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CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

M6 group prepares to narrow disposal alternatives

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The Camp Minden Dialogue Committee is narrowing down its choices in selecting a method to dispose of nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant.

The entire dialogue committee met Thursday via conference call after the technical subcommittee heard presentations from 13 different companies on safer methods of disposal other than the open tray burn. Feedback on the presentations was positive, but one dialogue committee member still had questions.

"We are going to be evaluating the technologies based on the criteria," Frances Kelley, with Louisiana Progress Action and a dialogue committee member said. "And part of that is looking at what waste streams are produced (versus) what is produced during the process. Some of those produce solid waste, some produce liquid waste and some produce gas waste. You can see the liquid waste and the solid waste, but what we want to know is how much gas is produced by the thermal processes, the burning processes and what's in that gas. We're comparing how much liquid is produced versus how much gas is produced and how much solid is produced."



KELLEY

They also want to know the volumes and what compounds are in those waste streams and how accurately those streams can be measured, she says.

Col. Ron Stuckey, project coordinator for the M6 disposal and committee member, suggested narrowing down the choices to three or four options and start focusing on what they can and can't do based on the criteria created by the committee.

"We need to start zeroing in on what we can and can't do," he said.

Ron Hagar, dialogue committee member, suggested the methods for comparison should be certified by Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board.

One of those options was the Kiln incinerator process.

Dr. Slawomir Lomnicki, a munitions expert with the LSU Superfund Research Center, says he strongly favors this process because of its destruction efficiency.

"I was very impressed with El Dorado Kiln which they applied in Europe where they have very, very strict regulations," he said. "I think this is impressive, but only for the Kiln process. They had actually performed M6 burning and it was monitored very carefully - the emissions from the process. I think this is very promising if they're willing to apply the same stringent technologies as for that installation (in Europe)."

Another technology they discussed at

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Webster natives prepare to

'SOUND OFF'



TERAH NEWMAN



MEGAN MCCOWN



ROSIE OLIVER

Contestants competing for chance on 'The Voice'

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Three young ladies from Webster Parish are joining Minden native Jared Mourad at 7 p.m. Saturday in the final competition of McDonald's Sound Off live from the Horseshoe Riverdome.

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GLENBROOK APACHE PRINCESS

A new Glenbrook Apache Princess will be crowned during the pageant that begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the Minden Civic Center. Contestants are Kara Bryce, seated center; Catherine Willis, seated left; Emily Rhame, standing right; Kathy Moore, standing right; and Gracie Claire Simon, seated right. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and are available at the door. Courtesy Photo

Webster arrest report

Minden city police officers and Webster Parish deputies made the following arrests through March 1.

- Amy Lynn Ahlstrom, 332, Sunset Drive, Elm Grove, simple battery, cruelty to a juvenile. Arrested at a residence on Horshoe Loop in Doyline by parish deputies responding to call about an unwanted person who would not leave.
- Latoya Lashay Winzer, 21, 600 block Stone Street, Minden, domestic abuse battery.
- Bruce A. Robinson II, 332, 100 block Roach Road, Doyline, DWI 4th offense, felony possession of CDS Sch. I (marijuana), possession of CDS in presence of minor, possession of drug paraphernalia, careless operation. Deputies answering call concerning truck swerving on U.S.

- Hwy. 371 made arrest after traffic stop at intersection of Hwy. 371 and La. Hwy. 2.
- Ryan Steven Hoffman, 24, 300 block Walnut Road, Springhill, reckless operation, resisting an officer, flight from an officer, aggravated flight, no driver's license on person. Suspect arrested by parish deputies after chase on U.S. Hwy. 371 and U.S. Hwy. 80.
- Darien Mitchell, 39, 500 block Winford Street, Minden, hit and run, no driver's license.
- Jon Fuggins, 27, 6100 block Bavoe Street, Shreveport, careless operation.
- Kenneth Brown, 30, 500 block Lanning, Minden, fugitive from Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.
- Brandon Garse, 42, 100 block High Street, Minden, on warrants.
- Antwaune Loud, 26, 200 block Leroy Tillman

- Road, Heflin, on warrants for forgery, illegal possession of stolen things.
- Cedrick Stephens, 29, 800 block Peach Street, Minden, on warrant for simple criminal damage to property, second degree battery by domestic violence with child endangerment.
- Richard "Richano" Fisher, 38, 100 block Loop Road, Minden, public drunkenness, sagging pants, unlawful possession of fraudulent documents for identification.
- Rodrick Flournoy, 35, 1100 block Constable, Minden, DWI 2nd offense, violation of open container ordinance, improper lane usage, speeding, no driver's license.
- Derrick Carey, 25, 800 block Woods, Minden, bench warrants, fugitive from Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.

Fundraiser set to raise money for substance abuse program

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There's a new business in town that wants to help an old business get its feet back on the ground. Brandy Martin and Wayne Avery, owners of Cajun Bee's restaurant located at 230 Goodwill Road are teaming with management of Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction for a special event Saturday. "We're having our grand opening and a fundraiser for CADA, at the same time," Martin said. "They reached out to Wayne's church and it was all just perfect timing." CADA was established

in 1958 and has been providing addictive disease treatment services to the residents of northwest Louisiana on a continuous basis for more than 50 years. They have programs and facilities that are drug and gambling related in Shreveport and Bossier City. "Twelve percent of what is donated goes to overhead and 88 percent to client care," Martin said. Some items needed include linens, Bibles, clothing, hygiene-related items and even furniture. "We are accepting all those things, plus a percentage of our proceeds at the end of the day will go to them," Martin added. "A CADA rep will be here

about 11 o'clock Saturday to meet people, and then we will send everything with them at the end of the day." Breakfast is served beginning at 6:30 a.m. Closing is at 9 p.m. "We will have a breakfast special, and normally Saturday is steak night beginning at 4, but Wayne's going to start doing steaks at 11," she said. "I am going to cook a shrimp dish that is really good - I'm from down south, so that's a specialty. We will be cooking all kinds of things that day." To find out more about Cajun Bee's, find them on Facebook or call 318-377-7900.

