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Maness pleads guilty

Sentencing includes paying \$25k in restitution, 5 years probation

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A Minden woman charged with stealing thousands from her employer pled guilty to felony theft in court Monday.

Erin Maness, originally

charged with racketeering, pled guilty to felony theft in front of 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Cox. She was ordered to pay \$25,000 in restitution and was sentenced to five years at hard labor suspended, five years active supervised probation.

Maness's charges were

upgraded in May to racketeering on an amended bill for charges of theft of \$1,500 or more, racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering.

Maness was originally charged with one count of felony theft of more than \$12,000 and 28 counts of theft of business records, Webster Parish Sheriff Gary Sexton said at the time of her arrest.

The business records

were state certificates, he says.

WPSO's investigation revealed Maness had been taking checks and cash intended for her employer for more than a year. The thefts were said to have occurred from Jan.

2013 through April 2014. She had been employed at the business for a little more than one and a half years.

The bill of information listed six different times between April 2013 and September 2013 in which Maness committed theft of about \$400 each time. The second count accuses Maness of conspiring with her husband to commit theft by fraud.



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GROUND BREAKING



ROCKETFAST CAR WASH BREAKS GROUND

A ground breaking ceremony took place Tuesday for Rocketfast Car Wash. Owner Don Robertson says construction should take five to six months, weather permitting, and will bring around 10 jobs to the area. The Homer Road location will be the fifth for the car wash with others in the Ruston and Monroe area. Rocketfast Car Wash is known for its fast and convenient car washes and free vacuums. Monthly passes will be available for unlimited car washes within the month. Robertson says Minden Mayor Tommy Davis and city officials have been more than accommodating in helping him open the Minden location. Pictured above breaking ground is Rep. Gene Reynolds, Mayor Tommy Davis, Chamber Board Chair, Greg Lee, Lincoln Builders representative Jerry Brasher, owner Robin Robbins, owner Don Robertson, Bancorp South representative John Michael Rowland and Bancorp South representative Kenny Galyean. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

LOUISIANA LAW

Gwen's Law helps fight against domestic violence

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Domestic abuse is prevalent in Louisiana, with some saying the state has led the nation in domestic homicides since 1997.

That's according to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Statistics they provided show that 178 victims of abuse died

between 2010 and 2012, and 74 percent of them were shot to death.

With the implementation of a series of laws, called "Gwen's Law," Webster Parish District Attorney Schuyler Marvin says the law has come a long way in bringing public attention to the issue.

"What that law has done is there is none of this slapping your spouse or house-

hold member around and then posting bail before the sun comes up," Marvin said. "People are actually staying in jail not allowed to immediately post bond, and it causes the court system to take a



MARVIN

hard look at the defendant and the situation because the hearing is centered around the perpetrator's prior bad acts."

They look at whether they are repeat offenders, whether children are present, whether weapons were used, whether the person has threatened others previously or threatened suicide prior to this event and generally the

severity of the situation that provoked the current arrest, he says.

Another benefit, he says, is it causes law enforcement to have to submit a written report to the district attorney's office within 24 hours, including weekends.

Webster Parish Sheriff Gary Sexton says the new law, once everyone under-

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POLICE JURY

Bistineau now open to recreational boaters

STAFF REPORTS

Lake Bistineau has now been reopened to recreational boaters.

According to Webster Parish Police Jury officials, the lake was closed on June 7 to boat traffic after the lake began to rise above flood stage. Waters are now receding, even though the lake levels remain high.

Police Jury President Jim Bonsall says even though the lake is open, he asks boaters to be mindful of those who live around the lake.

"We just ask (boaters) to be careful and slow down when they go by people's property, because the water is still high," he said. "Just have consideration for the property owners around the lake."

