in hopes of re-building some bridges in the District. He invites everyone to join the new Facebook page he created to allow for “free and uncensored polite speech” regarding happenings in the neighborhood. His is called “Minden Historic District Residence.”

BLOTTER

Recent arrests in Webster Parish		
Cassalis Lard, 33, of the 140 block of Lard Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Orlando West, 38, of the 500 block of Brant Street, was arrested for driving left of center and driving under suspension.	ule IV substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Terrance Lyons, 29, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for resisting an officer and simple criminal damage to property.	Pierson Desadier, 18, of the 1600 block of Franklin Road, was arrested for general speeding and driving while intoxicated.	Taylor Gates, 24, of the 100 block of Gates Lane, was arrested for misdemeanor domestic abuse.
Dangelo Lyons, 23, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for obstruction of justice.	Jeremy Calrk, 28, of the 600 block of Constable Street, was arrested for felony domestic abuse battery.	Benjamin Curry, 33, of the 1000 block of Tillman Street, was arrested for misdemeanor domestic abuse battery.
Benjamin Quarles, 57, of the 700 block of Watterman Street, was arrested for resisting an officer.	Erica Marquesz, 37, of the 400 block of NW 19th Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, two counts of possession of a sched-	Paula Berry, of the 200 block of Garrett Drive, was arrested for theft and issuing worthless checks.
		Kenneth Hood, 66, of the 1300 block of Rose Bud Loop, was arrested for issuing worthless checks.

GAS BUDDY

Gas prices on the rise in Louisiana

(February 7, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have risen 8.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.13/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 13.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 95.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.69/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.81/g, a difference of \$1.12/g.

“Gas prices saw their sharpest rise in months last week as oil surged to \$93 per barrel, on continued concerns over Russia invading Ukraine and that there won’t be enough

supply to meet demand come this summer,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.42/g today. The national average is up 12.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“With the national average at its highest level since 2014, the news is grim: motorists should expect even more price

increases, with the larger jumps coming later this spring as a confluence of seasonal factors and the potential flare up in geopolitical tensions. Ultimately, the national average could be pushed to record territory by the start of the summer driving season,” said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

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OTHER OPINION

Increasing taxes only increases our problems

CATHY SHULL
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Eastern Plains of Colorado have long been home to those who adapt and meet challenges head-on. From the early days of Native Americans to the Dust Bowl, residents of the eastern part of the state have always come out on top when facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

This perseverance lives on today in the Eastern Plains. Despite the challenges the Plains faces during the pandemic, eastern Colorado's farmers, shop owners, schools, and communities have admirably weathered the storm over the past couple of years. But now, a new challenge from Washington arises that could threaten the region's recovery and future: higher taxes.

As part of a plan to pay for provisions in President Biden's Build Back Better package, some lawmakers are aiming to raise taxes like the corporate tax, as well as a lesser-known tax called the Global Intangible Low Tax Income (GILTI) rate. While the proponents of this legislative push might think these tax hikes will only impact large corporations who

can afford to pay them, that is not the entire story. These increases will significantly raise the tax burdens of businesses small and large alike, with laborers and consumers feeling the worst of the effects.

Pro 15 serves as a voice and advocate for the 15 counties that make up the Eastern Plains. Our organization is concerned that these tax increases will do more harm than good to our communities and come at a time when we need to support and bolster our economy, rather than make wide-sweeping changes that could set our economy back to peak-pandemic levels.

Research from nonpartisan groups such as the Tax Foundation and the Tax Policy Center has found that corporate taxes are mostly passed onto laborers, with workers typically bearing anywhere between 50% and 100%. Given that Colorado's workers are contending with rising costs of living, stagnating wages, and supply chain shortages related to the pandemic, adding additional financial burdens at a time like now seems cruel.

There is also evidence that raising the corporate tax

rate has detrimental effects on our nation's economy over the long-term. Further research by the Tax Foundation shows how the implications of a higher corporate income tax rate compound over time, resulting in an estimated \$720 billion reduction in gross domestic product (GDP) over the next decade. This hit to our economy would be felt by families, businesses, and communities of all sizes - nowhere would be left untouched.

The prospect of a higher GILTI rate also brings its own set of problems that could have consequences for the Eastern Plains region. GILTI is a fee placed upon the foreign earnings of American companies and is the only such fee currently enacted in the world - nowhere else do countries tax profits made abroad by domestic companies. As such, American businesses are already operating at a competitive disadvantage compared to foreign peers due to the constraints of GILTI. Raising it only compounds the financial barriers they face.

Research from the National Association of Manufac-

turers found that a GILTI increase could result in nearly one million jobs and \$20 billion in economic activity lost. Additional research shows that increasing GILTI could result in up to a 10.9% decrease in domestic employment.

Considering that many farmers and businesses in the Eastern Plains import and export products, as well as utilize foreign suppliers, a GILTI increase would spell trouble for them - it is not just large multinationals that are affected.

