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I hereby certify that the regular dues of this organization for the above named member are currently established at \$21.41 per pay period.

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Take action to urge House members to cosponsor H.R. 2550, the "Protect America's Workforce Act," the bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME) and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) to nullify President Trump's March 27 executive order eliminating collective bargaining rights and union representation across the federal government.

The only sure way to stop the executive order is for Congress to pass H.R. 2550.

It is critically important that there be broad support for the bill amongst Members of Congress in both parties who support the right of workingt people to organize. Bi-Partisan co-sponsorship of H.R. 2550 will send a powerful public message that President Trump's assault on the civil service is radical, unlawful, and not widely supported in Congress.



Take action NOW!

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO

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AFGE files lawsuit over collective bargaining rights

By AFGE Leadership

AFGE has filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration for illegally attempting to strip over one million federal workers of collective bargaining rights and rip up union contracts.

In the biggest attack on the labor movement in history, President Trump on March 27 issued an executive order illegally stripping collective bargaining rights from federal workers under the guise of "national security." The Office of Personnel Management also issued guidance telling agencies to end union rights and union contracts and shut down grievance procedures. It also told agencies to continue Trump's Reduction in Force order but ignore RIF requirements in the union contracts that have been cancelled.

"President Trump's latest executive order is a disgraceful and retaliatory attack on the rights of hundreds of thousands of patriotic American civil servants - nearly one-third of whom are veterans - simply because they are members of a union that stands up to his harmful policies," said AFGE President Everett Kelley. "This administration's bullying tactics represent a clear threat not just to federal employees and their unions, but to every American who values democracy and the freedoms of speech and association. Trump's threat to unions and working people across America is clear: fall in line or else.

These threats will not work," he added. "Americans will not be intimidated or silenced. AFGE isn't going anywhere. Our members have bravely served this nation, often putting themselves in harm's way, and they deserve far better than this blatant attempt at political punishment."

Trump's executive order uses "national security as a political weapon to silence federal workers – AFGE members who have protected this country with integrity for decades.

From VA nurses to EPA scientists to cybersecurity experts, these workers have always operated under collective bargaining without compromising national security. This move is not about protection

– it's about power. It's also a direct attack on AFGE for doing our job - fighting for our members and pushing back against harmful policies.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries vowed to protect workers' right to organize.

"Donald Trump and House Republicans promised to stand up for working class Americans. They lied. Instead of lowering the high cost of living, Republicans are attacking everyday Americans and crashing the economy in real time," Jeffries said in a statement. "The freedom to negotiate, join a union and collectively bargain for a living wage is a central part of achieving the American dream for many in this country. We will defend at all times the right to organize."

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held at Union Hall, located at 1764 Watson Blvd. As always, membership will be verified before admittance into the meeting. You can make updates to your contact information - address, phone, email - by calling Union Hall at 478-922-5758 or by emailing Linda Baxter at linda@afgelocal987. org or Jeanette McElhaney at

jmac@afgelocal987.org.

Protecting the health of black women during pregnancy, beyond

(StatePoint) Held annually in April, Black Maternal Health Week is a campaign that supports awareness, activism and community-building to amplify the voices, perspectives and lived experiences of Black

Regardless of socioeconomic status, Black women in the United States are three times more likely to die from pregnancy than their white coun-Pregnant Black women are

also 23% more likely to have a heart attack, 57% more likely to have a stroke, 42% more likely to develop a blood clot in the lungs, and 71% more likely to develop muscle weakness.

With increasing evidence suggesting that the prenatal period impacts the lifelong physical and mental health of children, these statistics show how important it is to eliminate these inequities for the wellbeing of not only moms, but the next generation as well.