DISPOSAL

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length, Kelley says, is the super critical water oxidation process by which the M6 would be chemically rendered non-explosive in water. The main concern with incineration is being able to hold the gasses and test them before they are released into the air, she says. Doug Sarno, facilitator, says they sent out requests to 30 firms and heard 11 different technologies, two of which were from the same firm. Firms presenting were CO2AL, U.S. Demil, Actodemil Tech, ATON, AMI, CH2M Hill, Dynasafe and EXPAL, Clean Harbor Environmental Services, DAVINCH, El Dorado Contained Burn, El Dorado Rotary Kiln, General Atomics and MuniRem. Questions that still

remain were forwarded to the vendors and the experts who presented technologies over the last two days and Sarno expects to hear from them by the end of the day Friday. Those answers will then be forwarded to dialogue committee members. The next technical committee meeting will be

Monday, March 9, beginning at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The number to call is 1-866-900-8984, conference ID 96418465. The entire dialogue committee will meet Wednesday, March 11, face to face at the community house in Minden at 10 a.m., with an informal gathering at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will last until roughly 2:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Chatman

Marie Chatman entered into this world Jan. 25, 1955, to Elmo (Jack) and Gladys Hamilton Chatman in Minden. Marie attended Webster High School and was a graduate of the class of 1974. She was the owner and operator of Trinity Cleaning Services in Minden. She also was a former security officer for Eldorado Casino. Marie departed from this life Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at Willis Knighton Medical Center in Bossier City.



CHATMAN

During her journey in this life, she came to accept Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mount Calm Baptist Church under the leadership of the Rev. E.J. Barnes in Minden. She later united with House of Prayer Ministries under the leadership of Apostle Jeanette Taylor in Minden. She was a faithful servant and a valuable asset to the ministry.

She united with True Holiness Tabernacle of Prayer Ministries in Bossier City, under the leadership of Apostle James D. Council. Sept. 1, 2004, she was ordained an elder by Chief Apostle Lawrence Bogier

of Original Tabernacle of Prayer for All People in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She remained a faithful member of True Holiness Tabernacle of Prayer Ministries and served faithfully on the ministry staff. She was known to fellowship with various churches in the surrounding area. While under the leadership of Apostle James D. Council, she founded and pastored True Vine Tabernacle of Prayer in Minden where she remained pastor until the Lord called her home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elmo (Jack) Chatman and brothers, Terry James Johnson Jr. and James Terry Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Tomeka Chatman of Shreveport and La'Toya Chatman of Minden; three grandchildren, Marquise Jones, Jerica Plater and Co'Mauri George; a loving mother, Mrs. Gladys Hamilton Chatman of Minden; three sisters, Maggie Jackson and Minnie Thomas, both of Minden and Ether West of Bellflower, California; six aunts; one uncle; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The homegoing celebration for Pastor Marie Chatman, 60, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2015, at True Holiness Taber-

nacle of Prayer, 917 Youree St., Bossier City. Interment will be at Sheppard Cemetery in Minden with repast to immediately follow at Mt. Zion CME Church, 414 E. Union St. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2015, at Benevolent Funeral Home, 401 E. Union St., Minden.

Lueasea (Louise) Taylor

Nov. 20, 1942, a beautiful baby girl was born to Mr. Gilbert Stroman and Mrs. Irma Pearl James Stroman, who they named Lueasea Elizabeth, affectionately known as "Louise."



TAYLOR

Lueasea accepted Christ at an early age at St. Rest Baptist Church under the pastorage of the late Rev. B.F. Martin. Later in life, she united with the House of Prayer, under the leadership of Pastor Jeanette McDonald and now interim Pastor Michael Davis Sr., where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Lueasea attended public schools in Webster Parish and graduated in the class of 1961 from Webster High School.

In 1966, Lueasea united in holy matrimony with Mr. Robert Taylor, who preceded her in death. To this union two children were born, Kemeco and Robert Jr. and two children he reared as his own, Gilbert and Flossie and a special niece whom she reared as her own, Chiquita.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Flossie Warren, Annie Stroman and Ruby Hemphill and one brother, George Tatum.

She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Kemeco Taylor Small (William) of Shreveport and Flossie Stroman (Carl) of Cedar Hill, Texas; two sons, Robert Taylor Jr. of Minden and Gilbert Dewayne Stroman (Mary) of Eulesse, Texas; a brother, Mr. Johnny Ray James of Minden; sister, Mrs. Johnnie Faye Moore of Minden; special niece, Chiquita Stroman (Peppy) of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren, Brittney, Brensen, Taryn, Carl Jr. (CJ), Christen (Chrissie), RoChealyn, Ja'Quorayne, Je'Dyah, Chandler and Kiersten; one great-grandchild, Michael; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Benevolent Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2015, at Benevolent Funeral Home.

SOUND

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The Red Carpet, which rolls out at 6 p.m., will be hosted by Houston's Bruce Johnson and Bossier City's Saige Beard. One talented singer will receive a prize of \$50,000 courtesy of Cumulus Broadcasting. The winner will also receive a full expense paid trip to perform on NBC's The Voice.

TERAH NEWMAN

Since age three, Newman has been singing in front of masses and became known as the little girl with the big voice.

"Both of my parents are church musicians," the Minden resident said. "As long as I've been alive, I've been surrounded by music."

Newman's mother tells a story of how she kept Newman's infant seat on the organ bench beside her while she played in church.

"One Sunday, at age three, I just jumped up and decided I wanted to sing," she said. "I've been doing it ever since."

She has starred in the award-winning gospel stage production "A Good Man is Hard to Find," as well as "Lord, Save My Children," and "Watch Them Dogs."

She has won many competitions, such as a preliminary round of the "Colgate Country Showdown" and Boomtown Casino's Karaoke Showdown. Newman was named Isle of Capri's 2005 "Isle Make You a Star" National Champion. She recorded her first country single, "Lookin' for Love."

Her favorite genre of music is gospel, "where I got my start."