It is open day and night, Bonsall says, and again urged caution, especially when boating at night. Boat wakes could potentially cause damage to structures on and around the



BONSALL

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WEBSTER CRIME

Doyline man arrested, accused of hitting girlfriend

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An argument in Doyline turned physical, leading to the arrest of a Doyline man. Justin Lynn Rowell, 27, of the 100 block of Avalon

Shores, was arrested Sunday, June 14, and charged with domestic abuse battery, simple assault and contempt of court for simple criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$14,000

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies

were dispatched to the Avalon Shores residence in reference to a domestic disturbance. Lt. Robert Booth and Capt. Robert Hayden responded to the call and made contact with the victim who told the deputies her boyfriend, identified as Rowell, struck her

during an argument. By the time law enforcement arrived on scene, Rowell reportedly had left the residence. Police searched the Doyline area to no avail. Later that day, deputies were dispatched back to the residence and made contact with Row-

ell, according to reports. He was taken into custody on two warrants issued by the sheriff's office and the domestic abuse battery charge. He was transferred to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.



ROWELL



OOPS!

Construction is underway at First United Methodist Church's multi purpose and children's building and Tuesday the crane being used tipped over. Officials say no one was injured in the fall and a wrecker was called in to set the machine upright. Submitted Photo

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WEATHER

Tropical Storm Bill moves into Texas with more flood threats

DALLAS — Tropical Storm Bill moved slowly over inland Texas on Tuesday, bringing another round of heavy rain to a state weary from recent deadly floods, evacuations and washed-out roads.

The storm came ashore shortly before noon along Matagorda Island with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph before starting to weaken Tuesday afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. By Tuesday night, it was located about 45 miles north of Victoria, in South Texas, with maximum winds of 40 mph.

Typically tropical storms gather power from the warm waters of the ocean and weaken over land, but meteorologist Victor Murphy of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth said it was plausible this one could regain strength. The Texas soil remains saturated from last month's historic rainfall, meaning the phenomenon scientists call the "brown ocean" effect is "still on the table," Murphy said.

Personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency who were sent to Texas and Oklahoma after severe flooding over Memorial Day weekend will remain in the region to help prepare for Tropical Storm Bill and help clean up in its aftermath, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

"I'm not afraid; we've had so many storms," said Maria Cedillo, who stopped by fishing boats docked in Corpus Christi on Tuesday to buy crabs. "When there's a big one coming we move out. But this isn't one of them."

According to projections by the National Weather Service, average rainfall through noon Wednesday for portions of Texas will be 3 to 6 inches, but some isolated areas could see up to 12 inches. Arkansas and Oklahoma could get up to 9 inches of rain in the coming days, and Missouri could get more than 7. After last month's historic rains and floods, the forecast was expected to complicate

ongoing flood-containment efforts.

Major flooding could occur along the Trinity River as it extends through East Texas, according to the weather service, with one portion northeast of Houston nearly 4 feet above flood stage Tuesday. The Guadalupe River north of Corpus Christi also is swollen as it ran more than 5 feet above flood stage.

"We're more vulnerable to flooding right now than usual because we just got through the wettest month on record," Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said.

Galveston County officials already have directed voluntary evacuation of the low-lying Bolivar Peninsula, where Hurricane Ike wiped out most structures in 2008. School districts from Galveston to the Houston suburbs canceled Tuesday's classes and the Coast Guard closed waterways and prohibited the use of smaller vessels. The National Weather Service has issued flash flood warnings for many coastal areas and

tornado warnings for other areas.

The ground remains waterlogged in many parts of Texas so it's unable to absorb much more rain, he said, and that increases the likelihood of flooding.

Nielsen-Gammon said it's not unusual for tropical storms to swarm Texas in June, but he notes it's the early-season storms that are historically responsible for about a third of "extreme rainfall events," meaning 20 inches or more of rain in a single weather event.

An average statewide rainfall of nearly 9 inches was recorded in May, he said, which is more than 2 inches above the previous record.

Memorial Day weekend storms brought wide-

spread flooding to Oklahoma and Texas, killing more than 30 people. At one point last month, 11 inches of rain fell in some parts of the Houston area, resulting in flooding that damaged thousands of homes and other structures and forced motorists to abandon at least 2,500 vehicles across Houston.