As omicron surges across Colorado and the rest of the country, it is important that our lawmakers make smart policy decisions that take us forward, rather than move us back. Increasing the corporate tax rate and GILTI does not achieve that, but rather puts more barriers on our road to recovery.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Joe Rogan controversy is reminder that censorship laws are bad idea that will backfire

CARL SZABO
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Spotify's decision to resist calls by powerful voices to remove Joe Rogan from its platform offers a good reminder that Americans must firmly reject government interference in private business decisions, including social media companies. Coverage of Neil Young and Joni Mitchell have buried far more concerning voices attacking Spotify for hosting Rogan: those coming from the Biden administration.

Administration officials calling for censorship of dissenting voices, as U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has done, should outrage all Americans. Yet this is the kind of government power state governors across the U.S. are trying to capture with social media regulations.

Last year, courts blocked legislation in Texas and Florida to prevent social media companies from monitoring content on their platforms but 19 other states have followed with bills in the same vein. Legislatures from coast to coast including Kentucky, California, Utah, Iowa, Arizona, Georgia, Tennessee, New York, Alabama, Indiana, South Carolina, Mich-

igan, Ohio, W. Virginia, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Idaho are considering similarly unconstitutional bills.

Such bills are a flagrant assault on the First Amendment, effectively putting government officials in control of online speech and private businesses. This is exactly the kind of control Murthy and other government officials crave, and the kind of government control Americans must fight. It's not just a bad idea from a Constitutional standard, it's a bad policy idea to have the government determine what information is suitable for Americans to see online.

These bills are being sold as a way to prohibit social media businesses like Facebook and Twitter from removing conservative content. While this may be appealing to some, what it would mean in practice is that the government would determine what private businesses can and can't say. That means Murthy's tweets would become commands.

Facebook, Twitter, and other social media companies are private businesses and as frustrated as conservatives are that some conservative speech is removed. Frustration and ire has sparked the rise of conserva-

tive social media platforms like Rumble, Parler, and Trump's new platform, and that is exactly the result the free market enables.

And just like Facebook and Twitter, these conservative social media sites shouldn't be forced by the government to host content they don't want like opinions from Rachel Maddow or Elizabeth Warren. Inviting the government in to be the referee and create the rules of the game is wrong headed and illegal. If conservative states were able to tell social media sites what news and views they can host, so could liberal states.

This is not a hypothetical threat to free speech. A bill introduced in New York state this year would punish social media sites for hosting alleged misinformation. Clearly, access to information should never be determined by the political party in power.

And censorship is only one of the threats social media censorship bills pose to private businesses. They would also strip social media companies of the freedom to remove content at their discretion. These bills would make it illegal for Facebook and Twitter to remove content that most of us don't want to see - or want

our children to see - like hate speech, violent content, X-rated content, and more.

Despite conservatives' frustration about social media censorship, we cannot allow private businesses to become vessels for the government's preferred messaging. Both blue and red states have realized the internet's power and want to harness it for their own agendas - and are seizing on the opportunity to use public frustration to seize more power.

I will continue to fight tooth and nail against legislation that violates First Amendment protections that prevent lawmakers from using the government's coercive powers to settle scores against America's leading technology businesses. At the end of the day, whether it is the Biden Administration telling Joe Rogan what not to say, or the state-level administrations telling Facebook what is must say, we should all let private businesses decide what is best for their customers and let us vote with our feet - not let politicians dictate to us the speech we should hear.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: Three weeks of pure, and perhaps ugly, politics ahead

Truer words were never spoken about the State Capitol: "Self-preservation is a human trait."

That insight is going to be on fullest display for three weeks starting Tuesday, as the Legislature convenes to draw new district lines for a host of offices, not least their own.

As state Rep. Royce Duplessis, D-New Orleans, said above, in a discussion held by the Council for a Better Louisiana, there's an inherent conflict of interest in members of the Legislature drawing their own district lines.

Our legislators have steadfastly refused to adopt a more nonpolitical redistricting process, which we have urged them to do. Even in some states where that has been done - by independent commissions or panels of experts - some legislatures have balked at the re-

sults.

The Constitution says legislatures will draw the lines after the census, and that's what our particular band of self-interested mapmakers will do by themselves. But the politics go deeper than that: Legislators must also draw new lines of the districts for U.S. Congress as well as state offices like the Public Service Commission.

For Congress, party-line politics are at issue, as the majority Republicans don't want to create political difficulties for their five incumbent members of Congress. And that draws in the federal Voting Rights Act, which requires equitable representation of the races in redistricting.

All of which has led to calls for a second minority-majority House district, there being only the one from Louisiana, now held by U.S. Rep. Troy Carter,

D-New Orleans. The new census numbers show that about a third of the state's residents are Black.

A poll sponsored by the NAACP, Louisiana Progress and other liberal groups showed Louisianians want the new maps to be equitable among the races; Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards has voiced support for the idea, and holds the all-important veto pen. It's not clear, though, if a map can be devised that creates a new minority-majority district without zigzagging all over the state.

