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Mary Downs and Jeanne delaHoussaye, daughters of Judge and Mrs. Ed delaHoussaye III, like to read and spent much of their holiday enjoying the world of books. Reading is a wonderful pastime and a fine way to spend a holiday.



OBSERVING ARBOR DAY are students at La-Grange Elementary School. Holding the spade as a pine tree is planted is Jerry Charpentier, and others taking part are, from left, Amar Lancon, principal; John W. Morrison, holding the young tree; Donald Botte and Clifford Badeaux.

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LaPolitics: Bishop: State has no shortage of outdoors issues

By Jeremy Alford & Mitch Rabalais

Although they don't always end up being debated inside Louisiana's Capitol building, issues that capture the attention of hunters and anglers are constantly under review in ways both big and small, according to the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee.

State Rep. Stuart Bishop, R-Lafayette, said in a recent interview that many of the proposals for the regular session that convenes on March 12 are

still being drafted and researched. But he touched on a number of issues, ranging from deer and fish populations to feral hogs, that are creating a buzz on social media and at hunting and fishing camps across the state.

The House Natural Resources Committee oversees not only the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the activities it regulates, but also all legislative matters pertaining to mining, energy and public lands.

Hunting and fishing

issues, however, routinely produce some of the most emotional exchanges between lawmakers and residents of the so-called "Sportsman's Paradise," he added.

One issue that seems to be trending on Facebook and similar platforms is the question of whether hunters should take partial blame for declining deer populations. In particular, there's the suggestion that too many does, or female deers, are being harvested.

"It's quite possible,"

said Bishop when asked if doe numbers might become the focus of upcoming legislation. "I'd like to see more people take a look at the Quality Deer Management Program, as well as get involved with the biologists at (the Department of) Wildlife and Fisheries to see what is exactly right."

Bishop, a second-term legislator, is entering his third year as natural resources chairman, and he'll soon get the chance to revisit one of his own policy milestones from 2014. That was when the Legislature and former Gov. Bobby Jindal endorsed Bishop's plan for funding an initiative to allow the state to collect its own recreational fishing data.

It took considerable time and effort, but the federal government finally approved the LA Creel survey program earlier this month. As a result, the survey program funded by Bishop's enabling legislation can now officially replace the federal Marine Recreational Information Program in state waters.

Federal fish counts have been under heavy scrutiny in recent years by Louisiana interests, especially when it comes to red snapper populations. Congressman Garret Graves, R-Baton Rouge, said recently that LA Creel could lead to more fishing opportunities for Bayou State anglers.

"This is absolutely a huge win for the fishermen of Louisiana," Bishop said, adding, "We're going to extend (the funding for LA Creel) for another four years."

That renewal bill should surface soon, in time for the regular session and prior to the May 31 expiration date of Bishop's enabling legislation from 2014. That measure added a fee of \$7.50 for residents purchasing a saltwater license and it dedicated that money to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund, which underwrites LA Creel.

Invasive feral hogs have become another perennial issue for the House Natural Resources Committee, said Bishop, and there's a growing focus on the use of toxic baits, like Kaput. In-

terested parties are trying to weigh the risks of such poisons, with varying degrees of success, against the destruction caused by feral hogs.

It's a serious matter, the chairman said, with about 700,000 wild swine roaming around each and every Louisiana parish. The LSU AgCenter found that the hogs were the source of \$55 million in agricultural damages in 2014 and 2015.

"We need to look at what other states are doing with the non-transport of feral hogs and we need to look at Kaput and if it's absolutely the right toxicant for it," said Bishop, referencing ongoing research that involves the departments of agriculture and wildlife, both of which are exploring a variety of different avenues. "We need to make sure there aren't any byproducts and there aren't any other animals eating the toxicants that we're putting out for the hogs."

Political History: Landrieu's rocky start

It was 21 years ago this month, in January 1997, when Louisiana found itself sending a new U.S. senator to Washington for only the second time in nearly 30 years.

But a close election, in concert with an investigation and a formal Senate inquiry, threatened to end Mary Landrieu's tenure before it ever began.

Her opponent from the November election, then-state Rep. Woody Jenkins, had refused to concede the race, claiming that Landrieu's 5,788 vote margin was fraudulent. After attempting a lawsuit, Jenkins filed a formal complaint with the Senate contesting the election. Jenkins alleged that massive voter irregularities had taken place, particularly in Orleans Parish.

Over Jenkins' objections, Secretary of State Fox McKeithen had already certified Landrieu's election. On Jan. 7, 1997, Landrieu was seated "without prejudice," a unique legal circumstance in which the Senate recognized her victory, but retained the right to investigate the election and, if necessary, remove her from the upper chamber.

The matter was re-

ferred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, which reviewed Jenkins' petition and heard his testimony. Jenkins and his supporters also intensively lobbied Republicans on the committee to open a formal investigation. The majority of members agreed in a vote that divided along party lines.

Seeing the investigation as purely partisan, Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd said, "The majority has decided to go to war."

Assisted by the FBI, Senate investigators spent weeks in Louisiana reviewing voter records and collecting testimony. GOP Sen. John Warner, the committee's chairman, held four days of hearings in the state during a congressional recess.

With no significant evidence produced, Senate Democrats rallied around Landrieu and attempted to use parliamentary measures to block the investigation. Majority Leader Trent Lott countered by moving daily adjournment times around to accommodate his party's ongoing hearings.

While uncovering a handful of instances of voter fraud, investigators were unable to find the proverbial "smoking gun" to reverse the election. On Oct. 1, 1997, the committee unanimously voted to end the investigation, stating in a final report that "no evidence has been uncovered that Senator Landrieu was involved in any fraudulent election activities."

Addressing reporters after the committee vote, Landrieu said of the ordeal, "It has been an unwelcomed baptism by fire for me in the Senate."

They Said It

"I think my wife would leave me if I ever retired. Not because of the income. Because I don't think she could spend that much time with me."

—Congressman Garret Graves, on Facebook Live

"I don't believe we need more gun control. We need more idiot control."

—U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, on CNN

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Lifestyles

Franklin Golden Age Club celebrates Christmas

The Franklin Golden Age Club held it's Christmas Party December 19 at the Franklin Recreation Center with 23 members in attendance. The meeting was opened by Acting President Gisele Durocher. Joy Boudreaux said the opening prayer and Gisele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christmas gifts were exchanged at the party for those members participating. Entertainment for our Christmas party was provided by Joy Boudreaux accompanied by her husband Wade on the keyboard. Wade also played music as club members sang Christmas songs to celebrate the Christmas season.

The Center of Hope Christmas Party was

held at the Center of Hope Building in Centerville Friday, December 15. Myrtle Boudreaux is chairman for the event. She thanked all those that helped at the party including Ella Bertrand, Janet Verrette, Jeanette Clements, Marcelle Simpson, Joy and Wade Boudreaux and Sandra Hebert, who also helped put the stockings together. Donating cupcakes for the party were Joy and Wade Boudreaux, Flo Charpentier, Janet Verrette and Joyce Goodman. The club also wishes to thank Santa and Mrs. Claus, Ron and Denise Romero. Everyone was excited to see them. Howard Winston provided music for the party. Chairman Myrtle Boudreaux thanked all those

that helped in any way to make the party a success.

Each year, the Franklin Golden Age Club honors one of its own as Member of the Year. This award is bestowed on an outstanding member of the club. The recipient is chosen by secret ballot of club members. Only past recipients of the award count the ballots and the winner is kept secret until revealed at the next meeting. In the meantime, the winner's family is contacted and those able to attend are invited to surprise the recipient at the club's next meeting. Voting for this year's Member of the Year was held at the meeting and the recipient will be honored at the January meeting.

A special guest at the

meeting was President Ida Simoneaux. Ida is still recuperating, but is improving. All the club members were happy to see Ida and wished her continued improvement.

Another special guest at the meeting was Anna Hebert, celebrating her 96th birthday that day. Club members enjoyed celebrating her birthday with her. Other members

celebrating birthdays in December were Ella Bertrand, Willie Charpentier, John Keenze and Floyd LeBlanc. Guest at the meeting was Ida's sister, Danelle.



Ten members of the Franklin Golden Age Club recently celebrated Christmas with clients from Center of Hope in Centerville. Special guests were Santa and Mrs. Claus, Ron and Denise Romero, pictured in front row center, above.

Anger explodes in words, deeds woman later regrets

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 28 and I'm disgusted with myself about how I talk to my mother when I'm stressed out. I know it's not her. It's me.

My other issue is road rage. When I'm behind the wheel and the cars ahead of me are going too slow or the drivers make stupid moves, I'm annoyed to the point that I sometimes take risky chances to get away from them. I know it puts my life and the lives of others at risk, and I don't want to be like this.

I sometimes wonder why my parents didn't teach me ways to tone down my anger when I was younger. I'm lucky they still love me, even when I snap at them. Do you have any tips on how to control my temper? — SIMMERING IN SUBURBIA

DEAR SIMMERING: If you think you are alone in having these issues, you are mistaken. We are living in increasingly stressful times that have affected most of us in one way or another. If, however, you continue allowing your stress to dictate your behavior, it may eventually drive a wedge between you and the people you care about.

It's important that you realize anger is a normal emotion. At one time or another, anger is experienced by everyone. Recognizing what is CAUSING your stress and anger can help you to avoid taking it out on others.

It takes self-control — and maturity — to react calmly, instead of reacting angrily. Being able to identify what's trigger-

ing the anger and causing you to verbalize it can help to prevent an outburst. Instead say, "When you do or say that, it makes me angry." Or try saying, "Mom, I'm stressed right now. Can we discuss this later?" Or, "I've had a really rough day. I need to be alone for a little while." Then go for a walk to help you to regain your perspective. Developing the ability to do this will not only lessen your guilt, but also earn you the respect of those with whom you interact. My Anger Booklet contains many suggestions for managing and constructively expressing anger in various situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$7 in U.S. funds to Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. As to your "over the top" reactions when you are in your car driving, try to remember that we are all human and make mistakes. I have made them, and so have you.