"Black mothers deserve far more than the current maternity and health care systems that have failed us and our families for generations. But there are sustainable solutions and actionable steps we can take centered on physicians, midwives, doulas, and other care providers working together as holistic, collaborative care

(StatePoint) If you've been watching your

wallet, you're not alone. As Americans continue

to navigate inflation, 76% report cutting back on

spending, up from 67% in 2024, according to the

The majority of Americans also say they are

making tough financial choices to navigate their

lives, including delaying plans with hefty price

tags, such as travel, homeownership, education,

"There is a clear social narrative surrounding

the question: 'do I, and will I, have enough?' The

fact that these questions are being asked is posi-

tive because we know the earlier people focus on

their money behaviors, the more time they have

to course correct to achieve their goals," said

Michael Liersch, head of Advice and Planning at

An overwhelming 90% of those surveyed

responded they feel "sticker shock" in one or

more areas of common spending, including eating

out, attending a concert, buying a bottle of water,

or downloading a video game, and say actual

costs are between 55% and 200% higher than

"Spending is one of the most important fac-

tors to staying on track," said Liersch. "I would

encourage people to align their spending with

Nearly all Americans (94%) acknowledge that

they want to do just that: align money choices

with their values, and 86% want to be more inten-

According to Liersch, "These insights highlight

that Americans are not just winging it. They are

tional and thoughtful about spending.

second annual Wells Fargo Money Study.

marriage and retirement.

expected prices

what they expect.

what matters most to them."



teams-to ensure Black Mamas receive comprehensive, culturally grounded care that honors our needs and supports thriving pregnancies and full, healthy lives," says Angela D. Aina, executive director, BMMA, Inc.

According to advocates with the National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers, the following policies could help protect Black women during pregnancy and beyond: Transforming the deliv-

ery of black maternal care by making investments in social drivers of health that influence maternal health outcomes.

Widening access to maternal health care services by extending Medicaid 12-month postpartum coverage nationwide, and by growing and diver-

Inflation is causing consumers

to identify their priorities

sifying the doula workforce.

Addressing structural barriers and systemic stigma that prevent Black mothers from receiving treatment and support services for prenatal and postpartum complications.

Eliminating economic inequities by strengthening equal-pay legislation and raising the minimum wage to at least \$17 an hour. Passing legislation that

guarantees access to paid leave to meet the needs of pregnant people, caregivers and families.

Collecting and using intersectional data to better understand the causes of the maternal health crisis and inform solu-

Growing See PROTECTING, page 6

Update software to help prevent ransomware

The Cybersecurity and Infastructure Security Agency and the FBI recommend that consumers and businesses take steps to protect electronic devices against

Ransomware attacks are becoming a regular occurrence. They lock computers and networks using file encryption software, with hackers demanding payment by Bitcoin or other non-traceable crypto-currency to release the data. The attack typically enters through a phishing email and then spreads to other machines on the BBB joins with the National Cyber Security

Alliance in suggesting the following cyber hygiene defenses: Enable automatic updates. Turn on auto-

matic updates for your operating system, applications, and security software. This ensures that your devices are always running the latest security patches and fixes that protect against vulnerabilities ransomware attackers might exploit. **Don't click on links from unfamiliar** sources. Even if you think you know the sender,

in doubt, delete it. Be especially wary of messages requiring you to act quickly, asking for personal information, or threatening you in any way. **EXECUTE:** Keep clean machines and stay up-to-date with software: Prevent infections by updating critical software as soon as patches or new operating system versions are available. This includes

mobile and other internet-connected devices.

be cautious about clicking on email links. When



Kelvin Collins

Use strong authentication, requiring more than a username and password to access accounts, especially critical networks, to prevent access through stolen or hacked credentials.

Conduct regular system backups: Systems can be restored in cases of

ransomware, and having a current backup of all data speeds the recovery process.

Make better passwords: In cases where passwords are still used, require long, strong and unique passwords to better harden accounts against intrusions.

Enable popup blockers. Scammers regularly use popups to spread malware. Adjust your browser settings to prevent them from appearing.

Businesses must take special precautions to protect their customers' information. One of the BBB Standards for Trust is "Safeguard Privacy: Protect any data collected against mishandling and fraud, collect personal information only as needed, and respect the preferences of consumers regarding the use of their information."

BBB recommends the following cybersecurity tips for U.S. small businesses.

