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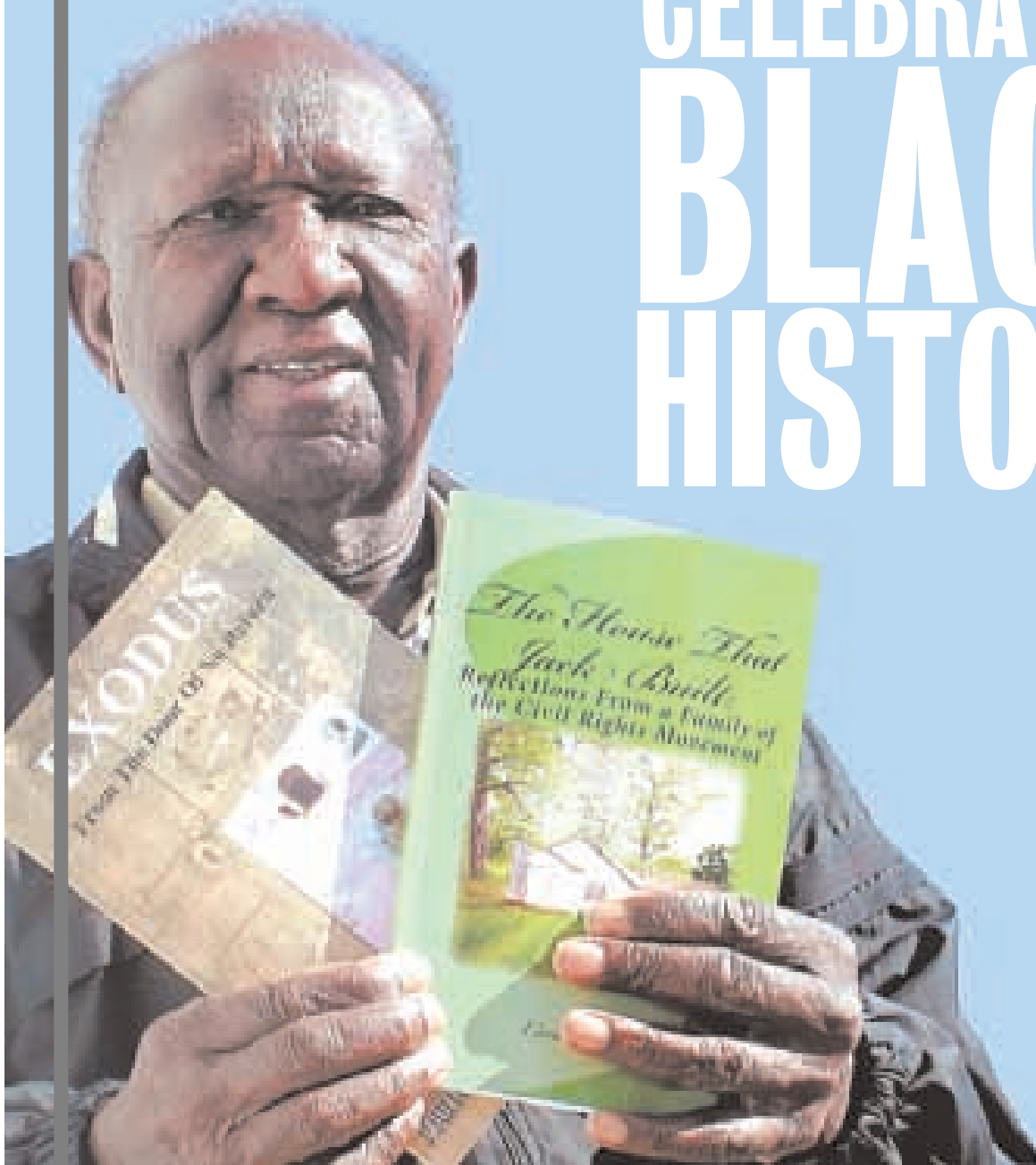
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## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY



Dr. Roy Phillips, a renowned historian in Webster Parish, has spent much of his retirement tracing his ancestry and the roots of the black community in Webster Parish. He published his research in his book 'Exodus: From the Door of No Return.' Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

*'When you forget your history,  
you lose your past'*

**B**lack History Month is a time of reflection for the African-American community to celebrate their history and culture.

Dr. Roy Phillips, a retired educator and author, says African-Americans should never forget their past.

Born in Minden, his parents left the Webster Parish area in 1947 and he and his family didn't return until he retired in 2002. During the 1940s, a major migration of blacks moved from the Deep South to the north and west. Phillips' family headed west, where some of his

family members remain in Arizona and California.

In his book, "Exodus From the Door of No Return," Phillips writes the story of his family history. In his prologue, he talks about what prompted him to publish his ancestry.

"They severed their rural southern roots in search of better opportunities in the urban industrial cen-

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### CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

## Police jury wants to speed up M6 removal

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By a unanimous vote Tuesday, the Webster Parish Police Jury added their voices to other public bodies and citizens' groups in the area in petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency to remove M6 propellant from Camp Minden.

But, the police jury's resolution will be worded differently from most others. Members do not intend to question the method of disposal as much as they want to emphasize the need

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### MISS MINDEN



## Sharity Brent competing to be Miss Minden

Sharity Ann Brent is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Leslie Brent.

She graduated from Minden High School in 2014, where she was a leader and four-year member of the Louisi-Annes dance line.

Sharity is currently a student at Louisiana Tech University, where she recently fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a member of the Regal Blues dance team.

She regularly attends First Baptist Church in Minden and is also actively involved in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Tech.

Her major is undecided, but she plans to continue to maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA throughout her years at college.

The Miss Minden Pageant will be at 7 p.m., Saturday at the Minden Civic Center.