If you MUST drive during rush hours, try listening to music or an audio book. And count to 10 before you hit the accelerator. Avoid blasting the horn or making



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rude gestures. (Screaming is permissible as long as your windows are closed.)

People who lose control not only can get hurt in a variety of ways, but also hurt others — including innocent bystanders. That's why it is very important to be able to express anger in healthy ways.

We are living in a time when the anger level in our society has reached new heights. As we have seen all too often in news reports, explosive anger is the most dangerous of all. Perhaps constructive anger management should be taught in schools to help people more effectively communicate in a healthy manner.

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeking the answer to this for years. My husband is deceased. Am I still related to his family? How do I introduce them? — IN LIMBO IN PENNSYLVANIA

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DEAR IN LIMBO: You are as related to them as you WANT to be. Introduce them by their names or as your former in-laws.

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Controlling snails and slugs

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Many gardeners consider snails and slugs to be the most disgusting pests in the garden. I could live with their looks if they just didn't cause so much damage.

Snails and slugs belong to the mollusk family along with oysters. They crawl along on a single foot over a thin layer of slime that they produce to ease their way. Snails carry a shell on their back into which they can retreat when threatened. Slugs do not have shells. Both are mostly active at night, particularly when conditions are moist.

In our mild climate, they are active and cause damage virtually year-round. They enjoy many of the cool-season bedding plants and vegetables in our gardens this time of year. Trees, shrubs, most ground covers and vines are rarely badly damaged by snails and slugs.

The damage snails and slugs cause is obvious, but it can be misdiagnosed. They eat holes in leaves and flowers, especially favoring low-growing, succulent growth. Bedding plants such as pansies, perennials such as hostas and vegetables such as lettuce are particularly susceptible to damage. Snails and slugs will be most active during moist or wet weather and in beds that are regularly irrigated.

Caterpillars and beetles also chew holes in leaves, and because the methods and pesticides for controlling them are different than for snails and slugs, it's important to know which pest is causing the

problem. The presence of slime trails, which look like meandering reflective, silver lines, indicate snails and slugs are the culprits. Holes in the leaves of trees and shrubs are more likely to be caused by caterpillars or beetles rather than by snails and slugs.

Controlling snails and slugs requires perseverance. The main strategies for their control involve baits, traps, hand picking and encouraging predators that eat them.

Baits are generally available in the form of pellets, meal or liquid slurries. The objective is to apply them in such a way that they are likely to be eaten because they must be consumed to work. Follow label directions carefully. Baits should be applied when the snails and slugs are most active. So water the area during the day to provide a suitable environment, and then apply the bait at dusk so it will be fresh at night when the critters are active.

Pellets and meal-type baits may be scattered around your plants over the soil surface or placed in small piles in the garden. If you have pets, covering the piles of bait is a good idea to prevent their contact with it. Commercial covers are available, or you can make one yourself.

Liquid slurries are popular because they are easy to apply and last well. The thick liquid is squeezed out onto the ground underneath plants wherever there is a problem. It may also be applied in a ring to the base of a pot to keep the pests from crawling up and munching on a prized plant.

Baits should be used reg-

ularly and in strict accordance with the label recommendations until new damage is reduced to tolerable levels. Metaldehyde baits were the most commonly used for years, and they are effective. But they pose a threat to pets if they eat the bait. A much safer active ingredient, iron phosphate, is just as effective and what I currently recommend you use.

The most popular type of trap for catching snails and slugs is baited with, of all things, beer. To make a beer trap, sink a small plastic bowl up to its rim in the ground and fill it half full of beer. Any kind will do, but it should be fresh. Set the traps in the early evening after watering the yard in areas where snails and slugs have been causing damage. Empty and reset the traps daily until you stop catching many pests in them. Traps are a great way to monitor population levels.

Other traps take advantage of the habit snails and slugs have of crawling under shelter during the day. Place bricks, clay pots, flat rocks or scooped-out half rinds of grapefruit in shady, damp areas of the garden. During the day pick them up, check under them and scrape any snails or slugs you find into a bag or container for disposal.

Hand picking is done at night with a flashlight and is not for the squeamish. It helps to wear latex gloves or use kitchen tongs to pick up the slimy creatures. Put them in a plastic bag and throw them away.

Some gardeners seek out snails and slugs and sprinkle them with salt to kill

them. The salt rapidly draws water out of their bodies causing them to "melt" before your eyes. Although this is particularly satisfying to gardeners frustrated by the damage they cause, using salt around your plants can hurt them. I don't recommend it.

Strips of copper may be used to repel snails and slugs from a bed or pot.

Toads are excellent predators of snails and slugs and can consume large quantities of them. Yes, they're good guys in the garden, and you should get over any squeamishness you have toward them. You can attract toads and keep them in your garden by providing a water source such as a small pond, pool or water garden and cover for them to hide under during the day. I build small enclosures or "toad houses" with pieces of brick or stones. Gardens with active populations of hungry toads rarely have major problems with snails and slugs.

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Opinion

Michael Shannon

How to Rent US Citizenship

The current controversy involving granting amnesty to approximately 800,000 Delayed Accountability for Contemptuous Aliens (DACA) is nowhere near the end of demands to appease mass lawbreakers.

The people who naively think that after the DACA surge is legalized the country can get back to normal are the real dreamers., Unchaining those demonstrators from the furniture in Congressional offices and TV studios only makes room for the next shift of disgruntled illegals to take their place.

The DACA surrender is just the beginning.

The cultural Marxists in charge of the media, academia, commerce and government are, for the most part, convinced blanket amnesty for illegals is the way to go and the sooner the better. It's those pesky and unenlightened citizens who're the problem. Telling the truth, that amnesty for illegals rewards lawbreaking and creates incentives for following waves of illegals expecting the same give-away, produces a negative response.

(The term 'immigration reform' is also misleading. There is nothing wrong - excepting the anchor baby interpretation and Ted 'The Liar of the Senate' Kennedy's chain migration law - with our current immigration statutes. What's missing is enforcement. Real 'immigration reform' would be vigorous enforcement of the laws we have now.)

That's why descriptions of the problem use touchy-feely, focus-group language to hide the facts.

Which brings us to another 'reform' proposal. The Immigrant Tax Inquiry Group has a Five + Five plan that is supposed to "Enable Unauthorized Immigrants to Generate More Tax Revenue."

Any 'reform' that relies on misleading adjectives makes me suspicious. What's an "unauthorized immigrant"? Is it someone who innocently wandered into an area that's off limits, like the employee breakroom at Costco? Or is it someone who intentionally crossed the border into a nation where he had no right to be?

And why would immigrants need a tax inquiry group in the first place? Legal immigrants are covered by the same tax laws as the rest of us.

The questions answer themselves. So, misleading adjectives aside, how does the program work? Does Five + Five = immigration pacification?

The program is a pay-as-you-go amnesty described as a tax that's split equally between employee and employer. The attraction for Juan is he doesn't have to flee routine traffic stops anymore. The at-

traction for his employer is Juan is paying half the tax.

And there, I suspect, is the real motive for Five + Five and the reason ITIG doesn't list its donors. It's a 'guest worker' program that outsources the cost to taxpayers and while the benefits go to the employers.

ITIG was unintentionally candid, "The small tax is reasonable, as employers have traditionally paid unauthorized workers 25 percent less than others, and these workers do jobs others are unwilling to do. The employer still receives a 20 percent wage advantage over other legal workers, including those whose country of origin is the U.S."

For the first time in history serfs pay for the privilege of bringing their wage scale north! Employers do even better. They can now legally discriminate against citizens in favor of cheap foreign workers. It's a win-win, unless you're a citizen who would be willing to do US jobs for US wages.

After agreeing to pay the tax the illegal is granted a REALcard. This lets Juan be a member of Uncle Sam's Club. He can work in the US legally, qualify for Medicaid, take English language classes, enjoy "continuing education," apply for a visa, apply for a driver's license and "other benefits." And just like a Sam's Club card, the whole family can share his membership for one low price!

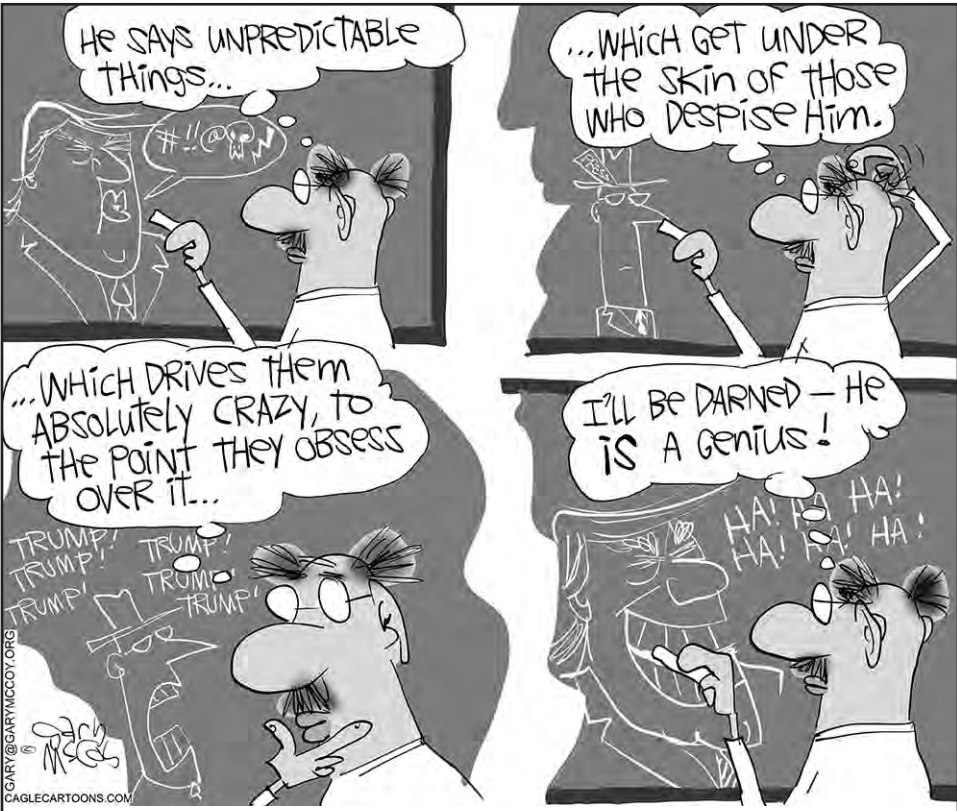
The REALcard is good for ten years or until Democrats take control of Congress and grant mass amnesty to these "second-class citizens."