Consumers can learn more about avoiding scams and fraud at 10 Steps to Avoid Scams, and learn more about ransomware at www.cisa.gov/

Medal of Honor spotlight

Air Force Col. Bernard Fisher

By KATIE LANGE DoD News

Air Force Col. Bernard Francis Fisher was not a rescue helicopter pilot during Vietnam. Still, during a firefight in which he saw a fellow pilot go down and need immediate rescue, he didn't hesitate to use his aircraft in that capacity. Fisher's actions saved another pilot's life that day. For his bravery, he received the Medal of Honor.

Fisher was born Jan. 11, 1927, in San Bernardino, California, to Bruce and Lydia Fisher. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Clearfield, Utah, where Fisher grew up with an older sister and two younger brothers.

In a Library of Congress Veterans History Project interview, Fisher said his love of flying arose at a young age. planes, and after a member of his church group took him up in an airplane, he said he was hooked.

"I thought that was just the greatest thing," he said.

In February 1945, Fisher, then 17, joined the Navy's aircrew training program. He served during the last year of World War II and was discharged March 1946. He then relocated to a farm in Kuna, Idaho, where his parents had moved while he was in the service.

Shortly after returning home, Fisher met registered nurse Realla Johnson and fell in love. The pair married in 1948 and went on to have six



Air Force Col. Bernard Fisher

Starting in 1947, Fisher attended Boise Junior College, now Boise State University. Two years later, he transferred to the University of Utah, where he participated in ROTC, which reinvigorated his urge to fly. He received his commission into the Air Force He built and flew model air- and entered active-duty status before he finished his degree.

Fisher began Air Force officer training in 1951 and eventually earned his wings. His first assignment was flying the F-86D Sabre before being assigned to serve in Japan in 1955. Over the next decade, he served in various places as a weapons controller, F-101B Voodoo pilot and F-104 Starfighter pilot. By 1965, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam to serve as a pilot in the A-1E Skyraider, a propeller plane that was a heavy fighter bomber.

"It flies about 150 mph, but it carries a tremendous load ... as much as the B-17 in World War II," Fisher said.

He realized it was Myers, so he quickly

grabbed the airman by the flight suit

and dragged him headfirst into the

cockpit. Meanwhile, heavy fire was still

coming their way ...

1965 and was assigned to the 1st Air Commando Squadron. Their job was initially to train South Vietnamese pilots on the Skyraider, but that only lasted a few months, Fisher said. Their mission switched to flying combat sorties and rescues.

On March 10, 1966, then-Maj. Fisher took off in his aircraft from Pleiku, South Vietnam, to fly a routine bombing and attack mission, but soon he was diverted to a Special Forces camp in the A Shau Valley. The camp was under attack by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers, and the 450 men stationed there — about 17 of whom were American advisors - desperately needed air support.

When Fisher and other aircraft neared the camp, there was heavy cloud cover, and most of the aircraft were flying at about 20,000 feet, trying to find a break in the clouds to get lower to see where they were. Eventually, Fisher found that break and recognized the location, so he and three other aircraft dipped down into the

The weather forced them to operate within range of hostile gun positions, which fired on them. One aircraft got hit early on and had to back off. Fisher and the two remaining aircraft proceeded into the surrounded camp to attack the enemy, many of whom were positioned between the camp

and the airfield.

During the fight, Fisher noticed a fellow pilot, 46-yearold Air Force Maj. Dafford Myers, crash-land on the battle-torn airstrip. Fisher said in his Library of Congress interview that the aircraft caught fire, and he initially thought Myers was dead, but he saw the airman run from the burning plane to find refuge in an embankment.

Fisher called for a rescue helicopter but realized it

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Slam dunk strategies for reducing your debt

Consumers continue to navigate higher than being extraordinarily introspective as

(StatePoint) Is mounting debt causing you stress? If so, you're not alone. Average consumer debt is on the rise in the United

To help you create a winning financial game plan, Experian is offering tried-and-true money management strategies, along with tips for taking advantage of new tools to reduce your spending.

Get a complete picture. Do a 360-degree assessment of how much you owe, tallying up any loans, credit cards or installment debts you might have. As part of this assessment, you can check your Experian credit report for free at www. Experian.com.

Review your budget. Doing so will help you hone in on how much money you can allocate to paying off debt and help you avoid impulse spending or indulging in extras that might set you back financially.