Rafael Lemaitre, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said FEMA has paid nearly \$38 million this year in Texas flood insurance claims, with the vast majority associated with last month's deluge.

More than 10 inches of rain fell over a 30-day period across nearly the entire central and eastern portions of Texas — from the Panhandle south to the

Mexico border. Isolated areas received 15 to more than 20 inches.

On Monday, portions of the Red River were near or above flood stage as it runs between Oklahoma and Texas and then extends into Louisiana.

Lake levels across Oklahoma remain high from May rainfall, which has forecasters watching rivers in Arkansas ahead of the tropical system.

"We have had time to recover but not a whole lot," said NWS hydrologist Tabitha Clarke in North Little Rock, Arkansas. "(The tropical system) is going over areas that are already sensitive. ... It's kind of a perfect storm. There are a lot of things lining up."

LAKE

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lake.

Boaters are also urged to use caution when launching and reloading their boats because the water is still higher than

usual around the boat launch areas and may not be clearly defined.

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Times have changed so much from childhood

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

I thought of the many changes in how we live our lives now in contrast to the days when I was young. Each family has its own set of traditions and my family was no different.

Of course we always had black eyed peas cooked with hog jowl for New Years Day. That was supposed to insure good luck for the coming year. (I still follow that tradition even though of all the peas available, those black eyed peas are the least favorite, but the tradition must be upheld.) I know that custom is widespread especially here in the South. That custom originated during the Civil War or immediately following it, according to my son.



AGAN

Old 12 Days
The "old 12 days" were the days following Christmas Day - December 26-January 6. These were the days that certain things must be planted in the garden. I remember my mother always planting little green onions and

turnip greens at that time. There were other crops that were planted, but I cannot remember what all she planted.

Other changes
There were certain other things that my family observed and there is such a change in what my mother considered appropriate for discussion. Morality is one of the first changes that I have noticed. There were some words that we never used in public. One was the word "pregnant," and then there were other sexual words that we were not allowed to use but are common today, not only in public but on television (and I cannot find the courage to print them in this article).

It is hard to explain the way couples co-habitate without benefit of clergy. I am still shocked by that. I mentioned a relative that had been married four times and I said she had two or three concubines besides that.

My son pointed out that concubines were what men had outside of marriage and that was not what you would call the men in women's lives. I still say they had concubines, because I do not know what other word to use. Maybe I should call them "porcupines."

Hosiery

When I was young, no lady appeared in public without hose. During the war, there was no nylon for ladies' stockings. If we were fortunate enough to have a pair to wear to church on Sunday we guarded them carefully. During the week, we learned to use pancake makeup on our legs. It made them look like we had on tan stockings. That is until we began to perspire, and the sweat ran down our legs. It looked like stockings with many runs.

Since our office was not air conditioned until long after the war, I had that happen to me. After the war nylons were available. There were certain ladies who were sticklers for what a lady wore or what a lady would do. In addition to the requirement that we wear stockings in public, there was a "no-no" to sleeveless dresses.

A dress had to have just a little sleeve but never sleeveless. Also ladies' slips had to have a panel to make them shadow proof. If we stood in the light and the slip did not have that extra panel, making it twice as thick, the light behind us outlined the shape of our legs. So we made certain that our slips were thick

enough.

Ladies' hats

I have written about the prerequisite of a hat for morning church services. Now, no one wears a hat to church. While remembering church services I must mention clapping. We never clapped during a worship service for a song or a choir special. That, too, was a "no-no." We were taught that clapping was for a performance and that something done for God was not a performance but was done out of a sincere love for God. I still have a guilty feeling when I clap for some performance in our church.