Newman says she is

excited and nervous about Saturday's competition, "and ready to get it over-with."

MEGAN MCCOWN

Megan McCown, a Doyline native, says she was always a loud, outspoken child who spent most of her childhood hunting, fishing or mudriding.

After becoming extremely ill with a tumor on her liver and spending more than two months in the hospital fighting for her life, McCown realized that she wanted to do something with her singing career.

"So I started going to karaoke bars around town and got offered a job at a local well known bar as their entertainer," she said. "I got many singing opportunities there and met incredible people but nothing that stuck."

McCown eventually grew tired of bar life and decided to do something with her life.

"I decided to compete in this competition because I have done everything for everyone else but not for me," she said. "How am I supposed to tell my sons to follow their dreams if I'm not their example? It's just time that I show

the world that even with a crazy past like mine, and being a single mother of two that you can still follow your dreams and regardless of the outcome, I'm never looking back or stopping now."

ROSIE OLIVER

Named for her grandmother, the young lady called Rose is the youngest of three children, and although she was born in Opelousas, she grew up in Minden

"I fell in love with music very young," Oliver said. "My mom always played all the classics like Chaka Con, Luther Vandross, Aretha Franklin, the Isley brothers and, of course, Whitney Houston."

Although there are musicians in her family, Oliver didn't start singing until she was 9.

"I got my first solo in the Christmas program at my church, Mt. Calm Missionary Baptist Church," she said. "After that, I fell in love and have been singing ever since - driving my mother crazy along the way."

She fell in love with performing when she was 17 and participating in a local performing arts program called Yazzy.

"I sang Etta James' 'At Last' and got a standing ovation," she said. "It felt amazing being on stage just doing what I love. So you can understand why the experience of this competition alone means so much to me. Minden is a small town so we don't have any big opportunities like this. So I plan to make the absolute most out of this because this is what I love doing, and what better than getting paid and appreciated for doing what you love to do?"

Editor's Note: Information compiled from Cumulus Broadcasting's Sound Off website.

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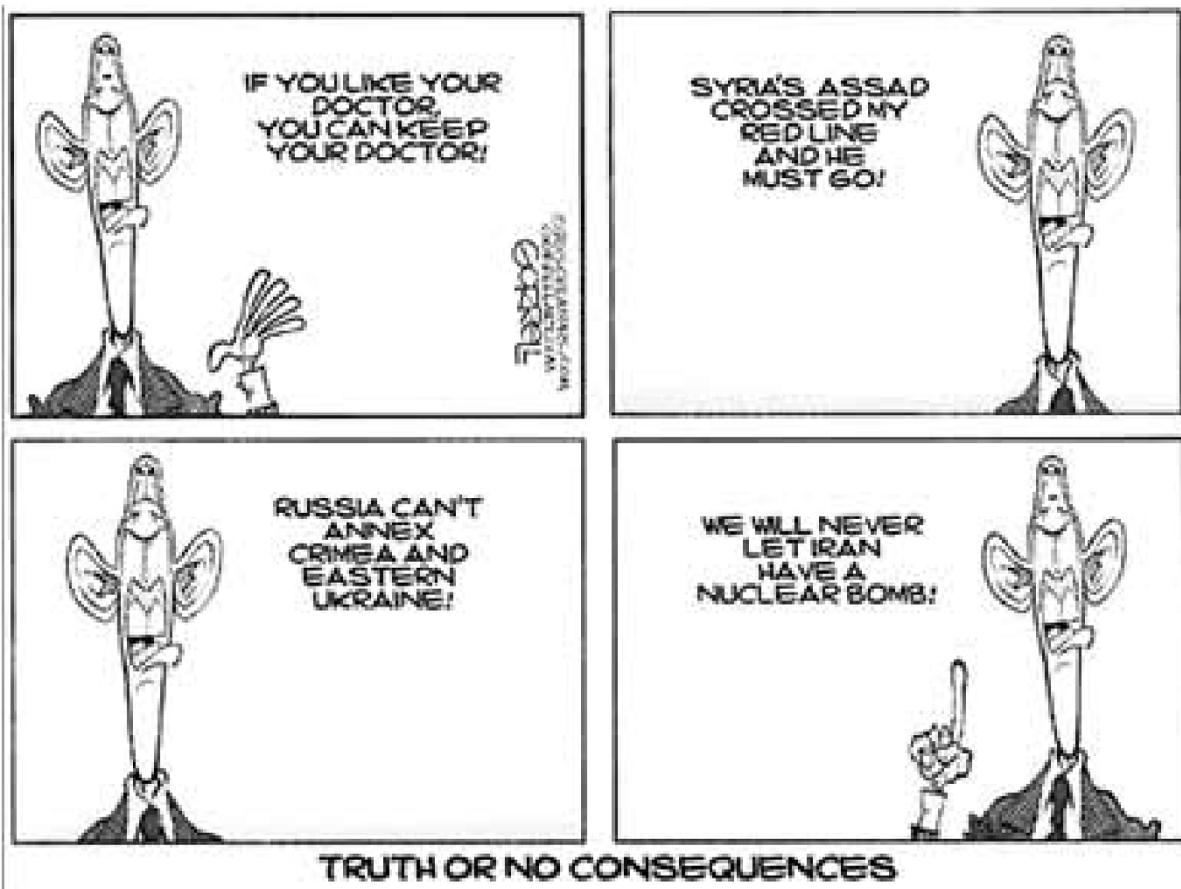
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PERSPECTIVE

Netanyahu's Capitol offense

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU is the antithesis of Barack Obama. Decisive. Forceful. Unapologetic. Vociferously patriotic. A warrior, literally and figuratively.

Simply put, the man called Bibi is the most Alpha of males.

When the Israeli Prime Minister came to address Congress this week, our president petulantly said he would not watch the speech, and later gave it a negative review.

Let's be clear: Whatever diplomatic niceties they may express, despite all those "my friend Barack" utterances, these guys don't like each another. A top Israeli politician has actually said that Benjamin Netanyahu "loathes" President Obama.