ITIG claims the program will generate \$210 billion in new tax revenue over ten years, but I have my doubts. Let's say Juan is making \$40,000 a year and has two anchor babies. Five percent of the gross is \$2,000, but that is much less than the \$5,616 he qualifies for when he can legally claim the Child Tax Credit.

And that's just one of many questions the plan generates that unfortunately will remain unanswered. After initially insisting I interview ITIG Founder Mark Jason, the interview was canceled after it became evident I wasn't an open borders cheerleader.

Possibly Jason thinks Five + Five is an equitable solution that is fair to everyone. I don't. Rewarding lawbreakers only encourages other lawbreakers. The fact illegals haven't been caught doesn't give them a claim on our compassion. As far as I'm concerned, a sincerely held belief that in the end is bad for the country is no improvement over an outright malign belief that actively seeks do to harm to the country.

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Stephen Waguespack

A Bridge to Nowhere

Tax reform.

It's a phrase frequently promised by politicians regardless of political ideology. No matter if you are a liberal, a conservative or identify as an independent voter, you probably want it also. In fact, who in their right mind would not want something called tax reform?

We all hate taxes, especially ones that seem arbitrary and are used to pay for the wrong things, and we assume reform of our broken tax code would lead to a better approach.

The catch is politicians all mean different things when they say "tax reform," and it is often quite challenging for us all to know exactly what they intend to accomplish when they say it.

In D.C. last month, Congress passed their version of tax reform, and they were clear in their approach. They eliminated some exemptions and credits and used those savings to lower tax rates across the board.

The immediate result?

A surging stock market...companies of all sizes announcing plans to raise wages...give bonuses to workers...enhance 401k retirement plans...invest in new equipment...and even donate more to charity. Our economy and workforce are already benefiting because government finally allowed folks to keep more of their hard-earned money.

In the coming weeks, it will be Governor Edwards and the Legislature's turn to de-

cide how they will define "tax reform" here in Louisiana.

This summer, the \$1.1 billion in temporary taxes proposed by the Governor and passed by the Legislature in 2016 will expire. This two-year bridge was intended to give elected officials the time needed to conduct a deep dive and learn how our government works and how it could be made more efficient and effective. It was never intended to be just a temporary tax bridge to permanent new taxes. The assumption was that this new long-term plan would be more comprehensive than just more taxes to fund the same old government model we have had for decades.

So, what's the long-term plan they came up with after two years of planning?

Well, a few weeks ago, the Governor announced his plan, and it is unfortunately once again a tax-only solution to government shortfalls. Specifically, he proposes to use a combination of personal income tax increases and sales tax expansions to replace the current expiring taxes and fund government roughly as we have always known it.

While there are many questions that need to be answered by the administration as to who it is specifically targeting with these new tax shifts and how it compares to other states, the takeaway is fairly clear: This plan calls for many new taxes to replace some old taxes. No real spending cuts...no real government reforms.

There has to be a better way.

The Legislature clearly has its role during the session to closely examine all proposals, but the executive branch is constitutionally in charge of the agencies that spend all this money and should be able to recommend some ways to get more taxpayer bang for the buck. In the last two years, were there really no new ideas formed to demand more efficiency and effectiveness from our agencies and bureaucracies? No ideas that focus more on shrinking government rather than shrinking take-home pay for working families and small businesses?

Congress clearly defined tax reform with a new approach, and it didn't take two years and a myriad of task forces to do it...they drove a solution that finally put the needs of the people ahead of the wants of government...and one that is clearly showing some early positive results for job creation, wage escalation and private sector investment.

We can do something similar to Congress here in Louisiana. It's not too late. Just because taxing and blaming the private sector for the problems of government has always been a "go-to" move for Louisiana politicians doesn't mean it has to stay that way. It's time to throw away that playbook forever.

The two-year bridge set a clear expectation that this plan would be more than just tax shifts. The expectation was that any tax proposal at this point would be a component of a broad, comprehensive plan to redesign government and make it more responsive to taxpayers.

This session, a final plan must include more than just tax shifts. It must include significant transparency of all spending at all levels of government, a rock-solid mechanism to control future government spending growth and the repeal of a host of statutory funds that wall off dollars from higher education and health care. It must kick off the process to modernize expensive legacy programs such as Medicaid and the state's pension plans and make them affordable and viable for future generations. The model of government created by Huey Long - which relies on patronage, excessive political power and the heavy hand of state government far too much - must be holistically transitioned to a system that embraces the principle of local control and taxation closest to the people.

No doubt, these reforms are hard to implement, but we have to start this process at some point. That is why a two-year bridge was given to prepare for this moment. The time was given to prepare... and the time is now to implement.

Louisiana Spotlight

Budget Cut Options Start to Shape Up

By MELINDA DESLATTE
BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The "fiscal cliff" is about to start getting real.

After months of talk about how Louisiana would make \$1 billion in state budget cuts if lawmakers don't replace expiring sales taxes, Gov. John Bel Edwards will unveil this week the first proposal for how those cuts might look.

The Democratic governor doesn't want to recommend the slashing, but he's required to give lawmakers a spending plan for next year. And he has to use the money forecast to be available.

It's unclear if the release of the governor's budget proposal Friday will create the sense of urgency Edwards

wants from lawmakers in his push to pass a tax package. But it definitely will create worry for the people whose services are proposed for the chopping block.

Edwards painted a grim picture of what the cuts will look like in his budget proposal for the financial year that begins July 1.

"It is not going to be pretty. It will not reflect a budget that I want to see implemented. And in fact, the cuts will be devastating," the governor said.


He's made similar comments often, in a sort of foreboding warning to the people of Louisiana. Because certain portions of the budget have fewer protections, he said, "You will see the lion's share of those cuts directed to health care and higher education."

Louisiana's colleges, the TOPS free college tuition program, safety-net hospitals and health services for the poor, elderly and disabled all are expected to be proposed for heavy reductions.

State lawmakers have an idea what these cuts will look like. As the state's careened from one financial crisis to the next over the last decade, similar conversations about where the slashing could fall have been repeated over and over again.

The cuts in Edwards' spending plan likely will be larger than \$1 billion. That's how much the state's general fund tax dollars are projected to shrink next year, but removing those dollars from programs also would force the state to lose some federal dollars tied to Louisiana putting up its own money to receive them.

Officials estimate the cuts could balloon to \$4 billion, out of a state operating budget of around \$28 billion, with



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Obituaries

MARK CLYDE DIXON



Celebration of Life Service for Mark Clyde Dixon will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 6 o'clock in the evening at Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Baldwin, La.

Mark's earthly vessel will be lying in repose:

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Greater New Hope Baptist Church

Monday, January 22, 2018, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Greater New Hope Baptist Church

Dismissal Service will be Monday, January 22, 2018, at 11 o'clock in the morning at Greater New Hope Baptist Church.

Mark Clyde Dixon, affectionately known as "Dixon" was born the first child of five children to Robert Bowser Sr. and Dolly Dixon on February 6, 1963, in Lafayette, La.

The story of Mark Clyde Dixon is simple but extraordinary. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Special Providence Baptist Church in Baldwin, La. "Dixon" was known for his warm personality and his unquestionable attention to detail. His outstanding and impeccable dance skills made him the center of attention at many social events.

"Dixon" received both his primary and secondary education in the St. Mary Parish School System. He graduated from Franklin Sr. High School in 1981 and continued his post-secondary education at Remington College in Lafayette, La. studying Business Administration. Through his educational journey he made many lasting friendships that carried into adulthood.

"Dixon" was no stranger to hard work. His professional pedigree included modeling and styling, decorating, and internet sales. As a licensed florist he took great pride in designing beautifully crafted floral displays for weddings, funerals, showers, parties and many other events. As an event planner he was exceptional at coordinating many events and always willing to go the extra mile to provide an unmatched level of service and décor to all of his clients.

"Dixon" was employed at MK DIXON Funeral Home as a Funeral Director Liaison. His role was a vital part of the MK Dixon Funeral Home Brand. He was noted for being the first to arrive and the last to leave, making sure the vision of MK Dixon Funeral Home was carried out with a spirit of excellence and love.

"Dixon," a community activist, was affiliated with various community and social organizations. At the time of his transition he served as a board member on the St. Mary Community Action Agency Board of Directors and the Board Liaison to the St. Mary and Vermilion Parish Head Start Program Policy Council. As a founding member of the Krewe of Donnis in Baldwin, La.; he also served as Co-President. He was also a founding member of the Baldwin Beautification Committee.

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the age of 54, he transitioned from the earthly plane to his heavenly home. "Dixon's" story does not end here, for many memories will be spo-

ken of for many generations to come.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Mary and Edwin Dixon; paternal grandparents: Robert Bowser Sr. and Alice and Mathew Colbert Sr.; aunts and uncles: Rosalie Connor, Berniece Burney, Cecile Dixon, Leroy Jenkins, Martha Bowser, Audrey Bowser, Zonia Williams, Oralita Montgomery, Mary Montgomery, Timothy Bowser, Matthew Colbert, Jr., Leroy Colbert and John Montgomery.