The poll also found that three out of four voters want districts more competitive between the political parties. Yet the reality is that members of Congress are just as focused as any other human beings on self-preservation - and perhaps more so. They are politically influential

and generally get their way in redistricting.

But as Republicans in Alabama recently found out, courts can balk if racial gerrymandering - drawing maps for political advantage - is too egregious.

How much is too egregious? When self-preservation is at issue, perhaps the biggest arena for the action will be over seats in the Legislature. Not only are members personally involved in the process, but shifts in population mean a lot more when they involve 39 seats in the Senate and 105 in the House, rather than six in Congress.

Some seats in northern parts of the state that have been losing population in recent years will have to be consolidated, and new districts drawn in more populous southern parts of the state, including perhaps

an additional Senate seat on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

In theory, as members of the CABL panel on redistricting said, it's easier for the public to be involved because the once difficult calculations for district lines are now a matter of a few clicks on a computer mouse pad.

But unraveling the political machinations is very difficult without a baseline for the public. That's what an independently drawn map by a nonpolitical and expert commission would have provided.

Now, we're starting with incumbent lines, which are in the self-preservation sweepstakes the grand prize for the insiders.

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Nonprofit uses Super Bowl parties as way to help homeless

(AP) - What started with a simple invitation to a few homeless people to watch the Super Bowl together in New York City has turned into quite a party.

And it just keeps growing.

Super Soul Party, a nonprofit started by filmmaker and social media influencer Meir Kay, will have Super Bowl parties in 35 cities when the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams meet Feb. 13. Parties will be held in sites from Washington to Los Angeles and from Bozeman, Montana, to New Orleans.

All inspired by a conversation Kay had with a homeless man just wanting someone to talk to him.

“It just sort of connected like, ‘Oh my God, this is like an unofficial holiday in the U.S.’,” Kay said of the Super Bowl. “People who don’t have family or friends may feel even more lonely. So how can I help with that?”

Kay threw his first party in 2017, inviting homeless people in the neighborhood. A year later, people asked Kay how they could help, so parties were held in both New York and Los Angeles. Interest grew so quickly Kay founded the nonprofit to better organize to meet demand and seek corporate sponsors.

“I never thought myself as a founder of a nonprofit,” Kay said. “I just thought, ‘I’m a guy who likes to do good through video, a filmmaker.’ But it was really through people saying, ‘Hey, how are we going to get involved?’ I just sort of stepped up.”

Super Soul Party has five sponsors helping cover the costs for this year’s parties that are much more than just food and football. Guests can get haircuts from barbers, clothing and dignity bags of personal hygiene items. Mental health counselors and people who can help with housing and jobs have been added as well.

Kay said the food and watching the game are important.

“Then we’re able to tackle on a deeper essence of the person, to build them back up,” Kay said. “And so the bigger picture from day one was to really bring back a connection to people who do not have it so they could go on and to rebuild their own lives.”

Super Soul Party works with existing nonprofits. Expanding beyond New York has been accomplished through volunteer coordinators connecting with homeless shelters and other groups in their own towns.

Erika Harsanyi in Orlando, Florida, saw one of Kay’s videos from an early party and wanted to host one in her city. She too often felt helpless as a trauma nurse seeing homeless people needing more help than what an emergency room could provide.

Now Orlando is about to host its first party with approximately 500 people expected at Exploria Stadium, a space big enough to feel safe in these COVID-impacted times. Harsanyi said the Super Bowl offers homeless people an experience most people take for granted.

“We don’t think how lucky we are whereas that’s something that ... maybe they may not have ever been able to experience,” Harsanyi said. “And to be able to provide that with resources, it’s a really great opportunity. I’m hoping we can agree to make this a regular yearly thing.”

Carlton Bussey, 57, has attended several of the parties in New York. A case manager for people with mental disabilities, Bussey now works in a men’s shelter after dealing with his own substance abuse issues that left him homeless for a time. He says the parties offer a sense of normalcy.

“You feel like you belong to something good,” Bussey said. “People don’t pay a lot of attention to people who are homeless, you know?”

Kay has big dreams to keep growing the nonprofit’s reach with more events held throughout the year. But he also sees tying them in with big sporting events such as soccer’s upcoming World Cup.

“I find people are thirsty to connect even more so through the pandemic, and people want to give what they can,” Kay said.

INSPIRATION

Everyday should be kidnapping awareness day

It was June 21, 1967, fifty-six years ago, a day I will never forget, though it took my daughter asking me to tell it to her again, that inspired me to share an experience that might save a life!

Nineteen years old, I was at a bus station in Little Rock, Arkansas on the way to get married on June 24th, when a young man followed me up to the ticket stand and asked me where I was going.

Almost speechless, I replied I was going to Stamps, Arkansas.

The woman behind the desk noticed and asked me to stay and go with her to have coffee.

When it was time to get on the bus, the man followed close behind, boarding the same bus as I did sitting close to the front, not far from where I sat.