BILL O'REILLY

But personal animus is not the main concern here. The issue is Iran, which is led by some of the world's most dangerous villains. The Iranian mullahs have vowed time and time again to redraw the map of the Middle East.

Of course, the map of their fantasies would not include Israel. It would be, to borrow from Nazi terminology, "Judenfrei." Free of Jews.

So it's easy to understand why many Israelis, Benjamin Netanyahu among them, are wary of the deal being negotiated in Switzerland. On one side of the table sit the United States and five other world powers. On the other side sits Iran, which is not keen on being told to curb its nuclear ambitions. The deadline keeps being pushed back, but Secretary of State John Kerry insists that progress is being made.

However estimable his eloquence and passion on Tuesday, Benjamin Netanyahu was premature when he declared this a "very bad deal." There is no deal and walking away now would be a terrible idea. Let's keep talking to the mullahs, let's try mightily to tamp down their nuclear ambitions. Not only for the sake of Israel, but for the sake of global security.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is using a tactical maneuver to pry the Senate into the procedure. In the process, he has angered Democrats and even some of his fellow Republicans.

McConnell would be well-advised to let the negotiators in Switzerland finish their work, which is supposed to be finished by the end of the month. Once a deal is struck, then let the Senate weigh in. If there is no deal or a bad one, draconian sanctions should be put in place that would strangle Iran's economy. As Charles Krauthammer said this week, sanctions are "what brought the Iranians to their knees in the first place."

Americans are desperate for clarity and honesty. A foreign leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, stood before Congress and laid out the dangers in a very powerful and persuasive way. Now it's time for our own leader to explain how these talks in Switzerland will prevent the world's most dangerous nation from building a nuclear bomb. And why a pact with Iran will make the world a safer place.

Whether or not you like Benjamin Netanyahu, Mr. President, you should tell us, clearly and directly, where Bibi is wrong. Or right.

Bill O'Reilly is a talk show host on Fox News. His column runs on Friday in the Minden Press-Herald.

PERSPECTIVE

Light up for higher ed

THE BUDGET Gov. Bobby Jindal rolled out late last week for the fiscal year beginning July 1 was chock full of surprises, including a whopping \$377 million to \$460 million in new taxes on the business community.

Supposedly staring at a \$1.6-billion revenue shortfall heading into the 2015-2016 fiscal year, Jindal pieced together a budget that relies on a hodge-podge of tax increases, higher fees for state services and the like and some relatively minor cuts in spending to balance everything out. The pantywaist crowd, otherwise known as Big Government liberals, seems pleased.

The hundreds of millions of dollars in new taxes on businesses come courtesy of the state discontinuing its more than 20-year practice of refunding to businesses the amount of money businesses pay in ad valorem taxes to local government. Known affectionately as the inventory tax, Louisiana is one of only a handful of states across the country that levies it. Actually, local governments levy the tax, but since the early 1990s the state has refunded the money that businesses fork over for the inventory tax locally. The program was put in place to give the business community some breathing room financially and with hopes of fostering the appearance that Louisiana is business friendly.

While Jindal's budget peels some \$200 million in state funding out of higher education, the governor concocted a plan for colleges and universities to extract more money from students, and smokers are going to pay for it. Being a former smoker, I couldn't care less.

It certainly seems a bit odd, though, for the administration to give colleges and universities the green

light to levy a tuition surcharge on students, but they or whoever pays the tuition can recover the surcharge by applying for a refund from the state. The state would pay the refunds with money generated by higher taxes on cigarettes.

Since a majority of smokers in Louisiana are poor and/or minorities, an aspiring African-American lawmaker could argue the state is attempting to tax blacks so some affluent white kids can get a refund to go to college. I've got a \$100 that says the pantywaist crowd doesn't want to acknowledge this.

But if the panties fit, wear them. Noticeably absent from Jindal's budget was any tinkering with the state's film tax credit program. Created a number of years ago to incentivize the movie industry to make more movies in Louisiana, the program provides tax credits to filmmakers, who can either sell them to Louisianians who desire to lighten their tax bill owed to the state or can sell the credits back to the state for 85 cents on the dollar.

Either way, the state gets the short end of the stick.

The Grand Poobah in the budget, though, is Jindal's proposal to squash the inventory tax refund program. Make no mistake, it would negatively impact tens of thousands of businesses throughout Louisiana, large and small. There will be layoffs if the refund program disappears, and businesses will think twice before expanding their operations in Louisiana.

We're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars being ripped out of the hands of job creators.

It's a bad idea through and through.

Yet, Jindal's proposal on the inventory tax front is being well received in some corners, particularly among those who work for the state in some capacity. That shouldn't surprise us.

It also shouldn't surprise us to see some of the state's daily newspapers applaud the rush to tax business and industry to further the growth of government. What else do you expect from an editorial writer who isn't responsible for meeting a payroll and paying payroll withholding taxes and paying for health insurance for employees?

The word "clueless" comes to mind.

Pantywaist does, too. If you had the opportunity to tune in Tuesday morning to watch Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speak to a joint session of the Congress, you saw Netanyahu explain very clearly why President Obama should rethink his entire approach toward striking an agreement with Iran over that militant state's nuclear weapons program.

You, like me, also witnessed a man exhibit what a true leader looks like. Not a follower. Not a community organizer. Not a hack.

And certainly not a coward.

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PHI DELTA KAPPA

New members inducted

Induction ceremony of the winter 2014-2015 Epsilon Rho new members was held recently at St. Rest Baptist Church. New members are Gwenzetta Bradford, Felicia Harris, Sonia Holliday, Bewanichi Sheppard and LaTanjorea Smith.

P-5 (to the fifth power), five enthusiastically energetic ladies, dressed identically in black suits, presented their talents in an original skit. The skit, "Dare to Have Power," tells of a teacher who finds her special power. Each incoming new member represented her special power.