Choose a repayment strategy. Find a repayment strategy that works best for you and stick to it. This could mean prioritizing debt with the highest



gate their financial priorities."

people judging them.

Americans judge themselves, not others

Money can be an emotional topic, at times

inciting envy, anxiety and secretiveness. While

87% of Americans say it makes no difference

to them how much money another person has,

56% keep how much they have secret, and 32%

of them say it's because they are trying to avoid

Americans also spend time thinking about

how much money other people have -

and wishing they could have more them-

selves. Forty-seven percent responded they

often feel envious of how much money other

people have, 37% admit to obsessing about

getting rich, 34% admire social media

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interest rate, the debt with the smallest balance, or the debt with the highest credit utilization. However you go about it, the important thing is to keep tabs on your progress and stay the course until your debt is

Keep it up. Continue to practice good financial habits, like regularly checking your credit report and credit score, spending within your means, and paying your bills on time to avoid

taking on additional debt.

can help you cut out unnecessary spending. For example, the Experian app has a subscription cancellation feature that does the work of tracking and cancelling subscriptions for you. To get started with Experian's subscription cancellation feature and other tools, download the iOS or Android app or visit www.experian.com.

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2024 HOUSTON COUNTY GA - WATER QUALITY REPORT

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www.houstoncountyga.gov/business/water.cms

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, persons undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have had organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?
The Cretaceous Sand Aquifer supplies Groundwater to Houston County Water Systems. The largest system is <u>The Feagin Mill System (1530021)</u> with sixteen Systems. deep wells and 11 Water Treatment Plants. (WTP's): Woodard, Sandy Run, Sandefur, Quail Run, Dunbar, Elberta, Houston Lake, Hwy 96, Piney Grove, Lakeview, and Bear Branch. *The Henderson System (1530005)* is served by the Henderson and Hodge Road WTP's and their respective wells. *The Haynesville System (1530004)* also has two WTP's: Haynesville and Pyles Road, each with their own well. The Haynesville system now also serves the Elko Community.

Source Water Assessment and its availability.
Water sources are inspected on a schedule determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). To obtain information concerning the latest report available, contact John Bell, or Matthew Scott M-F 9:00 - 5:00, at the Houston County Lakeview Water Treatment Facility, located at 1601 Feagin Mill Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 953-1110.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally accurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

The Houston County Commissioners meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Additional information regarding these meetings can be obtained by calling (478) 542-2115. Your participation is welcome.

Additional Information for Lead

County Water Systems show no lead service Lines to date. Evaluation of materials was done by Houston County Public Works employees in collaboration with Carter and Sloope and 120Water. See the chart of service lines below

LSL Inventory	1530021	1530004	1530005	All
Connections	19,063	687	464	20,214
Lead	0	0	0	0
Non-Lead	14,428	388	250	15,066
Galvanized	111	0	3	14
Unknown	4,624	299	211	5,134

The link listed below displays more information concerning the lead service line inventory. The blue link at the top of the initial page shows an enlargeable map of service of the areas with the connections that have been submitted to the EPA EPD in the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI). https://www.houstoncountyga.gov/business/servicelineinventory.cms.

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Houston County Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the Houston County Water Department, (Public Water ID's GA: 1530021, 1530004 and 1530005) by calling 478-953-1110 or emailing jbell@houstoncountyga.gov or mscott@houstoncountyga.gov. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

	MCLG	MOT	N. C. C.	Ran	ge			
Contaminants	or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
DISINFECTION AND DI								
(There is convincing evider	nce that additio	n of a dism	ectant is nece	ssary for co	ontrol of i	nicrobial co	ontaminants)	
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.00	.75	1.19	2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids and Total	Trihalomethan	es were not	detected in 20)24.				
INORGANIC CONTAMI	NANTS							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.85	л	1.3	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm) 11 Tests	10.	10	.78 (Avg.)	ND	3.2	2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
MICROBIOLOGICAL C	ONTAMINA	NTS				•		
Due to the Revised Total Co	oliform Rule a	nd no Level	1 or Level 2	Assessment	s, microb	iological re	porting is not	necessary. 2024
RADIOLOGICAL CONT	AMINANTS							
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	4.63 (AVG)	0	8.83	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	2.94 (AVG)	0	4.81	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits
1,2, -Dichloroethane (ppb)	0	5	0.57	0	0.57	2024	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories.
LEAD AND COPPER CO	ONTAMINAN	TS						_
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	L.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	90th % 0.13 ppm	0.0071 ppm	0.74 ppm	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems