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WEBSTER CRIME

# Ouachita man accused of trafficking drugs

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A Webster Parish deputy sheriff responding to a complaint of a reckless driver on Interstate 20 Sunday turned the traffic stop into a drug arrest and a trip to the parish

lockup for a Ouachita Parish man. Sheriff Gary Sexton says 32-year-old Brandon Joe Wellerman has been charged with two counts of possession of illegal narcotics with intent to distribute, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and three traffic charges

including driving under suspension, no liability insurance and expired inspection sticker. Wellerman, a resident of Glen Acres Road in Calhoun, was booked into Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center facing a total of \$26,100 in bonds.

Sexton said Wellerman's vehicle reportedly was weaving outside his eastbound lane of travel when the deputy first made contact. "He told our deputy he had driven off the road a couple of times because he was sleepy," Sexton said. After discovering Weller-

man had no driver's license and no insurance, the deputy reportedly obtained permission to search the vehicle. Inside, he found substances believed to be methamphetamine and marijuana along with assorted drug paraphernalia, Sexton said.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Patricia Williams with St. Rest Quilt Guild, shows the Underground Railroad Sampler that will be on display at City Art Works Thursday. Each block of the quilt, made by Lena Kelley, shows the facets of life during the 1800s when blacks often looked for ways to escape their lives as slaves. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald

## Quilt patterns reflect black history

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A quilt show at City Art Works will tell a story of oppression and freedom in the 1800s during Black History Month. Barbara Martin says slaves used a "Quilt Code," by hanging different patchwork quilts on a fence – each with a meaning that was exclusive to that community. "They always used muted colors," Martin said. "These are not unique designs, these are designs slaves took and gave meaning, other than what the existing meaning was." A "churn" pattern may have been used as a "start button," she said. Sometimes a basket pattern quilt was used with the same meaning. It changed from community to community. "This quilt would appear on a fence, and everybody who knew



MARTIN

the code would know that this quilt meant 'start getting your act together,'" she explained. "In other places, it might be another pattern. This design further west could mean something else." St. Rest Quilt Guild members are taking the Ozella Williams' version of the "quilt code" for the upcoming local display. Williams, a retired California school administrator, used her family's tradition to display and sell quilts at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina. "It's her code we are trying to interpret in the display," Martin said. The code begins with a "monkey wrench" patterned quilt, and it "turns the wagon wheel" quilt, she explained. "Flying geese" patterns were arranged to show the slave what direction to take when they escaped. There are additional phrases to help slaves remember the patterns. "It is essentially an escape plan, communicated by the airing of quilts on the clothes line or fence,"

she said. "No time, no day. The community had its own rhythm. It could be stars – when you begin to see the stars, you know it's time. In certain places, that would be different." There is no record, she said. There are no books or instructions on how the code works. "Only snippets in things like biographies where somebody says, 'we put out the log cabin quilt today,'" she said. "What does that mean? The log cabin quilt was used to indicate a safe house, we think. Some of the log cabins had yellow centers; some had red centers. There is a difference, but I don't know the different meanings." The Quilt Show at City Art Works will kick off with a public reception beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5. Quilts will be displayed throughout the month of February. City Art Works located at 701 Main St. in Minden is open from noon until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

## OBITUARY

### Erika Elfriede Holloway

Erika Elfriede Holloway of Minden entered into rest Jan. 31, 2015, in Minden and was born Sept. 20, 1938, in Hanau, Germany. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest H. Holloway. She is survived by her daughters, Rebecca Bisanti and husband, Dan of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Linda Ueskan and husband, Levent of Karlstein, Germany and Elenore Thompson of Minden; sister, Elizabeth Davis of Germany; brother, Joseph Schliessmann of Germany; and four grandchildren.

## JURY

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for prompt action in the propellant's removal. "We have to be careful not to say we're against open tray burn," jury president Jim Bonsall said during a committee meeting prior to the public body's monthly meeting. "It still might be the way it needs to be, but it has to be proven it is the safest." Bonsall said at some point the EPA and the local delegation has to come to agreement on the safest way to remove the M6. "We've got to be thinking about it sitting out there getting more unstable and older," he said. "It's not about burning it, it's about disposing of it. If you burn it or whatever, you'll get some emissions for sure. We want to believe whatever they decide is safest without the danger of emission."

Attorney Patrick Jackson, who represents the police jury, said the EPA is supposed to be the resident expert on the propellant and the best and safest method of disposal. It is the EPA, which dictated this methodology for disposal, he added. "We've relied on the EPA to say this is the way you're supposed to do it. When they put the arm on the Army to put up the money (for disposal), the EPA mandated open tray burn," Jackson explained. "The state has had no flexibility. The state has some expertise, but not that of the EPA." Part of the problem, which has caused such an outcry over the disposal method and confusion over what's being dealt with at Camp Minden, has been the EPA's failure to let the public know what's going on.

"The EPA did such a poor job of educating the public that outside influences have come in to kind of destabilize the integrity of the process," Jackson said. "Because the EPA is being quiet, the only voices being heard are these outside voices. And, the state has been led to believe by the EPA that there are no other choices." There's another part of the possible pollution equation that has gone practically unnoticed by the public in the Camp Minden area, Jackson pointed out. "We're wrapping all this into an M6 problem and that's not true. That was an ammunition plant and it did a lot of stuff for a long time," he said. "People in the most recent history have forgotten that and what it was put there for. There are products in the public domain when we talk about pollution levels that precede all this." Quoting Bonsall, Jackson said people are coming up with their own theories and others begin giving credibility to people who understand only a small piece of the puzzle. Representatives of the EPA at previous meetings may not have been authorized to speak on behalf of the agency, Jackson pointed out. That, he believes, could be why the agency has seemed to be silent. "They seem to be reticent to have someone to step forward," he said. "They need a much higher level person to speak for the EPA. They need to find someone to come to the public that has the authority to speak on behalf of the EPA." Jackson and the jury's secretary-treasurer, Ronda Carnahan, will prepare the resolution for approval by the body.