Taboo

Then, there was the taboo of not riding in a car with more than one boy or man in the same car unless there was another lady there, too. I remember when we had a fire in our kitchen in about 1959, I rode to Shreveport with the man who was repairing the kitchen to select the floor covering. My mother had a "fit" over that. It never crossed my mind to see anything wrong with that. He was a perfect gentleman and I certainly was only interested in selecting the linoleum.

Mother never allowed me to wear shorts or slacks. Certainly no one

ever wore them to church back then (in the 30s and 40s), but now that is one of the most common sights. Almost every lady wears pants suits. Of course not me - Mama made too much of an impression on me to get me to wear pants. I made dozens of pants suits for my daughter to wear as she grew up, and especially after she was attending college. I not only made them but I approved of them. It was alright for her to wear them, but not me.

Rest on Sunday

Another taboo was what you could do on Sundays. No movies, no sewing or any other labor except what was necessary to prepare food for the family. Now everything is open on Sundays. We buy groceries, clothes and many or any other thing we need. I think nothing of doing some necessary bit of housework on Sunday. My mother told me as a young girl that I would have to explain to Jesus, if He chose to come back to earth that day, what I was doing in a Sunday movie. I did not want to do that so I never went to a Sunday movie (but I sure wanted to).

There are so many things that old ladies do not know today, so please forgive us if we make some

glaring error and it turns out to be vulgar. Our minds have not caught up with our age yet.

Four sexes?

I am trying to cope with the idea that God made two sexes, male and female, and now we have four sexes - two kinds of female and two kinds of male. If my mother were alive today she would be astounded at that (as I am).

Along with all the modern inventions that are certainly an improvement over bygone years, I am sure this new "morality" or it should be "immorality" is not an improvement over the way God intended it to be. So just consider this the thoughts of a senile old lady who is not in step with the modern times but is shocked by current lifestyles. I thank God that I am NOT in step with them. I'll stop and put on my elastic support hose before my day's activities begin.

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.

OBITUARY

Misha Rae Hulse Boyne

Misha Rae Hulse Boyne, born on May 23, 1974 in Monroe, died June 14, 2015 in Little Rock, Arkansas, due to complications from a stroke.

Misha is survived by her husband, Donald Wayne "Duke" Boyne; her mother, Cindy Cook Price and husband, Tad, of Little Rock; her father, Mark Hulse and wife Denise, of Richmond, Texas; her sister, Kristen Castillon and husband Ramsses, and newborn niece, Camila Rae Castillon, all of Little Rock; and her brother, Eric Hulse of Sugar Land, Texas.

Misha is preceded in death by her

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Hulse and Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Boe" Cook, all of Minden, Louisiana; her mother-in-law, Dianne Savoie, of Houma, Louisiana; and her father-in-law, Don Boyne, also of Houma.

Misha will be remembered for her sweet heart, her beautiful smile, and her unconditional love for friends and family. Misha was a wife, sister, daughter, cousin, aunt and friend who was loyal and kind. The love she shared for her husband was palpable to all who met the couple; the two were truly the perfect match.



BOYNE

Misha lived life to its fullest, and would rarely miss any event. Misha had a close group of friends, The Boss Ladies that honor their friendship on all occasions. Her house was always filled with friends and family, each day a celebration with Misha, holding court in her self-assigned chair.

Misha never met a stranger. She always found a way to connect with every one she encountered, and managed to take care of everyone who was special in her life. Her family was a priority and she treated her friends as extensions of her family. Misha was the person who everyone counted on to be the ultimate Boss Lady of every situation. Her husband Duke said it best: "to

know her was to love her."

Funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2015 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock. A reception will follow in Morrison Hall. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Misha's life.

Graveside services will be one week later, at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Gardens of Memory in Minden. A reception will follow at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, also in Minden.

Donations can be made to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral or St. Francis House. Arrangements by Ruebel Funeral Home, www.ruebelfuneralhome.com.

LAW

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stands what it means, will act as a stronger deterrent to offenders.