When we arrived at my bus stop, out in the middle of nowhere, he also got off the bus right behind me.

Had it not been for Charles, my future husband, who was waiting to pick me up at four o’clock, in the morning, I might not be here today to tell a story that needs to be told, because we never know who might be following us.

As parents we cannot watch our children close enough because we never know when a kidnapper might be lurking, waiting to snatch a child or adult.

According to a recent study every 40 seconds a child goes missing somewhere in the United States. There are more than 460,000 missing children each year. Of those missing children, almost 1,500 of them are kidnapped.

Not long ago it was reported on the evening news, that there were two young children, from different families, who were separated from their parents, while out in public, and were found by total strangers who helped them to be reunited with their parents which leads me to a point I want to drive home by telling a story of a young girl who wasn’t found for eighteen years.

Jaycee Lee Dugard, a kidnap victim, was snatched in 1991, when she was eleven years old, while waiting for her school bus with her stepfather in full view but out of reach.

She was held captive, in the kidnapper’s backyard shed, for eighteen years before she was discovered on August 26, 2009. She gave birth to two daughters by the time she was in her early teens.

Having grown up in an abusive orphanage I endeavor to make the public aware of what often goes on behind closed doors so we won’t blindly support lost causes.

I speak for those who have no voice. You can easily find Jaycee on the web, and learn about the cause she supports.

It’s not what happens to us but how we grab hold of it and work it into the canvas of our lives.

We each have a story that can make a difference. One way of sharing is by picking up our pens to tell our stories.

The famous motivational speaker, Anthony Robbins, said “a life worth living is worth recording.”

Your experience may save a child from being kidnapped.

We never know how many times God steps out of the woodwork protecting us and helping us share our experiences that may help save another’s life!

A childhood is too precious to be stolen!



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Playoff run comes to end for Crimson Tide girls soccer team

After defeating Sam Houson at home in the first round of the Division II Louisiana High School girls soccer tournament, the 16th-seeded Minden High School girls soccer fell 8-0 Friday at No. 1 seed St. Thomas More in Lafayette to close out the season for the Crimson Tide.

G-Men fall, GSU women win vs. Alabama St.

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — The Grambling State University men’s basketball team could not recover from an 18-point first-half deficit in falling to Alabama State, 80-72, in a South-western Athletic Conference game on Saturday afternoon at Willis Reed Court at the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

GSU (9-13 overall, 7-3 SWAC) got off to a very sluggish start trailing Alabama State 18-10 at the 11:43 mark. Alabama State (6-16, 5-5) took its largest lead of the half with 4:24 left to play in the half, ahead of the Tigers 39-21. Grambling State cut the deficit to 11 with just over three minutes left, but could not recover enough to make a serious run for the win.

Lady Tigers 88, Alabama State 56
GRAMBLING — Senior guard Alexis Holt poured in a season-high 28 points, as the Grambling State University women’s basketball team cruised to an 88-56 victory, its largest of the season, over Alabama State at Wills Reed Court at the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center on Saturday afternoon. Holt added eight rebounds for GSU.

Dunkin’ Dogs defeat Panthers

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MIAMI — In an extreme tale of two halves, Louisiana Tech held off FIU on Saturday night in an 86-82 victory inside the Ocean Bank Convocation Center. Both teams struggled to score in the first half as LA Tech (17-6, 8-3 C-USA) held a 30-25 advantage over FIU (13-10, 3-7 C-USA) at the midway point. The game completely flipped in the second half. Every time the Panthers drained a shot from 25 feet out or got an alley-oop dunk to ignite the crowd, the Bulldogs had an answer. When the Panthers cut it to one at 49-48, Keaston Willis and David Green answered with back-to-back 3-pointers. When FIU cut it to within one point again at 62-61, it was Kenneth Lofton, Jr. who had the answer this time and sparked a quick 8-0 run to force the home team to call a timeout. FIU made another run, and another, and another, cutting the deficit to one yet again at 80-79 with 45 seconds left. But it was Junior again who finished with an old-fashioned three-point play to go back up four. And in a half that had few defensive stops, the Bulldogs got a couple of them in the closing seconds — a steal by Exavian Christon and Lofton pulling down his 13th rebound on the other.

Lady Techsters 81, Rice 62
The Louisiana Tech women’s basketball team has now won five of their last six, including three in a row, with an all-around performance to beat Florida International 81-62 inside the Thomas Assembly Center in front of a pinked-out crowd Saturday afternoon.