PFAS Initial Monitoring

Lead - action level at

consumer taps (ppb)

We first monitored Three Entry Points for PFAS for 2023 and 2024 for UCMR5 and there were no detections. In the first quarter of 2025 PFAS sampling to complete PFAS initial monitoring for ALL 11 entry points showed only one detection for one of the six regulated analytes. This PFOA of 1.6 PPT was below the EPA established trigger level of 2.0, and below the established EPA MCL of 4.0. Results for the remaining quarters will be available after analysis

90th % 0

ppb

12.0

ppb

ppb

2024

15

ppb

ppb

Corrosion of

systems; Erosion

household

plumbing

of natural

systems; erosion of

natural deposits

deposits

Additional Contaminants	Year	Your Water	Violatio n	Explanation and Comment
Lithium	2023	10.43 ug/L	No	The Reported value from the initial 2023 UCMR5 is an average of three results: 7.5, 7.9 and 15.9.
(Lithium is not currently regulated so there is no MCL)	2024	10.6 ug/L	No	The Reported value from the 2024 UCMR5 is an average of three results: 7.5, 7.5 and 16.8.

	MCLG	MCL,	Detect In	Range		Sample		
Contaminants	or MRDLG	TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Low	High	Date	Violation	Typical Source
(There is convincing	g evidence tha	nt addition o	f a disinfectant i	s neces	sary for	control of	microbial c	ontaminants)
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.01	0.77	1.27	2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contami	inants							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.78	.60	0.99	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate/Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper-Action level at consumer taps (ppb or ug/L)	1300 ppb	1300 ppb	90% 320 ppb	8.9 ppb	360 ppb	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead - action level at consumer taps	0	15	90% 6.0	0	14	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing

ppb

Microbiological Contaminants

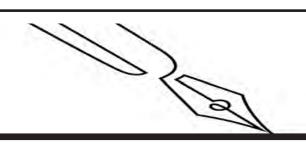
(ppb or ug/L)

ppb

There were no detections in all Microbiological Samples for the Haynesville System in 2024

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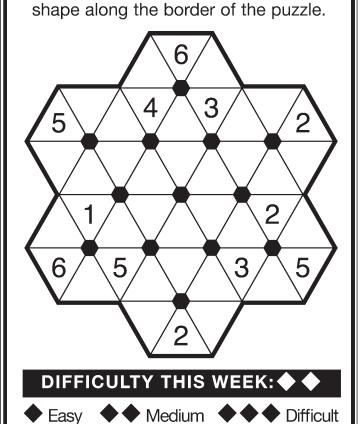


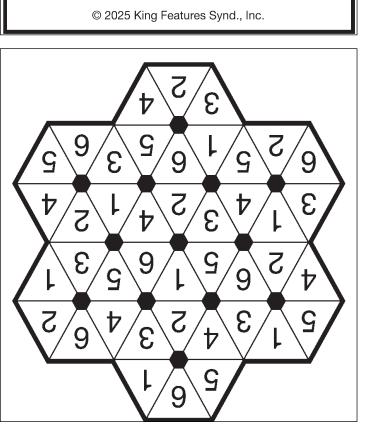


NOMELTARES by Japheth Light

be repeated in any partial hexagon

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can







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Answers

King Crossword

Weekly **SUDOKU**

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that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging

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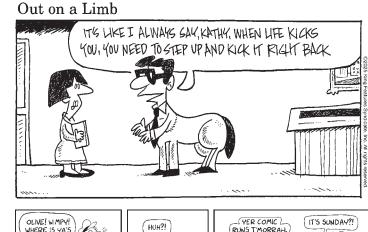




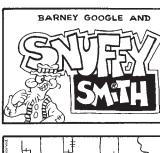








by Gary Kopervas LARRY MINKUS: THE CENTAUR MENTOR









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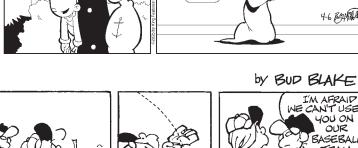








Sorry, Suzy











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Discharge from petroleum or

chemical factories;

The reported value of

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tests: 2.6, ND, ND.