"It's an expensive law to those who have the monitoring device," he said. "They have to pay for this. Before they can bond out of jail, this company has to come and actually put that monitoring device on this individual, and they have to pay for it out of their pocket. And if you don't put that monitor on, you don't leave Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center."

He says the cost of the device is somewhere around \$350 plus whatever court costs and bond the individual must pay. In addition, he says, the com-

pany charges about \$10 per day, which adds up to about \$300 per month the individual must pay to stay out of jail.

"I think there's some good strategy in the law," he continued. "The brunt of the Gwen's law falls on the judges' shoulders...the judge has to make a determination whether that individual wears a monitoring device or not. If the judge does not stipulate in open court that a monitoring device is necessary, then we don't put a monitoring device on him."

If one is deemed necessary, Sexton says, then they call a company out of Tyler, Texas to come to Webster Parish and install the device on the individual. He says there are two kinds of devices, one that is instantaneous and one for every 24 hours. The sheriff

prefers the instantaneous device because they know where the individual is and whether they have stepped outside the boundaries of the device.

Gwen's Law went into effect August 1, 2014. The law sets stronger restrictions on alleged perpetrators and strengthened the laws protecting victims.

The law came about following the shooting death of Gwen Cox Salley. In May 2014, Michael Salley, Gwen's estranged husband, bonded out of jail on charges that he held her and their 7-year-old daughter at gunpoint and threatened to kill her. On May 2, he drove Gwen Salley to a dead-end road where he shot and killed her and himself.

The law also strengthens protective orders and requires a hearing within

five days to determine whether bond will be granted.

Marvin says while it's tough procedurally, he believes it's a good law that has already saved lives.

"I believe that law has changed everything," he said. "There have been people that have had a huge wakeup call that were repeat domestic violence offenders that now know

this is not going to go the way it has gone before. So the public is well aware of that and it has caused some to pause before acting."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rule of law

To the Editor:

We have, or did have, our U.S. Rule of Law. We cannot have a working rule of law without its proper enforcement. Today our rule of law has evolved and regressed to "mob rule." In my opinion, ever since the Ferguson, Missouri incident where a police officer did what he had to do legally, Al Sharpton, Eric Holder, and even the president chimed in accusing the police officer and the entire police department of wrong doing.

Ever since this incident there has and still is a common thread of instances across the country. The common thread is the thugs, the outsiders that always seem to be present at any local disturbance. There have been arrests of many, but I haven't heard yet of any follow up on these arrests. Who is sponsoring them?! Who is paying them?! These thugs that always seem to appear surely are not doing it on their own, spending days at a time.

Some of the thugs, agitators, and criminals have been seen at more than one location. This cannot be controlled by our rule of law; we will soon be controlled by mobs! I prefer protecting our law enforcement and backing them in any way that we can. Law enforcement officers have a check point in place which is the District Attorney and if necessary the Judge. Let's let our civil legal work as written. It works! Law AND order!

Jack L. Daniels

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PERSPECTIVE

An open letter to Gov. Bobby Jindal

Dear Gov. Jindal,

As a Republican who works in the news media, I have followed your tenure as governor of our great state. In fact, I was excited when you took office in 2008. Many of us were weary from the previous administration's mis-handling of Hurricane Katrina and looked forward to your sensible approach to government.

In the months that followed, you held a special session to address ethics and accountability — and you saw fit to push legislation that eliminated the Stelly Tax, which immediately improved the bottom lines of many taxpayers.

New business was looking to Louisiana and it seemed your agenda would put our state on the map — in a good way. Your star was certainly rising.

But then something happened. You forgot you were governor of Louisiana and tried to become the national mouthpiece for conservatives and the GOP. Unfortunately, your policies did not line up with your rhetoric. Our state

began to face some real fiscal difficulties, while you traveled the nation touting how you were refusing to raise taxes. Might I remind you, Governor, that you were hired to be a problem solver, not a public relations agent.

On occasion, we have caught glimpses of the governor we thought we were getting, especially in the economic development realm. We are left wondering what could have been if we had that governor full time.