Perry-Grimes earns two second-place finishes for Tech Tracksters

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Bulldogs and Lady Techsters return to Ruston with top performances in the men’s and women’s triple jump and women’s long jump on Sunday. Senior Maya Perry-Grimes had a strong performance at the USA Invitational in the Birmingham Crossplex. She finished second in both the long jump and triple jump. With a jump of 12.31m, Perry-Grimes surpasses 12 other contenders in the triple jump. In the long jump, she jumped 5.85m. Joining her on the podium, teammate Murphy Bavinga also received a second-place finish in the men’s triple jump with a jump of 14.67m. “Maya Perry-Grimes showed up today and earned two second-place finishes, — one in the long jump and the other in the triple jump,” said LA Tech head Coach Gary Stanley. “Both the men’s and women’s 4x4 relays made several improvements, which should lead to a good

attitude going into the conference meet in two weeks.” Johnie Jean-Jacques received yet another personal record in the shot put with a throw of 17.16m. That throw earned him a fifth-place finish among the field. Including Saturday’s PR, Jean-Jacques has PRd five times during this indoor season. On the track, sprinter Seth Boullion ran 48.68 in the 400m, which earned him a third-place finish. Riley Killian produced another personal best for the season with a run of 5:14.69 in the mile. The men’s and women’s 4x400m relays both ran season-bests today. The men’s team ran 3:20.18 and placed seventh place. The women’s team earned ninth place with a time of 4:07.77, shaving five seconds off the time previously run this season. The Bulldogs and Lady Techsters will compete again in two weeks on Feb. 19-20 at the Birmingham Crossplex for the Conference USA Track and Field Championships.



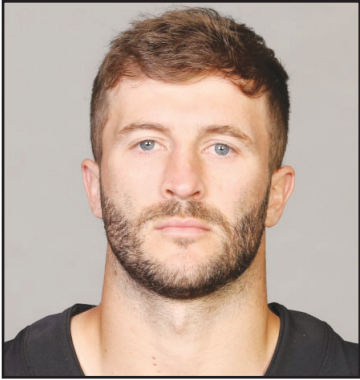
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Louisiana Tech’s Maya Perry-Grimes finished second in both the long jump and triple jump on Sunday at the USA Invitational in Birmingham, Alabama.

Former Bulldog Taylor reaches Super Bowl as Bengals’ WR/PR

By The Associated Press

Trent Taylor missed the Super Bowl in Miami with San Francisco because of a foot injury that cost him the entire 2019 season. The wide receiver has a rare second chance with Cincinnati two years later. And yes, it means so very much. “It’s a huge deal for me personally because you know guys in this league ... guys will play 12, 15 years and never get an opportunity to go to the Super Bowl,” Taylor said. “So once I missed that first opportunity,



TRENT TAYLOR

I didn’t know if it would ever come back.” Taylor says being in this game might not really hit him until

the Bengals land in Los Angeles on Tuesday. The 5-foot-8 Taylor was a fifth-round pick out of Louisiana Tech in 2017 and played 41 games with the Niners. Cincinnati signed Taylor to the practice squad in September, and he played in four games during the regular season. Taylor has handled punt returns in each playoff game — the first three of his career — and knows he’ll be playing in this Super Bowl. “Actually playing in the game, it’s going to be a huge deal for me,” Taylor said. “I’m 100% looking forward to it and

so thankful for another opportunity at it.” Taylor’s not the only one feeling lucky this Super Bowl at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles. **DOUBLE TEAMING** Defensive lineman Damion Square also will be playing in his first Super Bowl after becoming the first NFL player to play for two different teams in the playoffs in the same season. Square actually had three snaps for the Las Vegas Raiders in their wild-card loss to Cincinnati. Then he joined the Bengals’ practice squad and played 15 snaps on special teams in the

AFC championship contest. Not bad for someone who played in only three playoff games combined before this postseason. “We make sure we do a good job making everybody feel comfortable around us,” Bengals defensive tackle D.J. Reader said. Square actually is on his third team of this season. He played five snaps on special teams with Chicago in the season opener before going to the Raiders the next week, where he was inactive for four games before finally making his debut with Las Vegas.

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5 Bread spread

8 "Li'l Abner" creator

12 "Yeah, right"

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15 Hawkeye Pierce's workplace

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43 Uzbek capital

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50 Slender weapon

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2 Attorneys' org.

3 Guitar master Paul

4 Everyone else

5 "Fear of Flying" author

6 Bird (Pref.)

7 Works by painter Henri

8 Picasso's movement

9 "Peek—!"

10 Cooped (up)

11 Experts

16 Guitar's kin

20 Wonka's creator

21 Crystal gazer

22 "— Little Tenderness"