Gwenzetta Bradford, English teacher at North Webster High School, represented Remarkable Power; Felicia Harris, teacher at J. L. Jones Elementary, represented Diligent Power; Sonia Holliday,



New Epsilon Rho members are Bewanichi Sheppard, left, Felicia Harris, LaTanjorea Smith, Gwenzetta Bradford, Sonia Holliday. Courtesy photo

teacher at Doyline High School, represented Harmonious Power; Bewanichi Sheppard, principal of Webster Jr. High School, represented Independent Power; and LaTanjorea Smith, English teacher at Webster Jr. High,

represented Intelligent Christmas fellowship.

Prior to induction, the ladies participated in B.O.S.S. program, serviced the nursing homes with personal necessities and delivered plates provided by a local church.

NANCY'S KITCHEN

A blackberry cream cheese blessing

My hairdresser, Dorothy Parks, proprietor of Hair Teasers Beauty Salon is not only my hairdresser but has become a dear friend. She recently fell, injured her (it would be) right hand and was unable to work for a few weeks. Until she was able to return, hairdresser Lee took care of cutting my hair.

I always enjoy being in the shop; it is a cheerful place. I like and prefer going on Friday when Gloria and Lee are also there. We talk and laugh; it's a party-like atmosphere.

The shop has a bookcase of used books donated by customers that anyone is welcome to take home for keeping if they wish.

There is always a table of homemade goodies (any visit) provided by the hairdresser(s) and sometimes friends, available to everyone.

to contribute treats now and then.

Hot water for coffee or tea is always there for those that wish to make a hot drink. Unique homemade canned jellies, jams and various condiments are accessible to buy. In a corner is an ongoing cross-word puzzle for those that might want to insert a few pieces. It is such a warm and welcoming place, I always look forward to my appointments.

During Dorothy's injury, her husband, Jack became chief chef in their household. Dorothy admitted he did great in the kitchen. Perhaps a new aspiration for him?

Can you believe the kindness in Jack's and Dorothy's hearts? In Janu-

ary while I was confined to my house with an Upper Respiratory Infection and Dorothy still had not returned to work; Jack made this pie and the two of them brought it to my house. How very blessed I am.

Even during Dorothy's confinement, she was thoughtful enough to think of others ... that's my Dorothy! Jack was gracious to share this KEEPER recipe with me and I am pleased to pass it along to all you reading today's Minden Press-Herald. My appreciation goes out to my friends, Jack and Dorothy.

BLACKBERRY CREAM CHEESE PIE

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14 oz.) sweetened condensed can (I prefer Eagle Brand)
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 (21 oz.) can blackberry pie filling (any canned fruit flavor pie filling can be used)

Beat cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk together until smooth. Blend in lemon juice and vanilla; beat until smooth. Pour into a graham cracker crust and chill. When ready to serve, top with the canned pie filling.



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- Alzheimer's**
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events

- Save the Date!**
Senior Friends
Tuesday, April 7, 1:30 - 2:30pm
Webster Parish Library - Stewart Center
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classes

- Breastfeeding Class**
Third Tuesday of each month - 6:00-8:30pm
MMC Ed Building 729 Main Street
318-371-5660
- Prepared Childbirth Classes**
Second Monday of each month
6:00-8:00pm - MMC Ed Building, 729 Main Street
318-371-3242
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Around Town

Saturday, March 7

Plate lunch benefit for cancer victim Jameelah Salim from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Cullen. Lunches available for \$8 per plate. Free gospel concert at 6 p.m. at the church.

Jonquil Jubilee Garden Tour will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Gibsland. Tickets for the self-guided tour are \$10 and will be available at the Jubilee booth. Begin the day with a pancake breakfast from 8 until 10 a.m. at a cost of \$5.

Sunday, March 8

Springfield Baptist Church, 2287 Hwy. 517, Mt. Lebanon, will celebrate its 151st Church Anniversary at 3 p.m. The Rev. Calvin Williams is pastor; guest speaker and choir are the Rev. John Cole and Mt. Comfort Baptist Church.

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church, 1686 Fuller Road, Dr. George Rice, pastor, will host a Pastor's Aide Program at 2 p.m. Special guests will be Pastor Richard Jefferson and Zion Hill Baptist Church of Doyline. All are invited.

Tuesday, March 10

Susan G. Komen of Northwest Louisiana, Martin Luther King Health Center, St. Luke's Episcopal Ministry and Partners in Wellness will host Pink Ribbon Pop Up from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Walmart in Springhill. There will be free breast health screenings and mammograms, as well as other health screenings.

Linda Clarke will present a workshop teaching ways to write books, get them edited and published, as well as how to search and write about family legacies and heritages from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Webster Parish Library Stewart Center. For more information, call 371-3080, ext. 123.

Thursday, March 12

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for fourth week: Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem (Mark 8:22-10:52).

Friday, March 13

Entry forms and fees are due for Lakeside's Elementary Beauty Pageant for ages 12 months to 12 years. Call Abby Reynolds at 318-464-5084 or Lakeside High School for information and forms. Make checks payable to Lakeside High School Yearbook and mail with completed forms to Lakeside High School, 9090 Hwy. 371, Sibley, LA 71073.

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GOLF TOURNEY
 Richland State Bank tourney coming up soon

It's time to sign up to tee off at the fifth annual Richland State Bank Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit UCAP (United Christian Assistance Program). The event, scheduled for April 11 and 12, is the biggest yearly fundraiser for the non-profit organization that helps folks who are down on their luck.

John Earnhardt, one of the tournament coordinators, says the event at Pine Hills Country Club has gained in popularity over the past few years.

"It's a 2-man scramble at \$300 per team entry," Earnhardt said. "That includes food and beverages for two days. Hugh Wood is catering lunch and dinner with a live band and a Calcutta (open auction) Saturday evening."

Cash payouts depend on the number of entries.

"For the amount of money you put in, we are probably one of the best paying charity tournaments in the area," he said. "Last year's payouts were \$10,000 over five flights."

In 2014, the tournament raised \$9,000 for UCAP.

"Hopefully, we will do better than that this year," Earnhardt said. "We've become known as a very good tournament to be involved in. The golfers like it."