"Dixon's" legacy will live on in the hearts of his family which includes his mother and father: Dolly Dixon and Robert Bowser, Jr. of Baldwin, La.; his fiancé, Detria Edmond of Charenton, La.; one daughter, Taylor Dixon of Charenton, La.; three sons: Solomon Freking of LeMar, La., Trevell Dixon of Baldwin, La., and Marquall Dixon (Kizzy) of Lafayette, La.; three grandchildren: Maddix Dixon, Briley Dixon, and Miesha Brooks; one brother, Michael Bowser (Kaye) of Baldwin, La.; three sisters: Cheryl Lynn Robinson (John) and Monica Wells (Gene) both of Franklin, La., and Tracy Jack (Vernon) of Dallas, TX. He is also survived by, one stepdaughter, Anissa Eugene, maternal and paternal aunts and uncles; Charlie Martin, Franklin, La.; Agnes Brown, Kansas City, KS; Mary (Henry) Martin, New Orleans, La.; Mary Jenkins, Baldwin, La.; Sherry Ann Martin, Baldwin, La.; Lillie Mary (Oliver) Sterling, Houston TX; Charles Ray (Phyllis) Colbert, San Antonio, TX; Irma Montgomery, Houston, TX; Dwight (Orelia) Bowser Sr., Houston, TX; Rebecca (Donald) Newman, Joseph (Lillian) Bowser Sr., James (Mary) Bowser, Cheryl (Ronnie) Shilo all of Beaumont, TX; four Godchildren: Tamaria Hawkins, Kimberly Charles and Akeem Jackson and Chazyman Harris; one Godsister, Chantel Conner-Allen, a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, all of whom he shared a unique bond with.

MK DIXON Funeral Home is in charge of final arrangements, 211 Main Street, Baldwin, La. 70514, 337-940-9253. www.mkdixonfh.com.

ADAM RICHARD SR.

Adam Richard Sr., 61, a resident and native of Patterson, La., passed away on Saturday December 30, 2017 in Patterson, La.

Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Jones Funeral Home, 715 Sixth St. Morgan City at 11 a.m. with Pastor Keith F. Verrett Sr., officiating.

Memories of Adam will forever remain in the hearts of his wife, Tammy Williams Richard; three sons, Adam (Sonya) Richard, Jr., Trevor Richard, and Desmond Richard; other children he helped to raise as his own, Brodney Williams, Chandler Williams, Shaiza Williams, Brittany Everage, and Kayla Williams; a special niece, Umeeka Richard; four sister Betty Jean Wesley, Mrs. Alvin (Gloria) Butler, and Josie Carmouche all of Patterson, La., and Christina Stewart of Franklin; his devoted friends, eighteen grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Adam was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a sister.

Jones Funeral Home of Morgan City-Franklin-Jeanerette-Houma in charge of arrangements.

Visit www.jones-funeral-home.com to send condolences to family.

JAMIE WYNETTE WHELLER

Funeral Service for Jamie Wynette Wheller will be Friday, January 19,

2018, 11 a.m. at MK DIXON Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Friday, January 19, 2018, from 9 a.m. until the commencement of the funeral service.

Jamie will be interred in Morning Pilgrim Cemetery in Jeanerette, La.

Jamie Wynette Wheller was born on January 1, 1979 to the union of Paul and Flora Green Wheller in Fort Knox, Kentucky. She was the third of six children. She was educated and reared in Jeanerette, La. On Saturday, January 6, 2018 this loving and caring angel transitioned to her heavenly home.

She accepted Christ at an early age, she was baptized at St. Mark Baptist Church by Rev. Greene. Jamie loved to shop, cook, and clean. She was a devoted mother to her four children, always taking

care of them as well as her nieces and nephews.

Jamie was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Renee Green, maternal grandparents, Horace and Myrtle Green, and her paternal grandfather, David Wheller.

Her lasting memory will forever be embedded in the hearts of her four children: Ja'Liyah Wheller, Ja'Mia Wheller, Ja'Hyre Wheller and Jacey Proctor all of Jeanerette, La.; her siblings: Wayne (Tracey) Green, Paul (Ruth) Wheller, Gloria (Wesley) Hypolite, Chanel Wheller; her paternal grandmother, Ruby Scott Wheller; loving companion who stuck by her side, Darien Hoskins along with a her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

CHARLES HARRISON "JOE" WIEGMANN

November 6, 1936 – January 10, 2018

Charles Harrison Wiegmann, affectionately known to most as Joe, passed away at the age of 81 on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette.

Joe was a native and lifelong resident of Centerville who worked in the natural gas industry for Columbia Gulf for 30 years, retiring many years ago as an operator. He was an animal lover through and through and loved spending time with his fur-family.

Joe is survived by one sister-in-law, Mary Jane Bauer; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as by his close friends and caregivers, John "Red", Patsy, and David Comeaux.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred-

erick W. Wiegmann; his mother, Mary Packard Wiegmann; and four siblings, Mary Lena Wiegmann, Dr. Frederick H. Wiegmann and his wife Mae Doris Toerner Wiegmann, Elbridge M. Wiegmann and his wife Wilma Frederick Wiegmann, and Carl Wiegmann "Wimpy" Bauer.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Monday, January 15, 2018, at Ibert's Mortuary in Franklin from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. followed by burial in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Centerville.

Family and friends may view the obituary and express their condolences online by visiting www.iberterts.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ibert's Mortuary, Inc., 1007 Main Street, Franklin, La. 70538, (337) 828-5426.

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MARY "ELAINE" HENSLEE VERRET



Mary "Elaine" Henslee Verret, 62, a resident of Bayou Vista and former longtime resident of Franklin, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Teche Regional Medical Center.

Elaine was born on June 26, 1955 in Kassel, Germany the daughter of Ernest Henslee and Margot Hoya Henslee.

Elaine loved to spend time in the outdoors tending to her garden and enjoyed spending time doing various craft projects. She had a love for all animals, but especially loved her dog Petey. Of all the things that Elaine did in her life, the joy and love of her life was her son, Roy Jr. and everything that she did, she did for him.

She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her son, Roy P. Verret Jr. of Bayou Vista; her beloved dog Petey; her husband Roy P. Verret Sr. of Franklin; three brothers, Michael Henslee and wife Karen of Sorrento, Florida, Mark Henslee of Franklin, Shane Hoya and wife Donna of Bayou Vista; one sister, Lorraine Sinitere and husband Arthur of Berwick; one sister-in-law, Earline Picard of Franklin; numerous nieces and nephews.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Margot Hoya Henslee; brother-in-law, Ray Picard; mother and father-in-law, Ozemae (Paul) and Bernice Verret.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Twin City Funeral Home with Rev. Marty Harden officiating. A visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Twin City Funeral Home with the visitation resuming from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Following the services Elaine will be laid to rest in the Franklin Cemetery.

(Paid Notice)

CARRIE FAVORS PITTS

Carrie Favors Pitts, 73, a resident of Patterson, La. and native of Calumet, La., passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 9:07 a.m. at her residence.

Visitation will be observed on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the St. Luke Baptist Church, 1709 Harry St., Patterson, La., from 9:00 a.m. until funeral services at 11:00 a.m., with Reverend Keith Verrett, Officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in the Home Industrial Cemetery in Patterson, La.

Memories of Carrie will forever remain in the hearts of her son, Lawrence (Jeri) Edwards, III; her daughter, Monica Charles both of Patterson, La.; one brother, Willie Favors, Jr. of Sacramento, CA; one sister, Pearl Favors of Franklin, La.; ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Carrie was preceded in death husband, a son, her parents, two sisters, and four brothers.

Jones Funeral Home of Morgan City/Franklin/Jeanerette/Houma in charge of arrangements.

RANDTRELL

DEANDRE WADE

Randtrell Deandre Wade, 27, a native of Terrebonne Parish and a resident of Chauvin, La., passed away peacefully at 8:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. until funeral time at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Jones Funeral Home chapel, 6775 West Park Avenue

in Houma. Burial will follow in Southdown Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Hazel McKay Johnson (Augusta) of Chauvin; brothers, Montrell McKay of Franklin and Quincey McKay of Morgan City; daughters, Mrs. Henry (Latisha) Griffin, Jasmine Wade and Paris Johnson of Chauvin; two sisters-in-

law, eight nephews; four nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, a uncle, and two cousins.

Arrangements entrusted to Jones Funeral Home of Houma-Morgan City-Jeanerette-Franklin.

Visit www.jones-funeral-home.com to send condolences to family.

DORETHEA BROWN

Funeral Service honoring the life of Doretha Brown will be held Saturday, January 20, 2017, 11 a.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church, Franklin, La. Pastor Darlene Moore will officiate the service.

The family has requested that visitation be Saturday, January 20, 2017, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at

Asbury United Methodist Church.

She will be interred in Pecot Street Cemetery.

"A Woman for the Ages" Doretha Brown was born in rural St. Mary Parish and at age 11 her family moved to Franklin, La. She was the daughter of Johnny Brown Sr. and Viola Drexler Brown. She was

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Dear Doctor: Because I have fair skin and live in an area with a lot of sun, I try to do my outdoor activities early in the day (before 9 a.m.) or late in the afternoon (after 4 p.m.). Do I still need to wear sunscreen?

Dear Reader: In a word, yes. If your goal is to protect your skin from sun damage, which includes sunburn, wrinkles and a range of cancers, our advice is to wear sunscreen during the daylight hours. In fact, research now shows that even a light tan is a sign of sun damage.

This dawn-to-dusk timing for sunscreen

application may seem counterintuitive; after all, sunlight looks and feels markedly weaker during the early morning and late afternoon than at midday. While it's true that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the fact is that from the moment it appears above the horizon to the instant it vanishes from sight, our closest star is sending a full dose of skin-damaging ultraviolet radiation our way.

How can that be?

Sun damage is caused by two types of radiation — ultraviolet A and B, better known as UVA and UVB. These are part of a broad spectrum of

light, which includes the light we can see. But because ultraviolet rays are shorter than rays of visible light, they can't be seen with the naked eye. However, what you can't see definitely can hurt you.

The so-called "sunburn ray" is UVB. It has a slightly shorter wavelength than UVA, and is not as concentrated in the early morning and late afternoon. The highest amounts of UVB radiation reach us between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the months of April through October. And while UVB accounts for only 5 to 10 percent of all UV radiation that reaches us, it plays a key part in the

onset of skin cancer.