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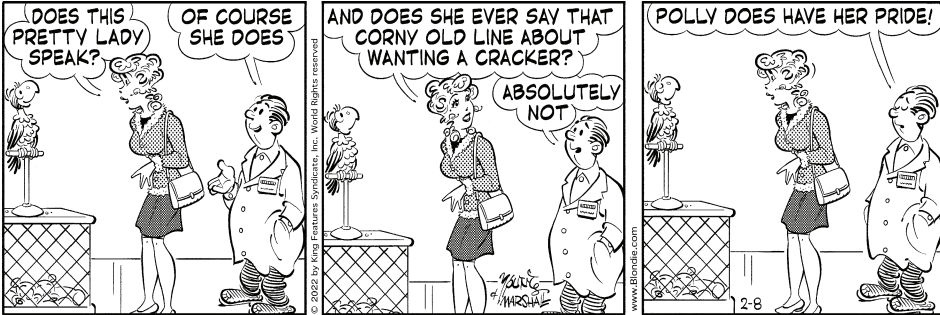
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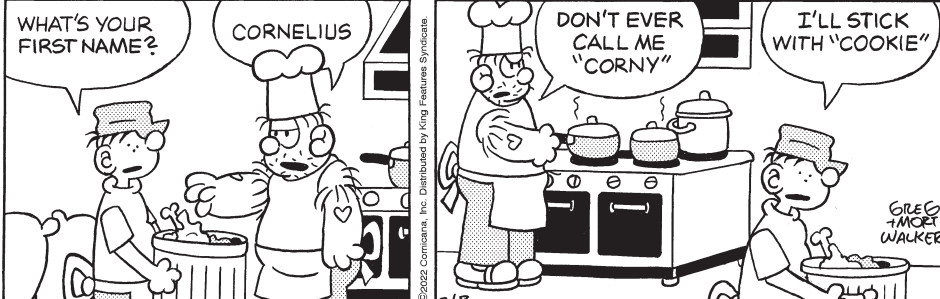
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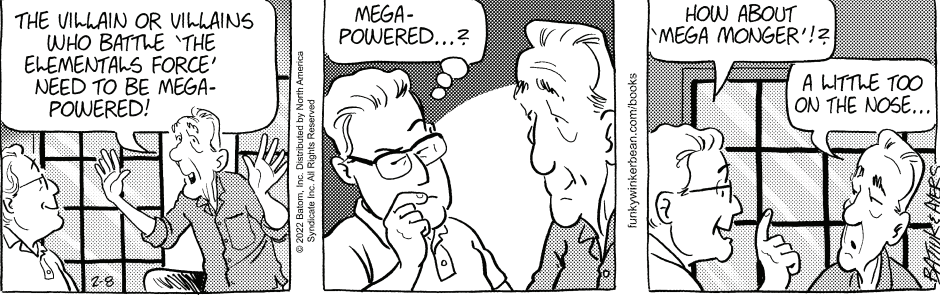
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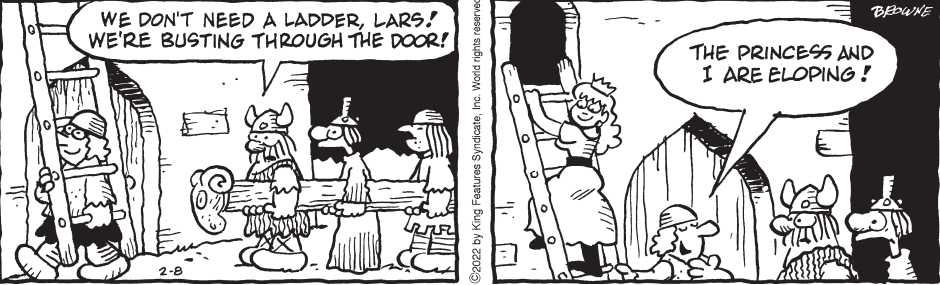
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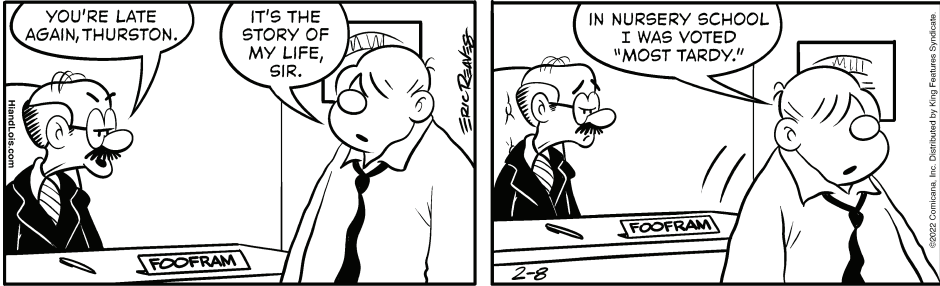
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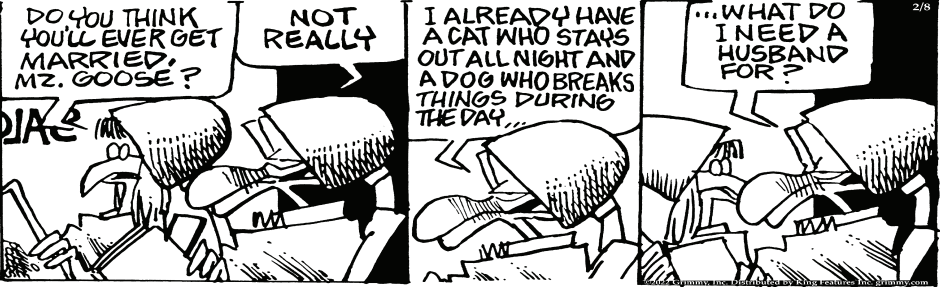
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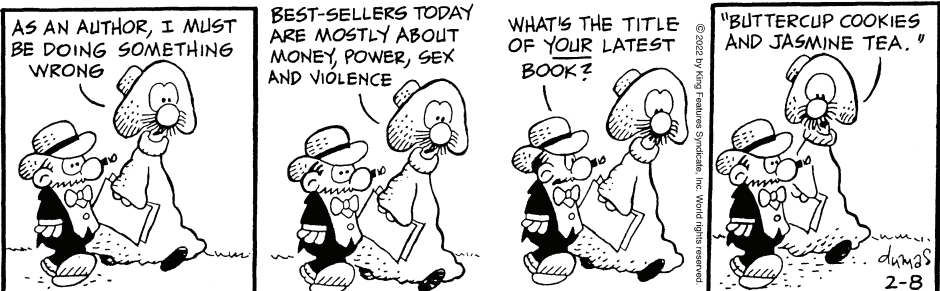
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ACTOR WHO WOULD BE FAMOUS FOR HIS PORTRAYALS OF A FIRST-CENTURY ROMAN EMPEROR: ROBERT DE NERO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