While Richland State Bank is the main sponsor, there are several \$1,000 sponsors and \$125 hole sponsors. Earnhardt says they are always looking for more.

This year, the field will be limited to 60 teams; however, as long as the roster isn't full, they will accept teams up until the day before the tournament. To date, 40 teams have entered either at Pine Hills or committed to play on the club's Facebook page.

"The teams are not pre-flighted," Earnhardt said. "We will flight them after play on Saturday."

For more information about the tournament or to be a sponsor, contact Earnhardt at 318-218-4909 or Ralph Williams at 377-4628.

COLLEGE BB
 LSU tournament hopes take a hit

Despite a 15-point home loss to Tennessee on Wednesday night, the LSU basketball team was a No. 10 seed on two projected NCAA tournament brackets Thursday morning.

LSU remained a No. 10 seed in the Midwest regional in the eyes of ESPN.com bracketologist Joe Lunardi, who now has the Tigers playing seventh-seeded San Diego State in Omaha, Nebraska.

CBSports.com bracket expert Jerry Palm dropped LSU from an eight seed to 10th on his bracket. Palm has the Tigers facing No. 7 seed St. John's in the Midwest regional in Louisville, Kentucky.

LSU (21-9, 10-7 Southeastern Conference) will close the regular season on Saturday at Arkansas, where a victory would significantly boost the Tigers' NCAA tournament chances. The Razorbacks had an RPI of 18 on Thursday morning, according to NCAA.com.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

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The Minden Invitational Tournament sponsored by Brown Chrysler has been rescheduled due to another spell of winter weather.

The tournament was supposed to kick off Thursday, but as Mother Nature moved in overnight blanketing the city in snow, plans were forced to change.

To compensate for the lost day of play, the tournament will now be played at both Griffith Stadium and Lakeside High School.

The new schedule of

games is as follows.

- Friday**
Griffith Stadium
 4 p.m. Parkway vs. St. Mary's
 6 p.m. Minden vs. St. Mary's
 8 p.m. Minden vs. Parkway
- Lakeside**
 4 p.m. Natchitoches Central vs. North DeSoto
 6 p.m. Natchitoches Central vs. Lakeside
 8 p.m. North DeSoto vs. Lakeside
- Saturday**
Griffith Stadium
 10 a.m. Parkway vs. Lakeside
 12 p.m. Natchitoches Central vs. Parkway
 2 p.m. Minden vs. Natchitoches Central
 4 p.m. North DeSoto vs. St. Mary's
 6 p.m. Minden vs. Lakeside



GLENBROOK APACHE BASEBALL

Alumni game brings back memories



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From the Sports Desk

It's been a long time since I've thrown a baseball, but it looks like it's time to loosen up the old arm.

Recently, I received a Facebook notification for a pretty special event, the Glenbrook Alumni baseball game.

The game is for all Glenbrook School Alumni, as well as parents of current Glenbrook students, and will be played on Saturday, March 21 at Apache Field. The game will be five innings instead of seven to account for how old and out of shape we all are.

When I first heard the game was going to be played, I couldn't help

but get excited about the chance to put my cleats back on and play ball at a place that holds such a special place in my heart.

Some of the best times of my life came on the diamond at Glenbrook School and when opportunity knocked offering a chance to play on that field once again, I had to say yes.

It doesn't take much to send me on a trip down memory lane. Apache baseball reminds me of days filled with sunflower seeds, sunshine, diving catches, long-balls and even a district championship, or five in a row, if you were lucky enough to come through the Glenbrook program when I did.

But more important than all of those things are the people I think about.

Baseball turns teammates into brothers, as anyone who has played

the game will tell you. As many good times as we shared on the field, there were probably twice as many memories made in practice or dugout downtime.

Baseball just wouldn't have been as much fun if not for the pre-game rituals between buddies, long bus rides listening to music and goofing off, or hilarious hotel room stories on playoff trips.

We won't get into details on that matter.

Many of the people I share these memories with are off doing their own thing these days. Some have careers, while others are still in school trying to find their path. I've been lucky enough to maintain a pretty decent level of contact with the members of my graduating class, and expect to see them at the game - no excuses! I also look forward to seeing the older

guys who came before me, as well as the most recent Glenbrook alumni who should still have plenty of gas in the tank.

Some guys will show up strictly to show they can still bring the heat, track down a fly ball in the gap or still put one on top of the gym. However, for me, the game isn't really about going 3-3 at the plate with 5 RBI or striking out every batter who steps in the box. I couldn't do it back then and I sure can't now.

The alumni game is about reconnecting with your past. It's about old teammates, seeing a few of the fans or parents who cheered you on in your playing days, and the administration that always had your best interest in mind, even if you didn't know it.

Most importantly, it's about coming back to where you fell in love with the game and having that feeling of being a ball player again, even if only for a few fleeting hours on a Saturday.



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NFL
 Saints adjust Byrd's contract

The Saints have cleared \$4.8 million in cap space by tweaking Jairus Byrd's contract.

The New Orleans safety converted his \$6 million roster bonus to a signing bonus, spreading it out to hits of \$1.2 million in each of the next five years, per NFLPA documents.

Byrd signed a six-year, \$54 million contract to join the Saints last offseason after spending the first five years of his career in Buffalo.

His cap number for 2015 is now \$5.5 million, down from \$10.3 million.

The Saints are working to move money off the salary cap to get in compliance with league rules by March 10. The team needs to shed around \$15 million more in salary.

New Orleans released running back Pierre Thomas on Wednesday to clear another \$1.735 million from the cap.

Byrd suffered a torn meniscus in October that limited him to four games last season. He tweeted on Wednesday that he's been cleared for action.