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# Louisiana Municipal Association rails M6 open tray burn

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Executive board members of the Louisiana Municipal Association have publicly denounced the open tray burn of millions of pounds of M6 propellant and other explo-

sives stored at Camp Minden.

“It was a unanimous vote,” LMA District A Vice President Jimmy Williams said. LMA has 10 district representatives (called vice presidents) from around the state.

Williams, who is mayor

of Sibley, proposed a public resolution by the LMA board and turned it over to the organization’s attorneys to complete the verbiage.

The resolution notes “its understanding of the urgency to dispose of these dangerous muni-

tions and asks the EPA and the State of Louisiana through DEQ cease with any plan to pursue an open burn of the M6 propellant and other chemical explosives due to the potential health hazards to the environment, as well as potential economic

harm that could be felt within the region if this plan were to be implemented.”

“The next step is to get the resolution sent to all the players as quickly as possible,” Williams said. “It should go to EPA and the governor’s office Wednesday. We want to

push this forward without any delays.”

Names for a dialogue committee with officials from EPA, LDEQ, Louisiana Military Department, the general public, scientific experts and local and state elected representatives are to be released Thursday.

CAMEOS OF MINDEN

# Making do during the Depression

There were so many ways that we followed the instructions: “Use it up, wear it out; make it do or do without.” Those were the words we lived by during the Great Depression, and later they were used by President Roosevelt to have us practice during the war years.

Toothpaste was available but most people did not have the money to buy it. My mother mixed salt and soda to use as a toothpaste. It worked, removed stains and made a pleasant look to your smile, but it tasted horrible.

To darken eyebrows there was m a s c a r a available but no money, and so it was that somebody figured out that a burnt match would color the eyebrows. It might take two or three burnt matches but it worked.

Ribbon Cane syrup that was locally made was a cheap sweetener for some cakes such as gingerbread, syrup cake and spice cake. It was cheaper than sugar. And of course during the war sugar was rationed.

Men rolled their own cigarettes and found that some dried leaves made a substitute tobacco if they could not afford tobacco.

Hair washed in rainwater was softer, and a little vinegar in the final rinse made the hair shine even if it did give a sort of red tint.

Ladies could not afford

to go to the beauty parlors on a weekly basis. At about 13 I had about three regular customers that paid me a quarter to set water waves and pin curls in their hair. There was a “goop” that was green and thick and sold in a bottle that some ladies used to make the curl stay in better. I think it was called “Green Wave.” We boiled linseed and the result was a thick substance that made the curls stay in better on my mother’s hair.

White gasoline would clean dresses that could not be washed.

A biscuit would polish patent leather shoes almost as well as a bought shoe polish.

Some coffee came in paper bags with a metal strip that was folded under to keep the coffee fresh.

That strip made good hair curlers. Just roll the hair on the strip and fold the ends under.

Certain brands of oatmeal had a small dish inside each box, such as a bowl or a saucer. Tea leaves were sold in pretty glasses that had several gold bands around them. They made a pretty table setting.

Farm families had plenty of pretty feed sacks to make dresses and shirts from. The flour sacks and grits sacks were white and underwear could be make from them. Mrs. Tersia Corder of Ringgold sent me the cutest poem about clothes made from feed sacks. I am printing it at the close of this article. Thanks, Mrs. Corder.

We substituted, impro-

vised and did lots of things to try to cope with what we did not have. I have written of my attempt to use green tissue paper instead of waxed paper to drop my divinity on. Folks, it did not work!!!

The local bakery that was located in downtown Minden sold day old bread for a nickel a loaf, but what if you did not have that nickel?

Ladies laid a piece of corrugated metal roofing across two saw horses and made a place to dry fruit such as apples and peaches. Later in the winter the dried fruit would make good pies.

Cornmeal cooked into a mush made a satisfactory breakfast cereal resembling Cream of Wheat or Grits at a fraction of the cost.

There were many things used as medicine for some ailments. A chest cold could be helped with a few drops of turpentine on a spoon of sugar. That helped the congestion and a flannel cloth covered with Vicks Salve and heated did, too. It was pinned to your night clothes.

The roots of the Sassafras tree, boiled and made into a tea was considered a “blood purifier” each spring. And it tasted good!!!

Sunlight was a good bleach for white bed linens, and tea leaves made a good dye to make something ecru in color.

Some families inherited money, and some families had businesses that provided a good living, but for

the rest of America we worked for a pittance and had to substitute and make do.

I can remember being sent to the store, even as early as 6-years-old while we still lived in Shreveport, for a couple of items of groceries. My mother gave me the money to pay for them. She told me if the change that I received back included a penny, I could use that penny for a piece of candy. Often it did include a penny, and oh! the choices you had with a penny. There were many different candies and gum that cost just a penny. You might choose a sucker, or a piece of bubble gum, a big stick of peppermint candy, or a piece of taffy. My, but it was so hard to choose how to spend that penny. How happy I was when the change included that penny. It never occurred to me to use part of a nickel of the change. I tried to do what my mother told me to do. Precious memories.

And today I have such a thankful heart for all the things that God has blessed me with, necessari-

ties that I did not have as I grew up. And still I can say “Precious Memories.”

Mrs. Corder’s poem follows:

Feed Sacks  
 When I was a maiden fair  
 Mama made our underwear  
 With many kids, and Dad’s poor pay,  
 We had no fancy lingerie

Monograms and fancy stitches  
 Did not adorn our Sunday britches  
 Panty waist that stood the test  
 Had “Gold Medal” on my breast

No lace or ruffles to enhance  
 Just the “Pride of Bloomington” on my pants.

One pair of panties beat them all.  
 For it had a scene I still recall.

Harvesters were glean- ing wheat  
 Right across my little

seat.  
 Rougher than a grizzly bear  
 Was my flour sack underwear.

Plain and not fancy and two feet wide  
 And tougher than a hippo’s hide  
 All through the Depression  
 Each Jill and Jack  
 Wore a sturdy garb of sack.

Waste Not, Want Not, we soon learned  
 That a penny saved is a penny earned.