By contrast, UVA maintains the same intensity all day, which makes dawn-to-dusk sunscreen use important. UVA is responsible for signs of aging, like wrinkles and dark spots. It also damages certain cells in the basal layer of the epidermis, which is where most skin cancers form. In the past, UVA was absolved of a cancer connection. Now, however, researchers believe that it plays a role in cellular changes that lead to cancer.

The other thing to know is that UVA can penetrate clouds and glass. When you're riding in a car, sitting near a window or

spending time outdoors in poor weather, you're still in the path of UVA rays. Reflective surfaces, such as water, snow, ice and glass, refract up to 80 percent of the UVA and UVB rays that hit them. That means you're getting close to a double dose of the sun's harmful rays. And don't forget that the sun's rays become more potent at higher altitudes.

Our final word of advice is to be sure to use sunscreen rated for both UVA and UVB radiation. It will be clearly marked on the label. Use it generously and reapply according to product instructions. Your skin will thank you.

(Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and primary care physician at UCLA Health.)

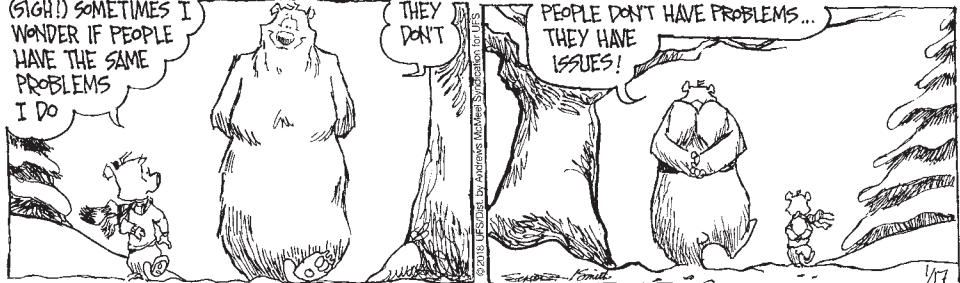
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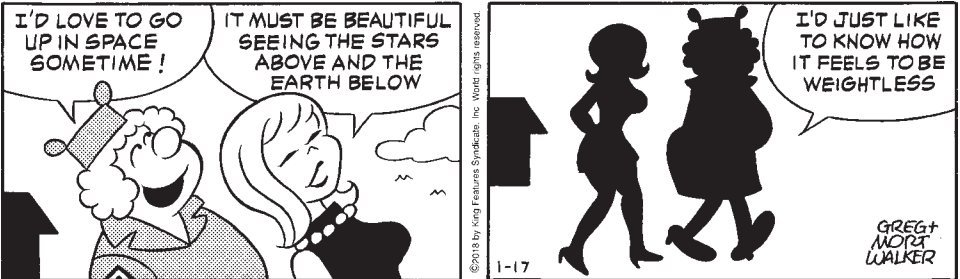
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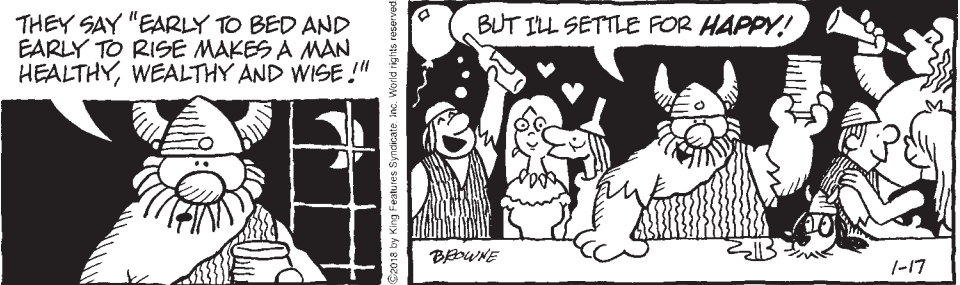
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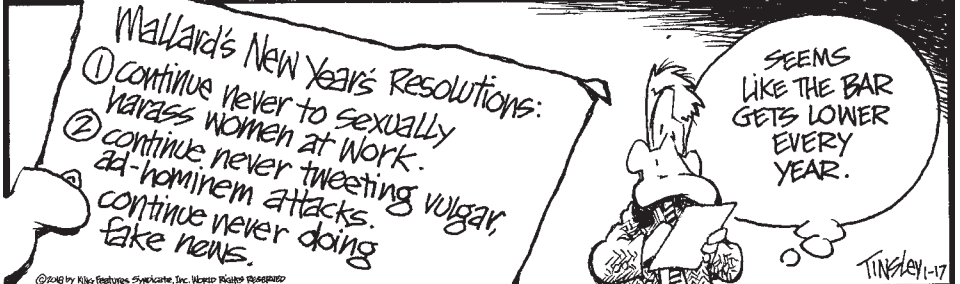
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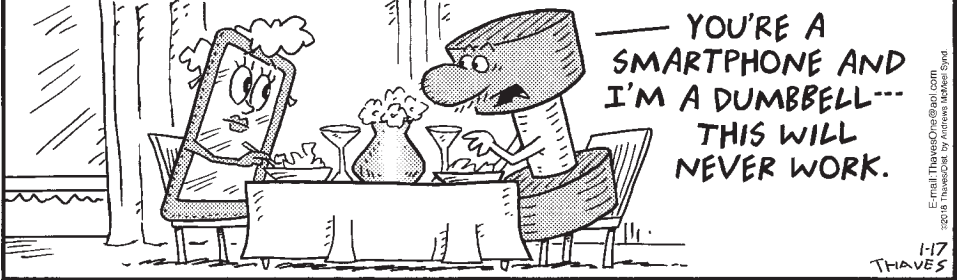
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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2018. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 17, 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate. The 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

On this date:

In 1781, during the Revolutionary War, American forces defeated the British in the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina.

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1953, a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

In 1998, the Drudge Report said Newsweek magazine had killed a story about an affair between President Bill Clinton and an unidentified White House intern, the same day Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him in which he denied having had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Yellow jacket

5 Physics particle

10 Wild dog

12 Chase

13 Vein

14 Soprano

15 Tree

16 Touch

18 Heavy-hearted

19 Population survey

22 Luau

25 Goes fast

29 Mr. Karloff

30 Brownish-gray

32 Winter precip

33 Buy a round

34 Ochoa

37 of golf

38 Go to bed

40 Formic acid

43 Md.

48 Guzzle

48 Powerless

50 Pay

52 Year-end decoration

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Intelligence will be required when dealing with personal money, health or legal matters. Take a pass if someone urges you to take a shortcut or to let someone else handle your affairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Emotions will surface if you can't come to terms with what others want. Don't be afraid to do your own thing, cut your overhead and lower stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- An energetic schedule will be illuminating. Try new things and challenge your strength, courage and discipline. Stay focused and you will make a difference. Romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take on a physical challenge and re-evaluate your feelings and domestic situation. A change may be necessary, but first you must come up with a strategy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't let an emotional response you receive deter you from following your heart. You must live life your way if you want to find peace and happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep your thoughts secret. Saying or revealing something prematurely will put you in an awkward position. Speak the truth or say nothing at all.



By Eugenia Last

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- An innovative idea can give a presentation some needed pizzazz. Welcome input and be ready to collaborate with people just as eager to try something new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Trusting someone with your money or possessions will lead to disappointment. Do your research and be willing to walk away from a deal that poses many unanswered questions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take care of personal money matters and documents that need to be dealt with before tax time. Being fully prepared will lead to savings and greater opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't accept help unless you know what's expected of you in return. Someone will have a change of heart and let you down. Get the skinny before you make a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Partnerships will work well for you. Collaborate with someone to come up with a plan that can help you advance. Control your emotions when dealing with personal matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Personal improvements will build your confidence and give you a greater sense of what you have to offer. Love and romance will change how or where you live.

LEGALS

ST. MARY PARISH PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 22

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Mary Parish Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, January 22, 2018 AT 5:45 P.M. in the Parish Council Meeting Room, Fifth Floor Courthouse, Franklin, Louisiana, for the following purposes:

REZONE REQUEST:
Rezoning of property by Capital Growth Buchalter, Inc. in a Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District located at 9216 & 9218 Hwy. 182, Centerville, LA-Sec. 37 T15S R10E;
-Parcel Id# 2474581001.00-Lot BD A W Etienne-A W Etienne-Pub Road-A W Etienne Acq. 45S 280511
-Parcel Id# 2474581002.00-Lot BD Teche-Luke and Senette-Hwy. 90 and Senette-Crochet Acq. 322 322895.

All persons are invited to this meeting to submit their approval or objections to the above Rezone Request.

St. Mary Parish Planning & Zoning Commission
William Gil, Chairman
Advertise; January 7, 10 and 17, 2018.

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT- AMENDED BUDGET

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Sixteenth Judicial District Court has complied with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307 relative to public participation in the budget process for the amended budget for the year ending December 31, 2017 and the projected budget for the year ending December 31, 2018. Notice of availability for public inspection, publication of the budget and public hearing was held in compliance with applicable statute.

Curtis Sigur
Chief Judge
Sixteenth Judicial District Court

Advertised January 17, 2018

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DIST. 1 -DEC. 11 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ST. MARY PARISH CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

The regular meeting of the St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Drainage District Office in Franklin, Louisiana. The following were:

Present:
Chad Gianfala – President
Donnie Cooks – Vice President
Cleveland Jackson – Secretary – Treasurer
Earlon Arnaud – Board Member
Alton Broussard, Jr – Board Member
Lamonika Dwyer – Board Member
J.P. Hebert, Jr – Board Member
Harry Pontiff – Supervisor
Dana L. Marcotte – Office Manager
Absent:
None
Guest:
None

The minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2017 were approved as written with a motion made by Mr. J.P. Hebert, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Earlon Arnaud. Motion carried.

After a review of the Profit & Loss YTD report and the Bills Paid Prior month report, a motion was made by Mr. Donnie Coots and seconded by Ms. Lamonika Dwyer that the invoices as per the Bills Paid Prior month report dated November 2017 be approved for payment. Motion carried.

Supervisor Pontiff gave the Equipment Work Report for November 2017.