2024 HOUSTON COUNTY GA - WATER QUALITY REPORT Feagin Mill 1530021 Haynesville 1530004 Henderson 1530005 CONTINUED

	MCLG	MCL.	Detect	Range					
Contaminants	or TT or		In Your Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
Disinfectants & Disinfe	ction By-Pr	oducts							
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.01	0.50	1.25	2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
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TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								•
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.82	0.52	1.16	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and

(HAA5) (ppb)			200			26		chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.82	0.52	1.16	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate/Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	ND	NA	NA	2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper-Action level at consumer taps (ppb or ug/L)	1300 ppb	1300 ppb	90% 200 ppb	31 ppb	300 ppb	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead - action level at tap (ppb or ug/l)	0 ppb	15 ppb	90% 1.8 ppb	0 ppb	4.1 ppb	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Compo	unds							
Bromodichloromethane ug/l (or ppb)	NA	80	0.30 ug/l Avg.	0 ug/l	0.89 ug/I	2024	No	A byproduct of adding chlorine to drinking water to kill bacteria.
Dibromochloromethane ug/l (of ppb)	NA	ug/l	0.21 ug/l Avg.	0 ug/I	0.64 ug/l	2024	No	A byproduct of adding chlorine to drinking water to kill

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Avg

There were no detections in all Microbiological Samples for the Henderson System in 2024.

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ug/l

2024

Xylenes, Total

Microbiological Contaminants

mg/l

		Unit Descriptions
Term		Definition
ppm (= m	g/L)	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb (= ug	g/L)	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt (=ng	/L)	ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
pCi/L		pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
NA		NA: not applicable
ND		ND: Not detected
NR	- 1	NR: Monitoring not required but recommended.
positive sa	mples	positive samples/yr: The number of positive samples taken that year
		Important Drinking Water Definitions
Term		Definition
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Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
LSLI	Lead Service Line Inventory
MDL	Method Detection Limit - The lowest value that can be detected
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRL	Method Reporting Limit
RTCR	RTCR: Revised Total Coliform Rule
TC	TC: Total Coliform (Bacteria group)
EC	EC; Escherichia coli (A Fecal bacteria)
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
U	Analyzed for, but not detected at or above the MDL
J	Estimated concentration above the MDL and below the adjusted Reporting Limit

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PROTECTING

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diversifying the perinatal workforce to ensure Black mothers' care teams include providers who share their background, and to ensure their care teams include a range of clinical care providers, from obstetricians and midwives to nonclinical support personnel, such as care navigators and community health workers.

To get involved, visit https://

ncit.org/take-action/ to learn how you can help ensure mothers and their babies have a strong start.

"A future where all individuals, families and communities thrive is possible. Everyday Americans can chip in by contacting their elected officials and lawmakers and telling them to support policies that protect the health of Black mothers," says Christy Ross, co-chair of the National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers.

INFLATION

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millionaires, and 23% admit to sometimes overspending just to keep up with people around them.

"Americans appear comfortable with other people being authentic about their financial situation, which is encouraging," Liersch says. "So now it's time to overcome self-judgment and reset the frame of reference from others to one's own personal benchmark."

Americans want help meeting goals

Eighty-six percent of respondents say they have a clear picture of what they want their money to do for them. And the vast majority are optimistic about how to do it: 87% say now is a good time to save and

65% say now is a good time to invest. Yet 61% say they need a mental reset, and are being held back by such factors as difficulty changing habits, lack of financial knowledge and other financial responsibilities.

To overcome these challenges, Americans are seeking more financial advice year over year. Last year, 24% said they were seeking more advice from others; this year it's 36%. Looking across generations, the desire for more advice is higher among teens (54%), gen Z adults (61%) and millennials (46%).