There were curtains, tea towels and pot holders, too  
 And the best beyond compare  
 Was my flour sack underwear.

Mrs. Tersia Corder

*Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan’s Cameos column every Wednesday.*

## PHILLIPS

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ters of the west, north and east.” he writes in his book Exodus, From the Door of No Return.

During retirement, he’s done a vast amount of research into his own family history as well as the history of Webster Parish during the Civil Rights Era.

“I’ve collected a lot of data on the people who were prominent here,” he said. “In 1947, the blacks began to form organizations to demonstrate and try to get rid of the segregation of this parish.”

There was a group called the Webster Better Citizenship League, headed by the Rev. M.M. Coleman. One of the prominent families during that time was the Allums. The purpose of the organization was to get voting rights, he said.

“During 1964, voting Negroes received more voting rights protection,” Phillips said. “The Civil Rights Act in 1960 provided for referees to help Negroes register to vote. So this organization (WBCL) was formed to help promote that.”

Before desegregation in Webster Parish, black businesses were prominent and well supported by their patrons, but after desegregation, Phillips said for unknown reasons those businesses began to go by the wayside. In the

1970s, desegregation played a huge role in the economic shift of Minden and Webster Parish, he said.

Cora Allums Leget, author of “The House that Jack Built: Reflections from a Family of the Civil Rights Movement,” was one of the first black students to be integrated into Minden High School.

“Her family played a prominent role in the civil rights movement here,” he said.

Phillips talked more about desegregation in schools, but he also talked about voting rights as well.

The United Christian Freedom Movement was formed in Webster Parish to change the segregation practice, to help men gain their civil rights.

Phillips recalls story after story about the treatment of black men and their families during the Civil Rights Movement. He talked about his ancestry, about men who were fired from their jobs for filing suit to desegregate schools in the parish, about lynchings and many struggles to gain full citizenship in a nation that called itself equal.

He reiterated African-Americans should never forget their past, saying progress has been made since the Civil Rights unrest that changed the nation.

“Back in that day, blacks couldn’t get jobs in banks, in stores, they just couldn’t get any work,” he said.

“Significant changes have been made. Blacks now serve on the city council. They are very prominent in the government and on the police jury. Changes have been made. What I think has happened is while integration did a lot of good things for blacks, it didn’t knock all those barriers down.”

He went on to explain remnants of mindset remains.

“One of the things I’m seeing is black children are forgetting their history,” he said. “They don’t know too much about their history. The only prominent black organizations left are the black churches. Blacks have forgotten their history, and when you forget your history, you lose your past.”

Negro History Week began in 1925, conceived by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, according to the Library of Congress’s website.

“As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W.E.B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice,” was posted on the website. “The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.”

In 1976, the celebration was expanded to a month.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Making quiet noise

**YOU DON'T ALWAYS** have to be loud to make a lot of noise.

Last week, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) kicked off our 40th Anniversary with our 2015 annual meeting in Baton Rouge. Joining us to focus on our meeting's theme of "Sustainable Growth in a Global Economy" were over 1,000 Louisiana business and political leaders.

In the morning, our panel of experts included Calvin "Cal" Dooley, president of the American Chemistry Council (ACC); Ross Eisenberg, vice president of Energy and Resources Policy for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and Stephen Moret, secretary of Louisiana Economic Development Department (LED). All effectively broke down the critical federal and state issues that impact Louisiana's economic growth potential. This wide-ranging discussion was informative and quite relevant, considering the chemical and manufacturing boom taking hold here in Louisiana.

The demeanor of Cal Dooley was quite interesting. As president of one of the largest trade associations in the country, Cal is a strategic and substantive speaker who is highly regarded in Washington, D.C. and revered for his ability to effectively represent the chemical industry. Prior to taking over ACC, he was a Democratic Congressman in the 90s and early 2000s, and was well known in those days for his down-home, folksy leadership style.

He was part of a group known then as the "Blue Dogs," a collection of moderate Democrats who would often side with Republicans to support conservative policies in Congress. The group was not usually loud and boisterous, but would often provide the critical final votes to advance much of the agenda passed by the Republican-controlled Congress of that time. These days, most of those members have been replaced with

much more ideological policymakers, leaving the quiet but influential role of the Blue Dogs much less impactful in today's Congress.

Next, after our panel of experts wrapped up their discussion, Dr. Ben Carson spoke to our crowd. If you have not yet heard Dr. Carson's personal story, it is one worth knowing. Growing up poor to a single mom in inner-city Detroit, Dr. Carson fought through trouble and adversity to excel at Yale and then the University of Michigan Medical School on his way to becoming director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution at age 33. From there, he led the team that first successfully separated twins conjoined at the head.

Upon his retirement from medicine, he made national headlines a few years ago for giving a strong speech critical of Obamacare, while standing next to the President at the National Prayer Breakfast. Dr. Carson is a smart and compelling figure, especially for the paradox in that he is known for being both soft spoken and bold, and at times even politically incorrect. His voice is soft and his mannerisms are gentle, even though when asked his position on political correctness his response was, "It's a bunch of crap."

In addition to taking a tough line on many of the issues of the day, he also speaks openly to the importance faith has played in his life. He says one of the most important things we can do is "bring God back into our society" and credits God, rather than bureaucratic assistance, for giving his mother the strength and wisdom she needed to raise her two children as a single mom.



**STEPHEN WAGUESPACK**

Speaking of a bold and soft-spoken speaker embracing his faith, one of the strongest and most inspiring voices I have ever heard passed away quietly this week. The Reverend Than N. Vu passed away at the age of 56 after a long battle with cancer. Father Than was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and eventually made his way to Baton Rouge in 1975. By the early 80s, he was ordained and went on to preach throughout the Capital Region his entire career.