A discussion was had to re-elect the officers as follows:
Chad Gianfala. President, Donnie Coots, Vice President & Cleveland Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer. A motion was made by Mr. Earlon Arnaud and seconded by Mr. Alton Broussard, Jr. by acclamation to re-elect the officers all were in favor, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the broker handling St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1's Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy and our Humana Insurance Policy. A motion was made by Mr. Earlon Arnaud and seconded by Mr. Cleveland Jackson to change to C & W Financial Services, Inc. A voice was taken.

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 1
ABSENT: 0

A motion was made by Mr. J.P. Hebert, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Earlon Arnaud to have Supervisor Pontiff to accept a state contract to purchase a John Deere 6120E Cab Tractor at a price of \$73,718.96. Supervisor Pontiff was advised to obtain bids for a Nurse Tank and a Spray Rig.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Earlon Arnaud and seconded by Mr. Cleveland Jackson. Motion carried.

APPROVED:
s/g: CLEVELAND JACKSON
SECRETARY-TREASURER
s/g: CHAD GIANFALA
PRESIDENT
Advertised January 17, 2018

STATE OF LOUISIANA STATE LAND OFFICE 1440 NOP

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
STATE LAND OFFICE

P. O. BOX 44124, CAPITOL STATION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 41:1211, et seq., sealed bids will be accepted on or before the 2nd day of February, 2018, at eleven o'clock a.m., for the sole purpose of constructing and maintaining a single habitable structure on the following described tract in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:
A certain tract of State owned (nonsevered) land identified as
Campsite Lot No. D-7, Sweet Bay Lake Houseboat Area D,
In front of Sec. 9, T17S, R12E, Louisiana Meridian

All bids must be forwarded by United States Mail to the State Land Office, Post Office Box 44124, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 or delivered to 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-223, and must be accompanied by check or money order for full amount of first year's rental of not less than Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100—(\$367.00)—Dollars per year for a term of ten (10) years.
The word BID and the DATE the bid is to be opened should be written on the outside of the envelope containing your bid so that it will not be opened with the regular mail.
The failure of the tenant to pay the rent punctually, or before the date upon which said rental shall fall due, shall ipso facto and without demand or putting in default terminate and cancel said lease.
THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED.

JONATHAN ROBILLARD
PUBLIC LAND ADMINSTRATOR
STATE LAND OFFICE

PUBLISH IN: St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune

ON: January 17, 24, & 31
NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY THE ADVERTISING CHARGES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA STATE LAND OFFICE 1438 NOP

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
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DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
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A certain tract of State owned (nonsevered) land identified as
Campsite Lot No. D-9, Sweet Bay Lake Houseboat Area D,
In front of Sec. 9, T17S, R12E, Louisiana Meridian

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STATE LAND OFFICE

PUBLISH IN: St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune

ON: January 17, 24, & 31
NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY THE ADVERTISING CHARGES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA STATE LAND OFFICE 1439 NOP

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
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STATE LAND OFFICE

PUBLISH IN: St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune

ON: January 17, 24, & 31
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16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY -PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

16th Judicial District Attorney
Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin

The annual budget for the Sixteenth Judicial District Attorney's Office for fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2018, has been:

made available for public inspection, as required by RS 39:1308, prior to the public hearing on the budget; and
advertised, as required by RS 39:1307, for a public hearing, which was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, in the Sixteenth Judicial District Attorney –New Iberia Office, 300 Iberia St. Suite 200, New Iberia, Louisiana

All actions, required by law, to adopt and otherwise finalize the 2018 Budget have been taken and completed prior to the end of the 2017 fiscal year.

M. Boffil Duhé
District Attorney
Sixteenth Judicial District

Advertised January 17, 2018

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL - DECEMBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 20, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Public Hearing on this date with Chairman Gabriel Beadle presiding and the following members present: J Ina, Dale Rogers, Ken Singleton, Patrick Hebert, James Bennett, Sterling Fryou, and Kevin Voisin. Absent were Rev. Craig Mathews, Glen Hidalgo, and Paul P. Naquin, Jr.

The purpose of the Public Meeting was to receive written and/or oral comments and to adopt the following ordinances:

An Ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 2097 adopting the 2017 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2029 setting the salary of the Clerk of the Council of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

There were no written or oral comments received regarding the proposed ordinances.

Clerk of the Council, Mrs. Lisa Morgan, stated that the Administration presented a list of amendments to the 2017 Second Budget Amendment in addition to the amendments presented at the November 29, 2017 Regular Meeting for the 2017 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for consideration of adoption at the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Voisin moved for adjournment. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.
s/g Lisa C. Morgans/g Gabriel Beadle

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk
Gabriel Beadle, Chairman

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 20, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairman Gabriel Beadle presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Dale Rogers, Glen Hidalgo, Ken Singleton, Patrick Hebert, James Bennett, Sterling Fryou, and Kevin Voisin. Absent was Paul P. Naquin, Jr.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fryou.

Mr. Voisin moved that the reading of the minutes of the First Regular Meeting, December 13, 2017 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Parish President, David Hanagriff, stated that 2017 was an uneventful year regarding the economy and that he is looking forward to 2018. He stated that he appreciated working with the Council and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange, informed that St. Mary Parish Public Works Director, Mr. George Mikhael is retiring at the end of this year, thanked him for his many years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

Mr. LaGrange also informed that he has appointed Mr. Jean Paul Bourg of Morgan City as the new Public Works Director who will begin work the first week of January 2018. Mr. Bourg has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Business, has an Entomology License, and an AD Mosquito Control Supervisor License. He currently serves as Public Works Supervisor with the City of Morgan City and serves on the Consolidated Drainage District No. 2 Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hanagriff thanked Mr. Mikhael for the 27 years of service in St. Mary Parish and the 17 years of service with St. Mary Parish Government and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Hanagriff looks forward to working with Jean Paul Bourg.

In response to Rev. Mathew's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that the Public Works Director job description is outlined in the Charter and will include any other duties or responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Office. Mr. LaGrange also stated that the Parish is currently under a mosquito contract through September 2018. The Council will be made aware of any additional changes that may occur.

Mr. Voisin moved that the Public Hearing Report, December 13, 2017 be approved. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Voisin moved that the following Ordinance with amendments presented at the November 29, 2017 and the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting be adopted. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin, and Beadle

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Naquin

ORDINANCE NO. 2116

An Ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 2097 adopting the 2017 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PARISH COUNCILS OFFICE

Mr. Voisin moved that the following Ordinance be adopted. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin, Beadle, and Rev. Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Naquin

ORDINANCE NO. 2117

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1994 setting the salary of the Clerk of the Council of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PARISH COUNCILS OFFICE

Mr. Beadle requested to place Item 13A, “Resolution of Respect in memory of Mr. Wayne Stevens” on the next Parish Council's Meeting Agenda on January 10, 2018.
Mr. Rogers moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin, Beadle, Rev. Mathews, and Mr. Ina

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Naquin

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and Facility Planning & Control relative to Burns Point Fishing Pier Project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and Facility Planning & Control relative to Burns Point Fishing Pier Project, with said Agreement to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 20th day of December 2017.

APPROVED:

s/g Gabriel Beadle
GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

Resolution authorizing and directing the President to execute for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary, a Certificate of Substantial Completion from Blanchard Contractors, Inc. relative to the South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station.

WHEREAS, Blanchard Contractors, Inc., 15444 Highway 3235, Cut Off, Louisiana 70345, has substantially completed the South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of St. Mary that the President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion

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for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary accepting the South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate of Substantial Completion recorded in the mortgage records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 20th day of December 2017.

APPROVED

s/g Gabriel Beadle
GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:
s/g Lisa C. Morgan
LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Hidalgo moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin, Beadle, Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina, and Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Naquin

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bayou Vista Garden Club began dissolution procedures on May 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Bayou Vista Garden Club has taken care of the Beautification of the Southeast Boulevard and the Community Center in Bayou Vista, and

WHEREAS, the Bayou Vista Garden Club educated the children at Bayou Vista Elementary School, worked with Keep St. Mary Beautiful for litter control and handled the Christmas Lighting Contest in Bayou Vista, and

WHEREAS, the Bayou Vista Garden Club was instrumental with many civic and roadside beautification projects and won numerous awards for their worthy projects, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby thank the Bayou Vista Garden Club for generously their civic service and instilling pride in their community.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 20th day of December 2017.

APPROVED:
s/g Gabriel Beadle
GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:
s/g Lisa C. Morgan
LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Ms. Donna Bucci, Ms. Janice Verrett, and Ms. Donna Richard, former officers of the Bayou Vista Garden Club thanked the Council and the Parish for their support while it was active.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melissa Gregg Blake, Director of Government Affairs, Cox Communications has written to inform the Council that effective on or about January 7, 2018, the pricing of Cox's video services will change to reflect the increased costs of doing business.

The primary reason for the increase in the retail price of cable television is the rising wholesale cost of television programming.

It's important to note that, in addition to absorbing a large portion of the increased costs of programming, Cox has introduced many service enhancements within the past year.

All of our customers are notified of the new prices 30 days in advance through messages in their bills.

Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

St. Joseph Recreation Park Advisory Committee – 3 Vacancies

Gail Nelson

Clerk of the Council, Mrs. Lisa C. Morgan, reported that late applications were received from Annie K. Boyd, and present members Celiitha M. Parker, Granderson Hamilton, and Roy Mitchell.

Mr. Ina requested to place this item on the next Parish Council's Meeting Agenda on January 10, 2018.

Mr. Ina moved that Gail Nelson be appointed to the St. Joseph Recreation Park Advisory Committee Board of Commission. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Fire Protection District No. 1 (Cypremort Point) – 3 Vacancies

Theresa S. Trosclair

Mr. Rogers moved that Theresa S. Trosclair be appointed to the Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commission. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

16th Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board – 4 Vacancies

No applications received.

Board of Adjustments (SMP) – 1 Vacancy

Larry J. Hotard, III – Present Member

Mr. Hidalgo moved that Larry J. Hotard, III be reappointed to the Board of Adjustments Board of Commission. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried.

Recreation District No. 7 (Shadyside/Ricohoc Area) – 1 Vacancy

No applications received.

