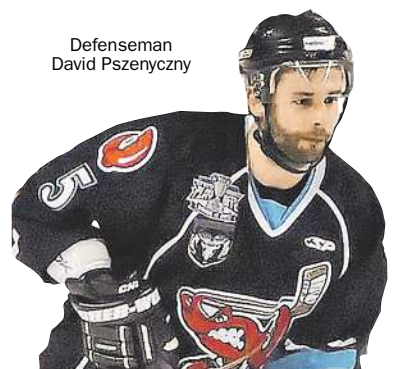


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Mudbugs face off against Rapid City. **1B**

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# Winged miracles

Expert to give talk on butterfly sanctuary. **1C**



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## THE QUICKREAD

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### LOCAL/STATE

#### New Christian school growing

Close to 60 students have signed up for the 2010-11 academic year at Summer Grove Baptist Academy, and the school is looking to add at least two teachers to its six-member faculty. **PAGE 3A**



Greg Pearson/The Times

#### Historic conference next week

Historians and conservation enthusiasts plan to meet next week in Shreveport for the 31st annual Louisiana Preservation Conference on Wednesday through Friday. Events are slated throughout the area. Educational sessions will be at the Shreveport Convention Center. **PAGE 3A**

### NATION/WORLD

#### U.S.-Kyrgyz base now functional



Thousands mourned Friday the Kyrgyz protesters shot dead by police during a bloody revolt in the Central Asian nation. Also, flights resumed at the U.S. base just outside the capital. **PAGE 7A**

#### Papal controversy still swirls

The future Pope Benedict XVI resisted pleas to defrock a California priest with a record of sexually molesting children, citing concerns including "the good of the universal church." **PAGE 7A**



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### SPORTS

#### Golf tourney gets to business



A day after the hype of Tiger Woods' return and the nostalgia of Jack Nicklaus as a starter and Tom Watson on the leaderboard, the Masters Tournament got serious Friday. **PAGE 1B**

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#### Wings' Marshall adds to team

Willis Marshall is a guy with a touch of irony. At 34 years old, the Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings wide receiver/kick returner is an elder statesman playing a game normally reserved for up-and-coming youngsters. **PAGE 1B**

### LIVING

#### Tomato varieties now available

In recent years, heirloom tomatoes have started showing up at local nurseries, but this year you have a chance to buy four varieties and see your money go for a good cause. **PAGE 1C**



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# Voters could get to fix term limits

Bill focuses on how long school board members can serve.

By Mike Hasten  
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BATON ROUGE — Louisiana voters could have the chance to decide whether their school board members should have limits set on how long they stay in office.

The House and Governmental Affairs Committee

this week approved House Bill 410 by Baton Rouge Rep. Steve Carter with a 14-4 vote, calling for a state-wide election in which voters in each school system would decide whether they want term limits imposed on their board members.

So far, only Lafayette and Jefferson parishes have limited school board members' terms. Lafayette did it volun-

tarily, and Rep. Tony Ligi, R-Metairie, got the Legislature to impose limits on the Jefferson Parish School Board last year.

HB410 would not apply to the Lafayette and Jefferson school systems, the Recovery School District or boards of charter schools.

Carter failed last year in an attempt to force term limits on board members but this time is calling for local option votes affecting each city or parish school district. He said it would result in "fresh blood" and new

ideas on school boards, just as it has in the Legislature.

The Louisiana School Boards Association, which successfully campaigned last year to defeat Carter's package of school board reform bills, opposes this proposal, too.

"I see this attack is renewed," said DeSoto Parish School Board President John Neilson, who predicted school boards again will be able to defeat the proposal.

LSBA Executive Director Nolton Senegal said he believes that "a lot of parishes

are not going to vote for this" because people like to individually choose who represents them.

Committee Chairman Rep. Rick Gallot, D-Ruston, tried to amend out of the bill the parishes of Bienville, Lincoln and Claiborne, but the committee rejected his proposal 10-6.

Rep. Rosalind Jones, D-Monroe, tried but failed to insert the same language that's in state law, which authorized the Lafayette board's self-

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# U.S. SUPREME COURT

## Stevens retiring

Summer battle looms over selection of the new justice

Obama vows successor will be voice for ordinary people



AP file image/Photo illustration/The Times

Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (seated, from left), Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice Samuel Alito Jr. (standing, from left), Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, and Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

By Mark Sherman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens, the Supreme Court's leading liberal, touched off an immediate election-year political battle Friday over President Obama's second high court pick.

Obama said he would quickly name a successor in the mold of Stevens, who he said was a voice for ordinary people rather than powerful interests.

Eleven days before his 90th birthday, Stevens said he would step down when the court finishes its work for the summer in hopes that a replacement could be confirmed well before the next term begins in October.

"We cannot replace Justice Stevens' experience or wisdom," Obama said at the White House after returning



In this June 2006 image Associate Justice John Paul Stevens (center) talks with Chief Justice John G. Roberts.

from Prague where he had signed a nuclear treaty. "I'll seek someone in the coming weeks with similar qualities: an independent mind, a record of excellence and integrity, a fierce dedication to the rule of law and a keen understanding of how the law affects the daily lives of the American people. It will also be someone who, like Jus-



Obama

Stevens, knows that in democracy powerful interests must not be allowed to drown out the voices of ordinary citizens."

A White House official said about 10 people are under consideration, but speculation has focused on fewer than that. Leading candidates are said to be Solicitor General Elena Kagan, 49, and federal appellate Judges Merrick Garland, 57, in Washington and Diane Wood, 59, in Chicago. All three were considered last year as well, and Obama interviewed Kagan and Wood before choosing Sonia Sotomayor for the high court.

Of those, Wood would be most likely to excite Obama's liberal base and stir up conservative opposition.

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### Topping the list among possible replacements

Potential candidates to replace retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, listed alphabetically:

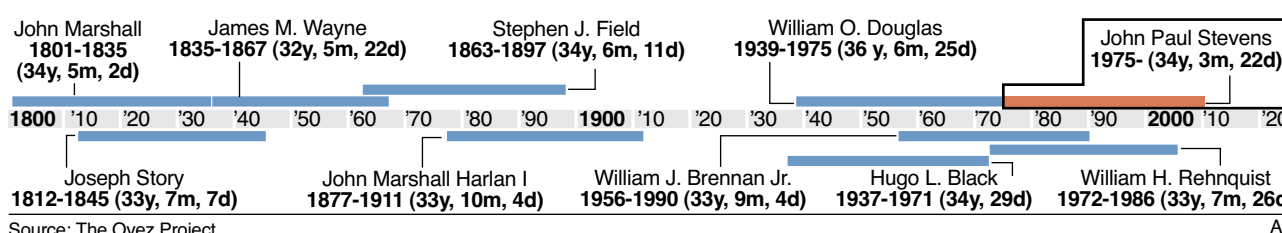
- Merrick B. Garland, judge on U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
- Jennifer Granholm, Michigan governor.
- Elena Kagan, U.S. solicitor general.

- Harold Hongju Koh, legal adviser to the State Department.
- Janet Napolitano, Homeland Security secretary.
- Deval Patrick, Massachusetts governor.
- Diane Pamela Wood, judge on 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.



### Tracking length of service on the nation's highest bench

Currently, Justice John Paul Stevens has served longer than all but three justices, John Marshall, Stephen J. Field and William O. Douglas, in Supreme Court history.



Source: The Oyez Project

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The state was to appropriate \$30,000 to pay room and board for the two-day retreat.

Another unconstitutional bill being stripped was aimed at avoiding integration, following a federal government mandate that the 1954 Brown vs. Education U.S. Supreme Court

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