He was a devout man of faith who opened every sermon with a joke and preached in a way that spoke to adults and children alike. He took a light-hearted approach to deliver inspiring messages to many serious subjects through the years. His powerful messages would capture the hearts of his congregation while his quick wit would make them all smile. A small man in stature with a quiet tone, his impact will leave a lasting legacy.

Father Than's mission statement ends with the following message: "I will approach life with a spirit of openness, speaking less and listening more, taking the risk of being changed by new paradigms. In all ways, I strive to live with honesty, integrity, simplicity and humility." More than just words on a paper, this was how he lived his life.

Different leaders use different tactics to make their presence felt. Some leaders loudly bark to make a lot of noise to draw attention to their message, while others rely on a folksy charm, gentle tone, endearing story or quick wit to make their point. Regardless of the method used, never forget that those who employ a more subtle approach to message delivery are more than capable of delivering a loud message and a booming impact.

*Stephen Waguespack is president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.*

## PERSPECTIVE

# Wall Street banker pleads for pity

**J.P. MORGAN** was recently socked in the wallet by financial regulators who levied yet another multi-billion dollar fine against the Wall Street baron for massive illegalities.

Well, not a fine against John Pierpont Morgan, the man. This 19th-century robber baron was born to a great banking fortune and, by hook and crook, leveraged it to become the "King of American Finance." During the Gilded Age, Morgan cornered the U.S. financial markets, gained monopoly ownership of railroads, amassed a vast supply of the nation's gold and used his investment power to create U.S. Steel and take control of that market.

From his earliest days in high finance, Morgan was a hustler who often traded on the shady side. In the Civil War, for example, his family bought his way out of military duty, but he saw another way to serve. Himself, that is. Morgan bought defective rifles for \$3.50 each and sold them to a Union general for \$22 each. The rifles blew off soldiers' thumbs, but Morgan pleaded ignorance, and government investigators graciously absolved the young, wealthy, well-connected financier of any fault.

That seems to have set a pattern for his lifetime of antitrust violations, union busting and other over-the-edge profiteering practices. He drew numerous official charges — but of course, he never did any jail time.

Moving the clock forward, we come to JPMorgan Chase, today's financial powerhouse bearing J.P.'s name. The bank also inherited his pattern of committing multiple illegalities — and walking away scot-free.

Oh, sure, the bank was hit with big fines, but not a single one of the top bankers who committed gross wrongdoings were charged or even fired — much less sent to jail.

With this long history of crime-does-pay for America's largest Wall Street empire, you have to wonder why Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's CEO, is so P.O.'d.

He's fed up to the tippy-top of his \$100 haircut with all of this populist attitude that's sweeping the country, and he's not going to take it anymore!

Dimon recently bleated to reporters that, "Banks are under assault." Well, he really doesn't mean or care about most banks — just his bank. Government regulators, snarls Jamie, are pandering to grassroots populist anger at Wall Street excesses by squeezing the life out of the JP Morgan casino.

But wait — didn't JPMorgan score a \$22 billion profit last year, a 20 percent increase over 2013 and the highest in its history? And didn't those Big Bad Oppressive Government Regulators provide a \$25 billion taxpayer bailout in 2008 to save Jamie's conglomerate from its own reckless excess? And isn't his Wall Street Highness raking in some \$20 million in personal pay to suffer the indignity of this "assault" on his bank. Yes, yes and yes.

Still, Jamie says that regulators and bank industry analysts are piling on JPMorgan Chase: "In the old days," he whined, "you dealt with one regulator when you had an issue. Now it's five or six. You should all ask the question about how American that is," the \$20-million-a-year man lectured reporters, "how fair that is."

Well, golly, one reason Chase has half a dozen regulators on its case is because it doesn't have "an issue" of illegality, but beaucoup illegalities, including deceiving its own investors, cheating more than two million of its credit card customers, gaming the rules to overcharge electricity users in California and the Midwest, overcharging active-duty military families on their mortgages, illegally foreclosing on troubled homeowners and ... well, so much more.

So Jamie, you should ask yourself the question about "how fair" is all of the above. Then you should shut up, count your millions and be grateful you're not in jail.

From John Pierpont Morgan to Jamie Dimon, the legacy continues. Banks don't commit crimes. Bankers do. And they won't ever stop if they don't have to pay for their crimes.

*Jim Hightower is a national radio commentator, writer, public speaker and author.*



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# COMMUNITY

## Award winner

Dwayne Anders of Minden won “Image of the Year,” awarded by the Shreveport Photographic Society. His photo, “Snowy Egret” took top honors at the SPS banquet Saturday night. Anders also won several ribbons and medals.

Established in 1956, SPS is an organization dedicated to the advancement of the art and science of photography.

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## Around Town

### Feb. 4-6

Shreveport District will be hosting a Women’s Revival at 7 p.m. nightly at the Holmes Memorial Temple COGIC.

### Thursday, Feb. 5

Webster Parish Schools would like to invite the parents and community to hear Larry Bell, author of the Twelve Powerful Words and UNRAVEL Strategies from 6 until 7:15 p.m. at North Webster Upper Elementary Gym in Cotton Valley. Please plan to attend this important meeting to learn about strategies to help prepare your child for state testing. Two 7-inch Internet tablets will be given as door prizes. Must be present to win.

### Friday, Feb. 6

Enrollment specialists from Martin Luther King Health Center of Shreveport will be at the United Way office in Minden on select Fridays to assist persons in signing up for a health insurance plan on [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) at 202 Miller Street, Minden. Call Christina Copeland at 318-470-2111.

### Saturday, Feb. 7

Webster High School Alumni meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center at 601 Taltan Street. Officers, class representatives and former students are invited to attend.

### Sunday, Feb. 8

Annual Deacon and Deaconess program at 3 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church. Guest Speaker and church will be Pastor David Heard and First Ebenezer Baptist Church of Homer. Everyone is invited.