As we entered this year's legislative session, I watched for leadership from "the 4th floor." Facing perhaps the greatest budget deficit of our lifetimes, you took the podium and outlined your priorities. I was shocked to learn that near the top of the list was House Bill 707, The Marriage and Conscience Act by Rep. Mike Johnson, R-Bossier City.

Grabbing national headlines, this legislation merely rattled a saber, bringing undue attention to our state. Time and resources were dispatched to consider HB 707, a measure that many felt was unnecessary in Louisiana. Attention was diverted from "real" problems at hand and was at the least a distraction.

As a result, HB 707 met a sound defeat in committee. But that wasn't good enough for you.

Almost immediately, you issued an executive order to

make the provisions of HB 707 the law of the land in Louisiana. I am sure the courts will decide if you exceeded your authority.

Over the past 7 years, I have heard conservatives lament the fact President Obama would often circumvent Congress with executive orders. Yet, in this case, it would appear you have done the exact same thing. What is the point of the three branches of government, if we fail to honor the role of each?

In the coming days, you will be deciding whether or not you will seek the office of President of the United States. Might I remind you there are still solutions needed in your home state. We could use true leadership in these days, not an absentee governor.

However, should you decide to throw your hat into the presidential ring, I would hope you would visit a high school civics class and become reacquainted with the checks and balances of our system of government. In 2016, we will elect a new president — not a king.

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PERSPECTIVE

Culture and social pathology

A civilized society's first line of defense is not the law, police and courts but customs, traditions, rules of etiquette and moral values. These behavioral norms — mostly transmitted by example, word of mouth and religious teachings — represent a body of wisdom distilled over the ages through experience and trial and error. They include important thou-shalt-nots, such as thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not steal and thou shalt not cheat. They also include all those courtesies that have traditionally been associated with ladylike and gentlemanly conduct.

The failure to fully transmit these values and traditions to subsequent generations represents one of the failings of what journalist Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation." People in this so-called great generation, who lived during the trauma of the Great Depression and fought World War II, not only failed to transmit the moral values of their parents but also are responsible for government programs that will deliver economic chaos.

Behavior accepted as the norm today would have been seen as despicable yesteryear. There are television debt relief commercials that promise to help debtors pay back only half of what they owe. Foul language is spoken by children in front of and sometimes to teachers and other adults. When I was a youngster, it was unthinkable to use foul language to any adult. It would have meant risking a smack across the face. But years ago, parents and teachers didn't have

"experts" on child rearing to tell them that corporal punishment was wrong and ineffective and "time-outs" would be a superior form of discipline. One result of our tolerance for aberrant behavior was that, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, during the 2011-12 academic year, 209,000 primary- and secondary-school teachers were physically assaulted and 353,000 were threatened with injury. As a result of this and other forms of school violence, many school districts employ hundreds of police officers.

Nowadays baby showers are often held for unwed mothers. Yesteryear such an acceptance of illegitimacy would have been unthinkable.

Today there is little or no social sanction or shame for illegitimate births. There are no "shotgun" weddings to make the man live up to his responsibilities. But not to worry. Taxpayers bear the financial burden of illegitimacy. Any economist worth his salt will tell you that if something is taxed, expect less of it. If something is subsidized, expect more of it. Taxpayers have been forced to subsidize slovenly behavior. The statistical evidence proves it. According to the 1938 Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, that year 11 percent of black children and 3 percent of white children were born to unwed mothers. Today 72 percent of black children and 30 percent of white children are born to unwed mothers.

For nearly three-quarters of a century, the nation's liberals have waged war on traditional values, customs and morality. Our youths have been counseled that there are no moral absolutes. Instead, what's moral or immoral is a matter of personal opinion. During the 1960s, the education establishment began to challenge and undermine lessons children learned from their parents and Sunday school with fads such as "values clarification." So-called sex education classes are simply indoctrination that undermines family and church strictures against premarital sex. Lessons of abstinence were considered passe and replaced with lessons about condoms, birth control pills and abortions. Further undermining of parental authority came with legal and extralegal measures to assist teenage abortions with neither parental knowledge nor parental consent.