Mrs. Morgan reported that a late application was received from Mr. Bonnes Joseph Guidry.

Mr. Hidalgo requested to place this item on the next Parish Council's Meeting Agenda on January 10, 2018.

There being no further business, Mr. Fryou moved for adjournment. Mr. Voisin seconded the motion, which carried.

s/g Lisa C. Morgans/g Gabriel Beadle
Lisa C. Morgan, ClerkGabriel Beadle, Chairman

Advertised January 17, 2018

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINANCE 2118
ORDINANCE NO. 2118

An Ordinance authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement between St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2, Town of Berwick, City of Patterson, and St. Mary Parish Government relative to the St. Mary Parish Wards 5 & 8 Joint Regional Sewer Facilities.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, in regular session convened:

SECTION I. That the Parish of St. Mary enter into a Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement relative to the St. Mary Parish Wards 5 & 8 Joint Regional Sewer Facilities all in accordance with the basic terms and conditions contained in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

SECTION II. That David Hanagriff, Parish President is authorized to execute such lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 13th day of December, 2017; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 10th day of January 2018; was adopted by the following vote on the 10th day of January 2018.

AYES: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Glen Hidalgo, Ken Singleton, James Bennett, Kevin Voisin, Gabriel Beadle, and Rev. Craig Mathews.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dale Rogers, Patrick Hebert, and Sterling Fryou.

APPROVED:
s/g Kevin Voisin
KEVIN VOISIN, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:
s/g Lisa C. Morgan
LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

This Ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 12th day of January 2018 at the hour of 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:
s/g David Hanagriff
DAVID HANAGRIFF, PRESIDENT
ST. MARY PARISH

This Ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 12th day of January 2018 at the hour 1:30 p.m.

The Exhibit to this ordinance has not been published. Said Exhibits is on file with the minutes of the St. Mary Parish Council, State of Louisiana, Courthouse, 5th Floor, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, and are available for inspection during regular business hours weekdays, Monday through Friday.

Advertised January 17, 2018

ST. MARY PARISH LEEVE DISTRICT -NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEEVE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District ("SMLD") met on this date with, President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: William Hidalgo, J.P. Hebert, James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Alton Broussard, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard, Will Terry and with Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Jason St. Romain, Miller Engineers; Kevin O'Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the October 12th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. A. Broussard second, the motion carried unani-

mously.

Jason St. Romain with Miller Engineers reported that they have received the permit for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project from the USACE. Mr. St. Romain stated that his office is still waiting on feedback from OCM regarding some questions on hydraulic modification alternative analysis. Mr. St. Romain also reported that his office submitted the plans to CDBG for their review.

Mr. St. Romain reported that his office received a Letter of No Objection from CPRA and is still waiting on the permit for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Romain stated that his office is still continuing to move forward on finalizing the plans.

Kevin O'Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the excavation and hauling material work for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project has been completed and the contractor is finishing the final shaping and grading. Mr. O'Gorman reported the estimated competition date is still mid-December on the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O'Gorman stated the construction company is working on the concrete caps under US 90 and the sheet pile on Cooks-Collins and the contractor has installed the sheet pile from Hwy 90 past Justa Street and is about half way between US 90 and pump station #6. Mr. O'Gorman also reported that the contractor has completed the clearing on the west side of LA 70 in preparation for the embankment work and is in the process of addressing the required utility relocations for the LA 70 portion of the project. Mr. O'Gorman also reported that his office prepared a response to address a couple outstanding comments from DNR for the Justa Street Levee portion of the project. Mr. O'Gorman stated his office is currently addressing comments from CPRA and is preparing the final bidding documents in anticipation of advertisement.

Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena stated his office continues to coordinate with CPRA to review the model runs on the Increase Atchafalaya project. Mr. Pena stated that a letter has been sent to CPRA with additional questions regarding the Increase Atchafalaya Model.

Mr. Pena reported that his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is proceeding. Plat maps are being prepared. Mr. Pena also reported that his office has met with CLECO and the landowner regarding the property north of Victory Island to discuss some changes due to the geotechnical report. Mr. Pena stated the geotechnical borings have been completed and the report is scheduled to be in next week.

Mr. Matte reported that at the last CPRA meeting it was reported that the GOMESA funds are coming in at an amount that is less than anticipated. Mr. Matte stated that is was originally planned for the funds to be projected at \$140 million per year but now they are reporting the funds to be \$60 - \$70 per year. This will impact the State's Master Plan projects as GOMESA is a primary funding source for these projects.

Mr. Matte along with Mr. Brocato reported that the levee inspections went well. Mr. Matte reported that some minor items were found in the City of Morgan City. Mr. Matte stated that one of those items was the seal on the flood gates. Mr. Brocato stated that there were also some minor issues on Avoca and both Wax Lake East and Calumet to Gordy went well. Mr. Matte and Mr. Brocato stated that efforts from the Parish helped with the anticipation of the inspections. The Board asked that letters of acknowledgement be sent to the City of Morgan City, the Town of Berwick and the St. Mary Parish Government recognizing their contributions in preparing the levees for inspection.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has secured the right of ways from Cabot and JM Burguieres for the North Bend Phase B project. Mr. Matte also reported SMLD has received the signed agreements by CLECO and DOTD. Mr. Matte also reported that the advertisement is sent to go out today.

Mr. Matte reported the final balance of the EDA grant for Bayou Chene has been received. Mr. Matte also reported an extension of the NFIP has passed the House and Senate the expiration date is now Dec 8th. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD has collected about \$4.5 million from FEMA in reimbursements for the 2016 Flood fight which leaves about \$586,000 outstanding to be reimbursed.

Mr. Matte also reported that the St. Mary Parish Council has received notification from the state that five of SMLD's districts Board seats are up for renewals. Mr. Matte reported the districts that are up for renewal are District 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Mr. Matte introduced the proposed 2018 budget that will be up for adoption at the December meeting.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize SMLD to move forward to advertise for the Justa Street Levee Reach portion of the Morgan City Levee Improvements project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that all issues have been cleared on the Yokely Levee Extension and that project is currently waiting for the 404 section 10 permit. Mr. Matte stated that once that permit is issued the parish will be in a position to start construction on that project. Mr. Matte reported that project will be funded by CDGB and the construction of the project will raise that levee to a +8. Mr. Matte stated that once that project is completed the plans are to turn that levee north and utilize the road by raising the road where possible. Mr. Matte reported he has budgeted in the upcoming proposed budget monies to fund the remaining portion of the project.

Mr. Matte reported on the plans for levees West of Charenton. An amount has been included in our 2018 budget to support an effort to review the current plans for that area, particularly engaging the land owners and residents to deter-

mine what is achievable in flood protection in that area.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:
Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District

Advertised January 17, 2017

Suggestions when shopping for fencing

Fences can improve functionality of a yard and provide extra security and privacy. Some fences are decorative while others are functional. Families with children and/or companion animals also may find fencing is a necessity to keep everyone safe and corralled.

With a vast array of fencing materials available, homeowners may find it challenging to decide which material is right for their properties. The following breakdown can help homeowners learn more about fencing and potentially point them in the right direction regarding which material to choose for their properties.

Budget is one of the first considerations many homeowners have when installing fencing. Pricing will affect whether one can afford a chain link fence (one of the most budget-friendly options), wrought iron or ornate wood (more expensive). Pricing out several different types of fences will give homeowners an idea of which material fits into their budgets.

Homeowners install fencing for various reasons. If a fence is an ornamental way to delineate property lines, a picket fence or a post-and-rail fence are simple options that can lend a homey feel to a property. These types of fences also can enhance and frame landscaping elements, such as gardens.

In many area, laws require homeowners to install fencing around swimming pools. In such instances, chain link fencing that does not obstruct views of the

pool might be the best choice. If security or privacy is the main desire, tall fences that make it difficult for neighbors to see into the yard may make an ideal choice.

It is important to understand local regulations before installing fencing. Communities governed by homeowners' associations may have rules in place that dictate the type of fences that can be installed. Townships and other municipalities may have their own rules concerning fence type, property borders, fence height, and other factors that will have to be adhered to so that fencing will meet code. If such rules are not following fines may be imposed and the fence may have to be removed. Homeowners also may need permits to install fencing, whether they are hiring a contractor or doing the work themselves.

Consumer resource Angie's List advises homeowners to consider maintenance before choosing a fencing material. Wooden fencing requires the most maintenance due to painting and staining. Aluminum or vinyl fencing requires less maintenance, but it can be harder to repair isolated damage or replace pickets, if necessary. In some instances, the entire fence may have to be replaced.

Homeowners install fencing for many different reasons. Considering price, budget, purpose, and maintenance before making a decision regarding fencing can help homeowners make the best decision possible.

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Spring air conditioning inspections and tuneups are essential steps in system performance. Homeowners should not take for granted that a system that performed optimally last year will do so this year when temperatures climb. Various factors, includ-

ing weather damage, dust and grime, mechanical wear and tear, and even rodent or insect infestations, can compromise HVAC systems. Since HVAC systems have so many moving parts, a thorough inspection of such systems can save headaches and money down the road.

According to Heating Ontario, the extreme weather conditions that come along with fall and winter can be especially taxing on homes and the systems that keep them comfortable. During a spring visit, an HVAC technician will perform maintenance on the air conditioner and make sure it is ready for the heat of summertime. This maintenance

may include cleaning the unit, checking controls, calibrating the thermostat, lubricating moving parts, checking refrigerant levels, tightening electrical connections, and clearing any clogs. Homeowners are urged to also change the filter at the start of the cooling season.

Correcting any issues in the HVAC system well in advance of the arrival of warm weather can help ensure comfort when air conditioning is needed. As an added advantage, homeowners should install programmable thermostats if they do not already have them to keep cooling as cost- and energy-efficient as possible.

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10 men older than 60 have low testosterone, often referred to as "low T." Signs of low T include reduced sex drive, difficulty achieving or maintaining an erection, low semen volume, hair loss, fatigue, and increased body fat. Men can have their testosterone levels checked by taking a blood test to see if their levels are normal.