### Monday, Feb. 9

Night for the Museum with the Jamieson and Life families will be held at the Dorcheat Historical Association Museum, 116 Pearl Street. Ann Mays Harlan will present a history of the Jamieson family in Minden, while Bonnie Jamieson Culverhouse will present a history of the Life family. Museum doors open at 5:30 p.m.; program starts at 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

CASA training classes for Webster, Bienville, Jackson and Claiborne parishes are 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Arcadia CASA office, 1978 N. Railroad, Arcadia. Contact Victoria Ricord at 318-425-4413 or at [Vickie.ricord@vyjla.org](mailto:Vickie.ricord@vyjla.org).

# Touched by the kindness of others

My life has been touched by the kindness of others.

Sometime ago in one of my columns, I mentioned an article written by Robert Hastings, whom I had met at a writers’ conference in Nashville. His article, The Station, has been read by millions of readers and is beloved by all who read it.

A short while later, a friend sent me a few books by Hastings, and one other area writer, with a very interesting and encouraging note.

I’ve spent quite a bit of time, reading and reminiscing because Hastings, who came a few years before my time, grew up in very similar circumstances as I.

I could identify with the time of no refrigeration, no indoor plumbing and working hard to have food to last through the winter months when nothing was growing.

Mama’s canning everything she could put in a jar, Daddy smoking meat, taking corn to the mill to have ground into meal, and cane to the syrup mill to be made into syrup.

I would often go with Daddy to the mill and play with the other children while the grownups were

busy cooking off the juice to make delicious syrup for our breakfasts.

My friend may not have known I could so identify with this, but his thoughtfulness in sharing these books added lots of pleasure during these cold winter days.

Another friend recently reached out in a different way,

She posted pictures on Facebook of beautifully crocheted hats she had been making. I commented on them and asked how much she was selling them for. She answered that she wasn’t selling, but would make me one. Just choose a color.

I selected a beige color and before long, I received a package in the mail from my friend in Tennessee. Included with the cute hat was a sweet note expressing thanks for kindnesses I had shown her in the past.

I could remember no specific event she could have been referring to, but she reminded me of one I had completely forgotten about. She was expecting her third child and was visiting at our house. I was canning beet pickles and after she expressed how much she loved beet pickles, I gave her several jars.

Isn’t that strange? I had never thought of that again, but that little thing stuck in her mind and she recalled it decades later.

As I was thinking about kindnesses of people, the

recent St. Jude Auction in Minden was foremost in my mind. It is amazing how this small town can out give per capita to St. Jude’s than any other city.

I realize this is not an easy undertaking and it takes lots of caring people volunteering their time, energy and resources to bring it about.

Schools, churches and other organizations play a vital part in accomplishing the goal. Caring citizens who donate, bid and buy raffle tickets add to the outcome of the event.

Minden and the surrounding area is to be commended for being such caring people.

Every day, as in the instance of my two friends, we witness kindness being shown.

It reminds me that I should make a greater effort every day to show a

little kindness.

We never know the impact it may have on someone’s life.

*Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects. Throughout the years she has submitted poetry and articles that were published in several magazines and newspapers.*



MOORE

### MINDEN LIONS CLUB

## Cubsight coordinator to speak

Jeff Robinson, coordinator of the Louisiana Lions Cubsight Program will be the guest speaker at noon Thursday, Feb. 5 at the weekly meeting of the Minden Lions Club.

Robinson, who lives in Lafayette, will make a presentation describing the work of the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation designed to reduce the incidence of vision abnormalities in pre-school children through early detec-

tion, referral and treatment. Undetected and untreated vision problems during the first three years of life can prevent proper development of the brain’s binocular function, resulting in amblyopia, or lazy eye, which is the leading cause of monocular blindness.



ROBINSON

Most children under five years of age either never have their vision checked, or they are tested with a method that often fails to detect serious eye problems.

Robinson will tell how the efforts of the Lions Clubs are focused on curtailing this problem among young children.

The Minden Lions Club meets weekly at the American Legion Memorial Hall at noon. Lunch is served.

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# SPORTS

## SPORTS briefs

### UFC

#### Silva tests positive for steroids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former UFC midleweight champion Anderson Silva has tested positive for steroid use.

Silva, the 39-year-old Brazilian widely considered the greatest mixed martial artist in the young sport's history, tested positive for Drostanolone metabolites and another steroid in an out-of-competition test Jan. 9.

Nick Diaz, his opponent at UFC 183 last Saturday, also tested positive for elevated levels of marijuana metabolites in results released Tuesday night by the Nevada Athletic Commission.

The UFC said the commission is doing further testing to confirm the results, but the stunning announcement casts a large shadow over Silva's impressive comeback from a badly broken leg last Saturday for a unanimous-decision victory over Diaz.

In a brief statement, the UFC said it was "disappointed to learn of these initial results."

"Anderson Silva has been an amazing champion and a true ambassador of the sport of mixed martial arts and the UFC, in Brazil as well as around the world," the UFC's statement added. "The UFC has a strict, consistent policy against the use of any illegal and/or performance-enhancing drugs, stimulants or masking agents by its athletes."

Silva (34-6) beat Diaz by a wide decision last weekend in Las Vegas, winning every round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The fight was a triumphant return to the cage for Silva, who broke his lower left leg 13 months ago.

### NFL

#### Juror dismissed in Hernandez trial

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — The judge overseeing the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez removed a juror Tuesday, saying there was evidence she had previously discussed evidence in the case and had an early interest in being seated on the panel. Later, the girlfriend of the man Hernandez is accused of killing testified that the day after he was found dead, the former NFL star tried to reassure her that the pain of losing a loved one would get better with time.

Most of Tuesday's court session was spent on the problem with the juror, who has not been identified except by her jury number, 96. Bristol County Superior Court Judge Susan Garsh dismissed her after questioning her individually and closing the courtroom to hear evidence on the matter.