Glenbrook Hunter's Super Raffle

Congratulations to last week's big winners in the Glenbrook Hunter's Weekly Super Raffle. Left, Chase Shepard poses with the Taurus Judge pistol won by Jim Berridge of Haughton in the Wednesday, Feb. 25 drawing, with winning numbers 090. Right, Will Michael poses with the Stoger Cattleman 45 LC Revolver won by Richard Polk of Glenmora in the Saturday, Feb. 28 drawing. His winning numbers were 990. The Glenbrook Super Raffle is sponsored by Rockin' Rooster in Minden and Michael's Men's Store and Sporting Goods in Homer. Submitted photos

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

From Cuba to Baton Rouge: Chinaea's interesting path to LSU



Chris Chinaea's first word in life was "ball."

So you can imagine how the rest of Chinaea's life has unfolded.

"Pretty much all baseball," he said during a recent interview.

He uttered "ball" while his parents waited for the normal "mom" or "dad" to tumble from their son's mouth. No, not this kid.

After all, Chinaea was born in Miami to a Cuban family who fled the island country for a better situation. He's been playing some form of baseball since age 2, and he started playing with a ball just at just a few months old — long before his first word. For the first time in his

three-year LSU career, Chinaea is an everyday player for the Tigers. LSU has jumped out to a 12-1 start to the season and is ranked no worse than No. 7 in the nation partly because of this hard-hitting designated hitter who's the son of a Cuban-born father.

Chinaea is one of three players to have started every game this season. He's batting .326, has a pair of doubles and seems to hit in the clutch better than anyone. He's got nine RBIs, and he went 0-for-1 and walked twice in Wednesday's 7-1 win over Grambling.

What's not in those numbers? Just how hard Chinaea hits a baseball. He leads the team in exit speed, the speed of a ball off of the bat.

Since the LSU staff began using the TrackMan technology in 2013, no player has topped or matched the exit speed on a Chinaea hit last fall: 113 miles per hour.

A good exit speed is 98 to 100 mph. That's routine for

the 5-foot-11, 220-pound junior.

"He hits the ball harder than anybody on the team," said Will Davis, the program's longtime assistant. "If he gets the barrel on the ball, he can't not hit it over 100."

It's one of the reasons Chinaea has started the year batting cleanup. To stay in that spot, coaches want him to learn how to "lift" more of these hard-hit balls over the fence.

Chinaea had two homers last year, the only long balls of his LSU career. He hit 27 during a four-year high school career that led to such a hot recruitment. Chinaea never batted lower than .481 in high school, and he hit .597 as a sophomore — right around the time he committed to stay home and play at Miami.

Miami pulled its scholarship offer months later.

"They had a change in their assistant coaching staff, and their new recruiting coordinator came in and decided Chris

didn't fit into their plans," coach Paul Mainieri said. "We found out about that. We had always liked him."

LSU has long recruited Florida — three of its everyday players are from that state, including Danny Zardon and Conner Hale. South Florida, specifically, is burgeoning with a baseball-playing, Cuban community.

Chinaea's father, Carlos, then 2 or 3-years old, fled to Florida with his mother during the time Fidel Castro began to assume power of the country in the 1960s. Carlos' father came six years later.

Chinaea's mother, Maria, is the only member of her family born in the U.S. Her parents and two sisters fled Cuba, too.

The U.S. and Cuba are moving toward normalization of relations for the first time in 50 years. Chinaea hears about it often when returning home.

"They won't go back," Chinaea said.

The family is entrenched in south Florida.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tech's special senior class key in conference clinching victory



RUSTON - For the three seniors, tears were held back during the pregame ceremony but it was nothing but smiles after the game.

Michale Kyser recorded a double-double. Kenneth Smith had 10 assists and Raheem Appleby scored a team-high 23 points to lead Louisiana Tech to a 72-61 victory over Southern Miss to clinch the outright Conference USA regular season title on Thursday night in front of 5,805 fans in the Thomas Assembly Center.

After sharing the conference title the past two years, LA Tech (24-7, 15-3 C-USA) was able to celebrate as sole champions and the wrapping up of the No. 1 seed in the league tournament on its home floor in what was its 29th straight victory in the TAC.

The trio of seniors also celebrated the fact that they became the winningest Bulldogs in program history and what a performance it was by all three.

Kyser recorded season-highs in points (19) and rebounds (14), Speedy dished at double-digit assists for the ninth time this season and Appleby surpassed two Bulldog legends - Paul Millsap and Karl Malone - on the all-time career scoring list.

"It is fitting for these guys to have this opportunity and have this party," head coach Michael White said. "They accomplished so much and they are great young men who have done so much for our program. I do not want to say that it is fitting that we won the championship outright, because it is a heck of a league, but because we had the opportunity to win it outright, it felt perfect on senior night."

The Bulldogs shot 27-of-61 (44 percent) from the field and only made six three-pointers out of 28 attempts, but it was their defense that carried them home. They wound up forcing 21 turnovers and scoring 28 points off of the turnovers.

Both teams traded runs in the first half, but it was the Dogs who came out on top at

the midway point, 26-24, thanks to two three-pointers by Jacobi Boykins and a break-away dunk by Appleby to finish out the first stanza.

Southern Miss (9-20, 4-14 C-USA) was still weathering the storm four minutes into the second half, down 35-31 with 16:27 to play after a made jumper by Matt Bingaya, but then the storm turned into a category-5 hurricane.

After seven straight points by LA Tech, Appleby stole the ball at midcourt and then tossed an alley-oop pass to Xavian Stapleton who shook the building with his one-handed slam.

On the following possession, Speedy came up with the steal and passed it to a wide open Appleby who nailed the three-pointer from the wing to

go on what was a 7-0 run that took just 25 seconds.

"They did what they do," White said about the seniors. "They played to their strengths. Over the past three or four weeks, Michale Kyser has been incredible. I thought Speedy did Speedy and Raheem made some hard shots. Raheem really put us on his back offensively."

The 14-point lead with 14:19 to go was safe as the Golden Eagles never got the deficit down to single digits the rest of the way.

"We knew we were playing a capable opponent," White said. "We had our hands full with Southern Miss. I thought they were terrific with their preparation. Doc has done a great job holding it together all year through their adversity.

We kept our minds set on the task at hand. This is not our last game. We are eager to prepare for next week so we can do something in Birmingham."