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Groups opposing planned pipeline sue for records

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Environmental groups trying to keep a crude oil pipeline from crossing Louisiana filed a lawsuit Tuesday to get access to records about the project.

By expropriating land and acting as a common carrier, Bayou Bridge Pipeline LLC is acting as

a government body and therefore must obey public records laws, the suit contends.

The 162-mile-long (261-kilometer) pipeline is a joint venture between Energy Transfer Partners of Dallas, which built the Dakota Access pipeline, and Phillips 66 Partners LP,

which owns a smaller share of the Dakota pipeline. The Dakota project sparked a string of violent clashes between protesters and police in North Dakota in 2016 and 2017.

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade, and 350 New Orleans sued Bayou

Bridge after representatives of the joint venture refused to turn over records about property rights, environmental safety and civil protest. Among other things, the groups are asking for all records about acquiring easements and private property expropriations, and all records of com-

munications with government agencies or officials at all levels.

“We will not allow Bayou Bridge to quietly seize hundreds of people’s land for private profit with no public oversight,” Anne Rolfes, director of Louisiana Bucket Brigade, said in a news release. “The entire process has taken place behind closed doors, leaving in the dark the local people who bear the risks this dangerous pipeline poses to our health, natural environment, and even our very livelihoods.”

Bayou Bridge did not immediately respond to a query filed through its website. Lee Hanse of San Antonio, Texas,

identified on the Louisiana Secretary of State’s website as executive vice president of Energy Transfer Partners, the majority owner of the project, did not immediately respond to an email.

The company expropriated land when negotiations failed as it acquired rights of way or other agreements with more than 400 property owners, according to the lawsuit.

The environmental groups sued the Army Corps of Engineers last week, contending that its approval of a permit for Bayou Bridge violated the Clean Water Act and other environmental laws.

House panel subpoenas Bannon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon has refused to answer a broad array of queries from the House Intelligence Committee about his time working for President Donald Trump, leading the committee chairman to authorize a subpoena.

The developments Tuesday brought to the forefront questions about White House efforts to control what Bannon tells Congress about his time in Trump’s inner circle, and whether Republicans on Capitol Hill would force the issue.

The congressional subpoena came the same day The New York Times reported that Bannon, a former far-right media executive and recently scorned Trump adversary, has been subpoenaed by special counsel Robert Mueller to testify before a federal grand jury.

Bannon would be the highest-ranking person who served in the Trump White House to be called before the grand jury. The move doesn’t confirm that Mueller is presenting evidence to support future criminal charges. But it does show that Mueller is actively using the grand jury as he examines the actions of Trump, his family and his staff during the campaign, the presidential transition and the early months of the administration.

Congressional officials declined to say whether Bannon disclosed Mueller’s subpoena during an all-day, closed-door interview with committee members.

Lawmakers questioned Bannon as part of their investigation into Russian election interference and sought answers about Trump’s thinking when he fired FBI Director James Comey.

But Bannon refused to answer questions about that crucial period, and as a result, the chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., issued the subpoena, spokesman Jack Langer said.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the committee, contended that Bannon’s refusal to answer those questions came at the instruction of the White House.

“This was effectively a gag order by the White House,” Schiff said shortly after Bannon’s interview concluded. Schiff said the committee plans to call Bannon

back for a second interview.

A spokeswoman for Bannon did not respond to multiple requests for comment/

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said “no one” had encouraged Bannon not to be transparent during questioning but there’s a “process of what that looks like.”

“As with all congressional inquiries touching upon the White House, Congress must consult with the White House prior to obtaining confidential material. This is part of a judicially recognized process

that goes back decades,” Sanders told reporters.

A White House official said the president did not seek to formally exert executive privilege over Bannon, which would have barred him from answering certain questions. The official said the administration believes it doesn’t have to invoke the privilege to keep Bannon from answering questions about his time in the White House. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The committee had planned to press Bannon on executive actions by Trump that have

drawn interest from congressional investigators examining ties between Trump’s campaign and Russian operatives, said another person, who wasn’t authorized to speak on the record about the closed-door session and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those elements bear directly on the criminal investigation led by Mueller, who is charged with investigating ties between the Trump campaign and Russia and whether the president obstructed justice by firing Comey or by taking other actions to thwart investigators.

Obituaries

Continued from Page 7 the last survivor of the eight siblings.

Doretha earned her high school diploma from the former Willow Street School and her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Dillard University with honors. She completed her graduate studies program at Scarritt College in Nashville, TN. She taught at Sager Brown Elementary in Baldwin, La. for two years. She began her work as a commissioned United Methodist missionary in October 1960 in Monrovia, Liberia. She chose Africa as the country to continue her teaching career because she felt that there was a “great need for teachers” and she also wanted to see the world in which she fondly referred to as her “land of ancestry.” During her tenure in Africa, Doretha worked as the Director of the Ganta Hostel for Girls in Monrovia. She taught girls ranging from elementary to college age. She was the recipient of several seed grants and awards in education which helped her to continue her post-graduate studies. Also, these grants-awards provided her with an opportunity to do working visits in other regions of the world including Great Britain, Australia, Canada, France, Spain as well as neighboring countries within the African continent. She participated and worked with many leaders in Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone to promote the interests of local communities, churches and schools on a nationwide basis.

Doretha remained in Liberia for 38 years and returned to America due to political and social un-

rest. In 2010, she was honored by the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for 50 years of service to the mission and for the work she did with children worldwide. Also, in 2010, The Doretha Brown Mission Youth Scholarship Fund was set up in her honor to award deserving students who expressed an interest in the mission programs sponsored by the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. Later, she became a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church Ad-Hoc History Committee which was set up to preserve historical church documents dating back to 1890 to eventually be placed on the internet for public research. Also, she is one of the missionaries featured in the book, Return to Africa, A Journal by Ester L. Megill for her work in Liberia from 1968-1980.

Doretha was an advocate for education and was tireless in her pursuit to teach everyone she encountered. She had a deep love for reading and language arts. She had a professional working proficiency in many languages including French, Spanish and three indigenous African languages. She believed that “language” was fundamental to all facets of life and that children who did not learn to read proficiently were greatly disadvantaged throughout their lives. As an educator, Doretha believed that teaching should not be limited only to the classroom, but every space a child entered.

Her love of God was paramount in her life. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Franklin, Louisiana throughout her life. She dearly loved her church family and attended for as long as she was physically able to do so. She loved both her family at home and in Liberia. She often spoke of them in the fondest terms. Her proudest and happiest moments were those she shared with them.

Doretha leaves to cherish her memory an adopted daughter, Shirley Phillips Steward of Jeanerette, La. and her children Hershall Phillips, Krystal Phillips, and K’wan Steward with whom she spent the last seven years of her life. She is also survived by her neices: Hendri Brown of Marrero, La., Jewel Lynn Thompson of Harvey, La., Yeil Thompson of Beaumont, TX, Johnice Brown and Yolanda M.Turner and her sister-in-law, Clara Bell Brown all of Franklin, La. She also leaves a host of cousins, other relatives and devoted friends both here and in Africa.

She is preceded in death by her parents Johnny Brown Sr. and Viola Drexler Brown, her siblings: Johnny Brown, Jr., George Brown, Albertha Brown Hilliard, Anna Brown Rhein, Beatrice Brown Smith, Carolyn Brown Turner, and Helen Brown Logan; her devoted aunts Callie Brown, Elma Brown, Katherine Brown, Anna Metz, Daisey Broussard, and uncle Oscar Drexler, Jr.

Winter storm...

Continued from Page 1 sious) wind chills. Many Georgia school districts already had announced early dismissal times and cancellations.

Snow fell in a wide band that stretched from southeastern Texas all the way to western Massachusetts. Forecasters said up to 4 inches (10 centimeters) could fall in central North Carolina as the system pushed northward, with a couple inches expected farther east.

Northwestern South Carolina could get up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of snow, the weather service said, and Gov. Henry McMaster’s office postponed his first State of the State address because of the weather.

In North Carolina, a thin white sheen of precipitation had formed on sidewalks and driveways by early morning. A handful of men sipped coffee at Waffle House, famous for staying open around the clock in all kinds of weather.

“Once I get home today I’ll probably be in because I won’t want to drive anymore,” Paul Barbour, 60, said. He said a cousin he lives with stocked up on groceries.

“Around here when it snows, if anyone even mentions snow, bread, milk and beer fly off the shelves,” he said.

Mardi Gras...

Continued from Page 1 Gras parade is Fat Tuesday, 2 p.m., Siracusa Road to James Street to Grace Street, ending at Siracusa Recreation Park.

The final parade in St. Mary Parish will be the Krewe of Hephaestus parade on Feb. 13, beginning on the corner of Sixth and Sycamore streets, it proceeds south on Sixth Street to Marguerite Street, to Ninth Street/La. 70, to Clothilde and Victor II Boulevard, ending at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium on Myrtle Street.

In addition to the numerous parades, Oaklawn Manor will be beautifully decorated and adorned in the purple, green and gold hues of the Mardi Gras season. This magnificently decorated plantation will be open for viewing daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the Mardi Gras season. Admission is \$15 per person and \$10 for students.

Contact the Cajun Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau at 985-380-8224 for a 2016 Mardi Gras Parade Schedule Brochure, or visit online at www.cajuncoast.com/mardigras for more information about Mardi Gras on the Cajun Coast!

Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 34. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 22. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 43. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the morning.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. East wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

MARINE

TODAY: North winds 20 to 25 knots. Seas 1 to 3 feet.

TONIGHT: Northeast winds 15 to 20 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

THURSDAY: Northeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

THURSDAY NIGHT: East winds 5 to 10 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

FRIDAY: East winds 5 to 10 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

SATURDAY: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 1 foot or less.

SATURDAY NIGHT: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 1 to 3 feet.

SUNDAY: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Slight chance of rain showers.

SUNDAY NIGHT: South winds 10 to 15 knots becoming southwest 15 to 20 knots after midnight. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Rain showers likely and slight chance of thunderstorms.

The Argyle Sweater Scott Hilburn



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