After a closed-door hearing that lasted more than 90 minutes, Garsh said there was credible evidence the juror specifically discussed an opinion about the case, including that it would be hard to convict Hernandez without the murder weapon, which has never been found. She said the juror also discussed several items of evidence that the court has ruled are inadmissible in this case.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# GLENBROOK SENIOR NIGHT



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Tuesday night was senior night at Glenbrook School, as 10 Apache seniors took part in their last home game.

With emotions running high, both the boys and girls teams delivered victories.

In the boys game, the Apaches defeated the Union Christian Academy Lions, 65-49.

Coming off a big win against Claiborne Academy the previous night and with the pregame ceremony before the game, the Apaches easily could have been distracted.

Instead, they used a big second half to put UCA away in front of a large, home crowd.

"The guys came out and played well on both ends of the court," head coach Jeff Dalton said. "It



Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

seemed like we were in control from the opening tip. I like where we are as a team heading into the playoffs."

Dalton also shared some kind words about the contributions of seniors Sam Marvin, Cade

Morgan and Caden Copeland.

"I'm really going to miss these three guys," Dalton said. "I'm not the easiest coach to play for but they embraced the challenge and helped us lay the foundation to build

a championship program. I'm excited to see what the future holds for the three of them."

The Apaches were led by sophomore Cade Conterez with 17 points. Caden Copeland was in double figures with 11,

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Minden splits games with Woodlawn



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The Minden Crimson Tiders and Lady Tiders were at home Tuesday night for a pair of games against the Woodlawn Knights.

It was a big night at The Palace with Minden High honoring the basketball teams and spirit groups from Webster Junior High School.

In the boys game, the Crimson Tiders fell to the Knights, 79-72.

"We had a great first and third quarter," head coach Alan Shaw said. "We didn't get anything in the second or fourth. I

was embarrassed by how we played and how many of my players acted. That's a reflection on me and the poor job I've done with this team this year. I take full responsibility for what's happened this season. I would like to thank our crowd and our band for coming out to support us last night. It's going to be up to our seniors on how we finish out this season."

Kevin Hamilton scored 22 points to lead the Tide, followed by Anfernee Red with 20 and L'Jarius Sneed with 13. Jay Beene added 10 for Minden.

#### Lady Tiders

In the first game of the evening, the Minden Lady Tiders won a thriller with the Woodlawn Lady Knights, 72-65.

"This was a pivotal ballgame for us," head

coach Jacob Brown said. "Both power point wise and for district positioning. I thought it was a hard fought game. It's a good feeling to see these girls pull out another big win."

The Lady Tiders had a double digit lead entering the fourth quarter when Woodlawn made a run to cut the lead to 4 points.

Then, Woodlawn's coach received a technical foul and Minden would hit both free throws to regain the momentum and finish the game strong.

The Lady Tiders are now in a second place tie with Woodlawn in district.

Tiaga Pugh led Minden with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Sha'terra Batton scored 23 huge points and Marlena Hill scored 13 points and collected a whopping 19 boards.



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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Warrior get big win, Lady Warriors fall



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The Lakeside Warriors defeated the Red River Bulldogs 71-56 at home Tuesday night in a must win to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Facing a Red River team that loves to press and trap, Lakeside showed no fear, breaking the trap all night and finishing with easy baskets on the other end.

It was the type of game the Warriors needed as the season nears its end.

"It was a good scoring night," Lakeside head coach Jason Gould said. "We knew if we could break the traps we would get some easy buckets. I was proud of how we moved the ball and got a lot of assists."

Frankie Miles had a huge

night, finishing with a game high 29 points, his best game of the season. Jamarion Teal had 11 points to go with 10 rebounds and Quatarus Solomon finished with 11.

#### Lady Warriors

The Lady Warriors fell in their game, 26-60.

The Lady Warriors continue to take their lumps with a young team, but coach Tavasha Anderson remains encouraged about the future of Lady Warrior hoops.

"I'm proud of the girls for playing hard," Anderson said. "Although Red River was missing a key player, they did a good job of balancing the floor and getting everyone involved, making them hard to defend."

Destine Joiner led the team with 13 points and Kelly Willis added 5.

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IN HOLLYWOOD

# Robin Williams’ wife, children fight over late comedian’s estate

SAN FRANCISCO — Robin Williams' children and wife have gone to court in a fight over the late comedian's estate.

In papers filed in December in San Francisco Superior Court, Williams' wife, Susan, says some of the late actor's personal items were taken without her permission and asks the court to exclude the contents of the Tiburon home that she shared with Williams from the jewelry, memorabilia and other items Williams said the children should have.

The children, Zachary, Zelda and Cody, counter that Susan Williams is "adding insult to a terrible injury" by trying to change the trust agreement and rob them of the late actor's clothing and other personal items.

"The Williams' children are heartbroken that Petitioner, Mr. Williams' wife of less than three years, has acted against his wishes by challenging the plans he so carefully made for his estate," attorneys for the children said in court papers.

The contents of the documents were first reported by the New York Times.

James Wagstaffe, an attorney for Susan Williams, said Monday that his client was only seeking guidance from the court about



**Robin Williams, son Zachary and wife Susan Schneider attend The Comedy Awards in New York City in 2012. The late comedian's family is currently feuding over many of Williams' possessions.** Courtesy Photo

the meaning of certain terms in the trust.

"This is not ugly," he said. "I would not say this is anticipated to be a highly contested proceeding."

An attorney for the children,

Allan Mayer, declined to comment.

Williams died at his Tiburon home in August. The coroner ruled his death a suicide that resulted from asphyxia caused by hanging.

Susan Williams has said the actor and comedian was struggling with depression, anxiety and a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

Williams had publicly acknowledged periodic struggles

with substance abuse, and he had entered a substance abuse program shortly before his death. According to the coroner's report, his wife told an investigator that Williams did not go there because of recent drug or alcohol abuse, but rather to reaffirm the principles of his rehabilitation.

Williams' trust granted his children his memorabilia and awards in the entertainment industry and some other specific personal items, according to court documents. Susan Williams says that because he wanted her to continue to live at the Tiburon home, it makes sense that he intended only for his children to have the specific personal items he delineated that were kept at another home he owned in Napa.