Despite being in foul trouble all game and only playing 11 minutes, redshirt sophomore Erik McCree joined Kyser and Appleby in double figures with 10 points.

Southern Miss was led by Shadell Millinghaus who had a game-high 25 points, 22 of those coming in the second half. USM finished the game shooting 46 percent from the field (25-of-55).

For LA Tech, they will have to wait until Saturday night at the conclusion of all the league games to see who it will play the winner out of and at what time.

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Harrison Ford survives crash-landing on golf course

LOS ANGELES — When a man battles Darth Vader, Nazis and other evil-doers for work, what does he do for fun? Harrison Ford's answer is found in a pilot's license and the freedom to take to the skies at will.

But with adventure comes risk, just as Han Solo, Indiana Jones and other daring movie characters brought to life by Ford realized. On Thursday, one of Hollywood's preeminent stars added a plane crash to an aviation record that includes both mishaps and public service.

Ford, 72, who as dashing archaeologist Jones battled Hitler's henchmen in the World War II-set "Raiders of the Lost Ark," was flying a vintage plane of that era when it lost engine power shortly after takeoff from Santa Monica Municipal Airport.

The plane crash-landed on a golf course near the airport where Ford houses the craft.

He was pulled from the plane and given initial help by doctors who happened to be playing golf on the course that is right next to Santa Monica Municipal Airport, Los Angeles fire officials said. He was then taken by ambulance to a hospital in a condition described as fair-to-moderate.

"He had no other choice but to make an emergency landing, which he did safely," Ford spokeswoman Ina Treციokas said. "He was banged up and is in the hospital receiving medical care."

The injuries are not life-threatening and he is expected to make a full recovery, she said in a statement Thursday night. "No one on the ground was hurt."

Ford, who is known to shun attention to his private life, has been publicly effusive about his love of



flying. After arriving in his own plane at a 2001 fundraising gala for Seattle's Museum of Flight, Ford said he was glad to help "engage kids in the romance and the mystery and the adventure of flying. ... I know what it means."

Ford took off from the LA area airport at 2 p.m. Thursday. About 20 minutes later, he told the tower that he had engine failure and was making an immediate return, according to a recording posted by the website LiveATC.net.

The plane had been flying at about 3,000 feet and hit a tree on the way down, according to witnesses and officials.

Ford had a cut to his forehead and scraped arms, but it wasn't clear what internal injuries he may have had, Los Angeles Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Butler said. "He wasn't a bloody mess. He was alert. He had good vitals," Butler

said. The bystanders pulled him from the plane because they were afraid it might explode or catch fire, Butler said.

The plane, a yellow 1942 Ryan Aeronautical ST3KR with stars on its wings, was upright and with damage mostly confined to the front. No one on the ground was hurt.

"I would say that this is an absolutely beautifully executed — what we would call — a forced or emergency landing, by an unbelievably well-trained pilot," said Christian Fry of the Santa Monica Airport Association.

The airport's single runway sits amid residential neighborhoods in the city of more than 90,000 on the Pacific Ocean. City leaders and many residents advocate closing the airport, citing noise and safety concerns. Other airplanes taking off or landing there have crashed into homes,

and in September 2013 four people died when their small jet veered into a hangar and caught fire.

He came down on a fairway of Penmar golf course.

"Immediately you could see the engine started to sputter and just cut out, and he banked sharply to the left," said Jeff Kuprycz, who was golfing when he saw the plane taking off. "He ended up crashing around the eighth hole."

Kuprycz estimated the plane was about 200 feet overhead when it plunged to the ground.

"There was no explosion or anything. It just sounded like a car hitting the ground or a tree or something. Like that one little bang, and that was it," Kuprycz said.

Charlie Thomson, a flight instructor at the airport who saw Ford take off, said engine failure like Ford's does not make the plane harder to maneuver. "It just means you have to

go down," he said.

Gloria Dedios lives across street from the golf course. She was making juice in the kitchen when she heard the plane crash and the ground shook.

On the golf course, she saw four or five people helping Ford. Paramedics arrived and asked him to move his head and his arms, which he did. He also was able to move his legs.

Ford plays the swash-buckling Solo again in his fourth "Star Wars" movie, set for release in December. The original "Star Wars" in 1977 made Ford an overnight star who later played the whip-slashing Jones in four hugely popular movies.

Ford got his pilot's license in the 1990s and has made headlines with his flying before, though he had never been significantly injured doing it. In 2001, he rescued a missing Boy Scout with his helicop-

ter. Nearly a year before, he rescued an ailing mountain climber in Jackson, Wyoming.

In 2000 in Lincoln, Nebraska, a gust of wind sent a six-seat plane Ford was piloting off the runway. He and his passenger were not injured.

He has also volunteered his services during forest-fire season, when rescue helicopters are busy fighting blazes.

The actor, who is married to Calista Flockhart of "Ally McBeal" fame, has said his rescues "had nothing to do with heroism."

"It had to do with flying a helicopter. That's all," he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the crash in a process that could take up to a year before a final report. NTSB investigator Patrick Jones said "we're going to look at everything: weather, man, the machine."

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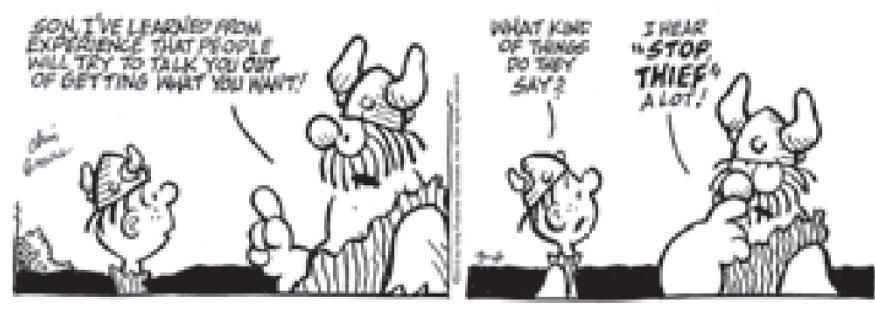
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