At a time when many are feeling cash-strapped, learning new ways to think about and manage money can help you take control of your financial future.

For the full report, visit sites. wf.com/wfmoneystudy-2025.

STRATEGIES

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costly expenses. While tracking them down can be overwhelming, you don't have to do it alone," said Rod Griffin, senior director of Consumer Education and Advocacy for Experian.

Reigning in spending and getting a handle on debt don't have to be insurmountable goals. By leaning on available resources, you can become the financial champion of your future.

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HONOR

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likely wouldn't get there in time. With enemy troops surrounding Myers, Fisher said he knew the likelihood of the pilot being captured beforehand was too high.

"That's about the time that I realized we had to get him out of there some way because he wouldn't make it otherwise," Fisher said.

He announced he was going to land on the airstrip to rescue Myers despite the likelihood of failure.

"I knew the runway was short," Fisher said. "But we made the decision."

Directing his own air cover, Fisher landed his Skyraider and taxied almost the full length of the runway, which was littered with battle debris and parts of Myers' exploded aircraft.

"When I taxied by, he waved both arms vigorously. I stopped as soon as I could, but taxiing as fast as I was, it must have taken about 100 feet to stop," Fisher later told Air Force officials, remembering he quickly lost track of Myers. "So, I set the brakes on the bird and climbed over the right seat to get out on the side he was on. I looked through the mirror and saw two little red, beady eyes trying to crawl up the back of the wing."

He realized it was Myers, so he quickly grabbed the airman by the flight suit and dragged him headfirst into the cockpit. Meanwhile, heavy fire was still coming their way, so they moved to quickly get airborne

"We just gave each other a big hug and squeeze, and we took off," Fisher told the Veterans History Project.

Fisher later learned that 19 bullets had struck his aircraft. He got lucky; unfortunately, they still lost a lot of good men and aircraft that day, he said.

Fisher was still in Vietnam

when he learned that he'd been nominated for the Medal of Honor. However, he continued flying another 30 missions until his deployment was over in June 1966. During his yearlong tour, Air Force records show, he flew 200 combat sorties.

From Vietnam, Fisher was transferred to Bitburg Air Base, Germany, where he assumed command of the 525th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. While there, he learned he was officially being sent to Washington to receive the nation's highest

honor for valor.

On Jan. 19, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson put the Medal of Honor around Fisher's neck during a White House ceremony that his family and Myers attended. Fisher became the first living Air Force recipient of the medal.

"It was really a beautiful feeling," Fisher said of the ceremony. "It's a great feeling to know that you're recognized for what you've done. And it represents a lot of other people."

Fisher continued with his Air Force career. After Germany, he became the operations officer of the 87th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Duluth, Minnesota, before arriving at the 124th Fighter Interceptor Group in Boise, Idaho, in July 1971. He remained at that location until he retired as a colonel July 30, 1974. He then moved the short distance back to his native Kuna

Fisher continued to fly for several years for an Idaho-based commuter airline, according to the Los Angeles Times. He also grew fruit trees, got into beekeeping and was involved in the

Boy Scouts.

In 1999, the Military Sealift Command acquired a prepositioning ship and renamed it the MV Maj. Bernard F. Fisher in his honor. Fisher's hometown, Kuna, also dedicated the Col. Bernard Fisher Veterans Memorial Park to him that same year.

In 2004, Fisher released an autobiography called "Beyond the Call of Duty: The Story of an American Hero in Vietnam."

On May 3, 2008 — 57 years after he left college for the Air Force — Fisher finally received his degree in fine arts from the University of Utah.

"It's simply amazing. I didn't think I was ever going to get my diploma. I'm very proud to have it," the 81-year-old said at the ceremony.

During the celebration, which doubled as an ROTC commissioning ceremony, the school also presented its top graduating cadet with a new leadership award named in Fisher's honor.

Fisher died Aug. 16, 2014, at age 87, at the Idaho State Veterans Home. He is buried in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

In remembrance, the bullet-riddled Skyraider that Fisher flew during his Medal of Honor actions is on display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Riverside,

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