"Any other interpretation would lead to Mrs. Williams' home being stripped while Mrs. Williams still lives there," her attorneys wrote.

The children dispute that interpretation, saying there were no specific limits on the location of those items.

The two sides also disagree over items put in storage, watches Williams owned and his memorabilia.

MUSIC NEWS

# Lenny Kravitz added to 2015 Jazz Fest lineup

NEW ORLEANS— After a 10-year hiatus, rocker Lenny Kravitz returns to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Producers of the festival announced Tuesday that Kravitz is scheduled to perform Sunday, May 3. He last performed at the festival in

2004. Kravitz joins a lineup that includes Elton John, The Who, Jimmy Buffet, Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga, No Doubt, Keith Urban, John Legend, Ed Sheeran, T.I., Pitbull and Trombone Shorty.

Jazz Fest annually draws hundreds of thousands of

music fans to New Orleans for two weekends of jazz, blues, Cajun, zydeco and gospel. In all, more than 500 acts will perform on 12 stages positioned around the Fair Grounds Race Course.

The festival will run April 24, 25 and 26, and April 30, May 1, 2 and 3.



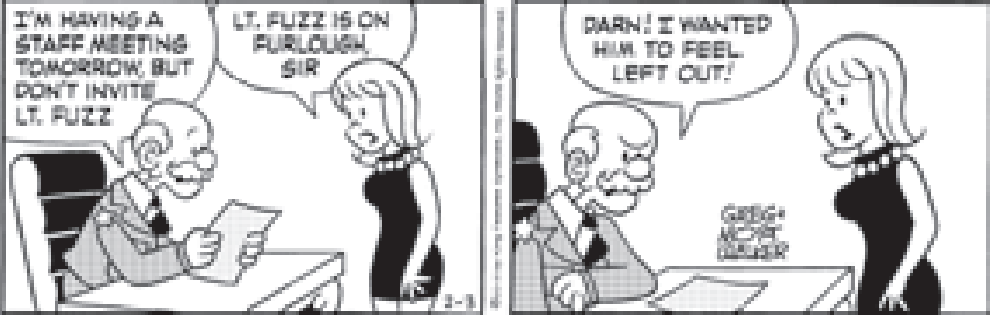
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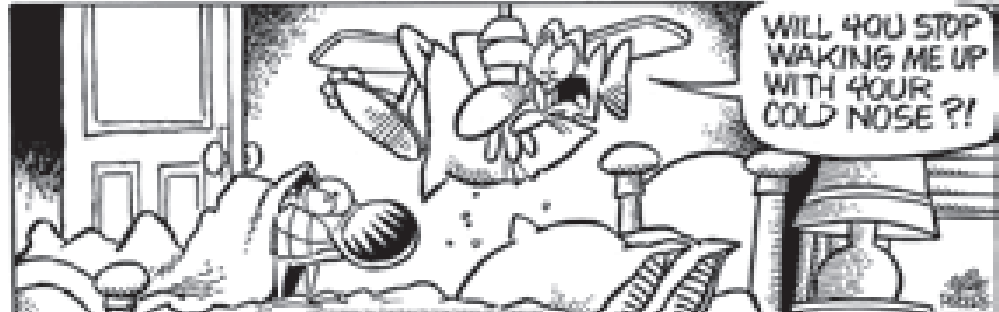
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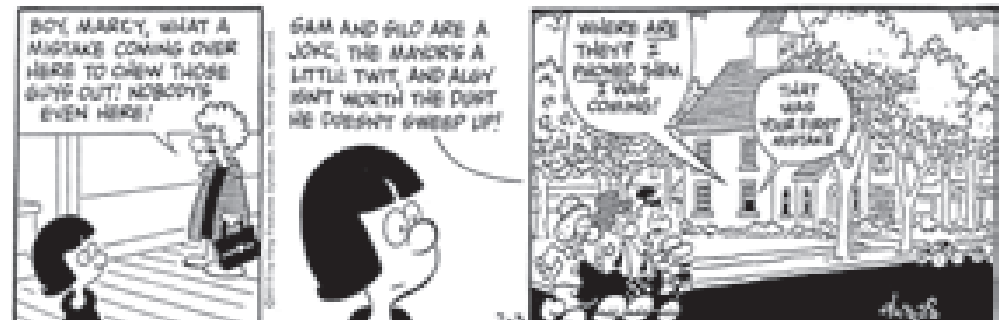
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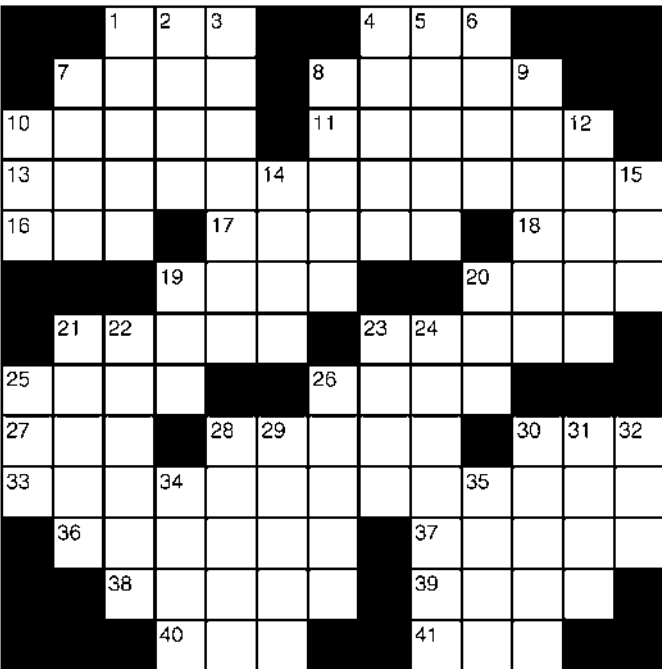
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