FUN & GAMES

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to article IV, section 21 (D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on January 31, 2022, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), an electric and natural gas public utility having facilities to permit the local distribution of natural gas to residential, commercial, and municipal customers in East Baton Rouge Parish, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or “Commission”) its Evaluation Report pursuant to its Gas Operations Rate Stabilization Plan (“RSP”) for the test year ended September 30, 2021 (“TY 2021”), in accordance with LPSC Order No. U-35370.

ELL’s Gas Operations RSP filing, if approved by the Commission as filed, will result in a rate increase of approximately \$3,852,067 annually, effective with the first billing cycle of May 2022. However, due to the approval of Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #2 in November 2021 affecting State tax rates (“Tax Legislation”), ELL did not have adequate time to reflect the effects of the Tax Legislation in its annual RSP Evaluation Report due on or before January 31, 2022. ELL’s RSP requires that the tax rate in effect at the time the Evaluation Report is filed shall be utilized. As such, ELL intends to supplement its Evaluation Report in April 2022 to include the effects of the Tax Legislation.

ELL’s RSP filing for the TY 2021 Test Year reflects an Earned Return on Equity (“EROE”) of 2.63% and pursuant to the terms of the RSP, this EROE requires a rate adjustment by ELL. It is estimated that the rate increase will have the following effect on typical monthly customer bills: a Small General Service customer using 50 CCF will increase \$3.77, from \$52.35 to \$56.12; a General Service customer using 500 CCF will increase \$33.15, from \$419.06 to \$452.21; and a Large General Service customer using 10,000 CCF will increase \$346.26, from \$6,285.21 to \$6,631.47.

For questions and comments, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the Company’s filing and its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street,
12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7: XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7: XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

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ACTION FOR DIVORCE

SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF RENSSELAER NAME: Michael Eric Halachnik PLAINTIFF, against NAME: Sara Ann Halachnik DEFENDANT.

SUMMONS INDEX NO.: 2021-270009 Date Filed: September 17, 2021

To the above-named defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of the answer on the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally with the state, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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February 8, 2022
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Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main Street
--- P.O. Box 389
Minden, Louisiana 71058-0389
Phone# 318-377-7564
Fax# 318-371-2366
lbalkom@sudden-linkmail.com

February 1, 2022

INVITATION FOR BID

Two (2) New 2021 or Newer Tandem Diesel Trucks to Pull Dump Trailer
Purchase option: governmental/municipal lease for 24 month and 36-month purchase lease option

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed bids for the

following:
2-Two (2) New 2021 or Newer Tandem Diesel Trucks to pull a Dump Trailer

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in the - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on April 5, 2022.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Webster Parish Police Jury – “BID ENCLOSED”

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211. The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on January 21, 2022, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in certain parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”) its Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval of the Withdrawal of Certain Tariffs and the Modification of Others (“Application”). Through the Application, ELL seeks to withdraw the following rate schedules and rate riders: AS-G; ASPS-G; CM-G; EAPS-G; EAPS-L; EER-G; EER-L; EOFP-L; ERDRS-G; FTS-L; LAIPS-L; LCOP; MSS-G; MVER-G; MVER-L; OL-L; PM-G; and SPS-G. No customers are currently served on any of these 18 rate schedules and rate riders.

Additionally, ELL’s Application proposes modifications to the following rate schedules and rate riders: GS-G; L-L; OBP; SMC-G; ALS-G; ALS-LED; CCL-L; DSL-L; HPSV-L; LED-SL-G; LED-SL-L; LS-E-G; RLU-LED; SHL-G; and SHL-LED. The proposed revisions to these rate schedules and rate riders are reflected in the filing to the LPSC. The majority of the proposed modifications are clarifications to tariff terms that do not have a direct effect on rates, with the exception of fees associated with a limited number of new lighting rate categories.

For questions and comments regarding ELL’s filing, please call the LPSC toll free

at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN (hereinafter referred to as the “Owner”).

Sealed bids marked “Sealed Bid” VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN
FY 2021 LCDBG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Proposals shall be addressed to the VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN and delivered to the Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 SHELL STREET, MINDEN, LA 71055 not later than 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022. Sealed bids shall be marked as “Sealed Bid” – VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program. All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. The Contractor shall display his Contractor’s license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 Shell Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Village of Dixie Inn. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., upon payment of \$50.00 which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. This payment will not be refunded.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, (3) any Addenda issued, and (4) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount.

A Corporate Resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation to sign the bid must accompany the bid, if the bidder is a corporation.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to

the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bidder must have an active DUNS number, as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to the beginning of construction.

The Contractor Classification for the project is:

MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Section 3 and Segregated Facilities, Section 3 Plan with Tables A and B, Certification Concerning Labor Standards and all subcontractor’s certifications prior to contract execution.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner’s Standard Form of Agreement/ Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after normal award of contract.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Please notify the Owner seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

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City Of Minden Section 8 Waiting List

Applications for the city of Minden will be available ONLINE ONLY starting Monday, February 21, 2022, and ending Thursday, March 17, 2022. This is to get placed on the waiting list only and for inside the city limits of Minden, LA. The website to apply is www.mindenha.housingmanger.com (use the internet explorer browser). You must create an account online to apply!!

EMPLOYMENT Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA's all shifts, LPN's all shifts, and weekend RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Alex Vansickle for RN/ LPN/ CNA applications.

Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. (TX/NM Bar)] (LA-SCAN)

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COTTON VALLEY WATER SYSTEM
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119004

Consumer Confidence Report 2020

The Louisiana Department of Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
7/1/2020	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	CCR REPORT
9/23/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
9/23/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
9/23/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
9/23/2020	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	HighestRAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2020	1.1	ppm	0.21 - 2.62	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	3/19/2018	0.054	0.033 - 0.054	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	3/19/2018	0.2	0.2	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020							

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020							

Treated Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020							

Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2018 - 2020	0.5	0 - 0.6	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2018 - 2020	3	0 - 3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	ADKINS AND WEST ROAD	2020	3	3.1 - 3.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	HWY 160 AND COX ROAD	2020	5	4.8 - 4.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	ADKINS AND WEST ROAD	2020	20	20 - 20	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	HWY 160 AND COX ROAD	2020	26	25.8 - 25.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	3/19/2018	0.034	0.03 - 0.034	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	3/19/2018	0.004	0.0039 - 0.004	MG/L	0.05

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020					

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.					
Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date	Description
03/09/2020	WATER SYSTEM	SE14	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	9/22/2020	SECURITY
03/09/2020	WATER SYSTEM	SE14	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	6/23/2020	SECURITY
03/09/2020	WELL #04, SOUTH WELL @ NORTH PLANT	SO38	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	9/22/2020	SRC WL - LAC 51.XII.319.D.7 - Pathway for Contamination
03/09/2020	WELL #02, NORTH WELL @ NORTH PLANT	SO38	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	6/23/2020	SRC WL - LAC 51.XII.319.D.7 - Pathway for Contamination
03/09/2020	WELL #04, SOUTH WELL @ NORTH PLANT	SO38	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	6/23/2020	SRC WL - LAC 51.XII.319.D.7 - Pathway for Contamination
03/09/2020	WELL #02, NORTH WELL @ NORTH PLANT	SO38	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	9/22/2020	SRC WL - LAC 51.XII.319.D.7 - Pathway for Contamination
03/22/2018	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC11	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	8/1/2018	LAC 51:XII.343.A - No Physical Connection with Non-Potable Source

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

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

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

February 8, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

COTTON VALLEY WATER SYSTEM
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119004
Consumer Confidence Report 2019

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
7/13/2017 - 1/28/2019	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
7/1/2019	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	CCR REPORT

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	HighestRAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2019	0.6	ppm	0 - 1.67	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	3/19/2018	0.054	0.033 - 0.054	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	3/19/2018	0.2	0.2	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019							

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019							

Treated Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019							

Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2017	0.2	0 - 0.2	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2017	2	0 - 3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TTHM	ADKINS AND WEST ROAD	2019	1	0.84 - 0.84	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	HWY 160 AND COX ROAD	2019	1	1.07 - 1.07	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	7/27/2015	32.3	23.8 - 32.3	MG/L	250
IRON	3/19/2018	0.034	0.03 - 0.034	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	3/19/2018	0.004	0.0039 - 0.004	MG/L	0.05
PH	7/27/2015	8.2	8.2	SU	8.5

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019					

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.					
Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date	Description
03/22/2018	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC11	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	8/1/2018	LAC 51:XII.343.A - No Physical Connection with Non-Potable Source

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