You say, "OK, Williams, the Greatest Generation is responsible for our moral decline, but what about our economic decline?" Ask yourself: What are the massive government spending programs that threaten to bankrupt our nation in the future? The answer would have to be Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Over 50 percent of today's federal budget is spent on these programs. Around the time when many in the so-called Greatest Generation were born (1920), there were no such programs, and federal spending was \$53 billion. In 2014, federal spending was \$3.5 trillion.

If it were only the economic decline threatening our future, there might be hope. It's the moral decline that spells our doom.

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WALTER WILLIAMS

Around Town

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speaker will be the Rev. Melvin Smith of St. Mark Baptist Church in Doyline.

June 23, 2015

A public information meeting on Lake Bistineau will take place at 6:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Region 1 Office in the Jonathan Glascock Memorial Classroom, located at 9961 Highway 80 in Minden. Space is limited to 100 people.

June 26, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist Church will host Arts and Crafts on the Pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, like Arts and Crafts on the Pond on Facebook.

June 28, 2015

The Longspring COGIC located at 518 Constable St. in Minden will have their annual "Family & Friends Day" program on at 3 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams & Tillman COGIC Family of Heflin, LA. Everyone is Welcome!

Miller Chapel G.B.C located at 2164 Dogwood Trail will celebrate its 9th Pastor's Anniversary for the Rev. Sherman Bradford and Sister Janice Bradford at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Billy Joe Hawkins and Mt. Pilgram B.C. Family.

June 16, 2015

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church will kick off its 2015 Vacation Bible School at 6:30 p.m. and run until June 17.

Antioch Baptist Church on Hwy. 79 will have its revival service at 7 p.m. nightly until June 17.

June 18, 2015

The Minden Chapter of the Diabetic Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Minden Medical Center cafeteria. The speaker will be Dr. Bain Planchard from Planchard Eye and Laser Center in Bossier City. For more information, call 377-0060 or 377-2589.

June 22, 2015

North Acres Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. nightly until June 26. Ages are for entering PK through sixth grade.

June 21, 2015

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ConocoPhillips continues to support the communities in which their employees and families live and work.

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SOCCKER

Wambach leads U.S. women to win

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Abby Wambach is used to scoring with her head. She's not sure how she got her latest goal.

"I think it was my shin guard, to be quite honest," she said. "I'm not 100 percent sure."

Doesn't really matter to Wambach. What does is that she scored, pulling the U.S. national team to a 1-0 victory over Nigeria and into a first-place finish in its group at the Women's World Cup.

That sends the United States to Edmonton, Alberta, for the opening match of the knockout stage against an undetermined opponent.

It was Wambach's first goal in Canada and her 14th overall in a World Cup, pulling her even with Birgit Prinz for second on the all-time list behind Brazil's Marta, who has 15.

"Getting that goal right before the half was big for us," she said. "Not taking too many injuries is also positive, and going out first in our group was absolutely what we set out to do."

Wambach came off the bench for the United States in the team's last match against Sweden. Tuesday, she started up top with Alex Morgan, who was making her first World Cup start in Canada after working her way back from a bone bruise in her left knee.

MLB

Cardinals face

hacking allegations

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Some cybersecurity experts believe professional sports teams have hacked rivals in the past without getting caught.

The St. Louis Cardinals, one of the crown jewel franchises in baseball, now stand accused.

Federal law enforcement authorities are investigating whether the Cardinals illegally accessed a computer database of the Houston Astros. The aim was obtaining information from a front office headed by a former top aide who helped transform St. Louis' scouting operation to a sabermetrics-based system, a person familiar with the situation said Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Major League Baseball, law enforcement officials and the two teams were not disclosing details of the investigation. The New York Times first reported that the FBI and Justice Department were investigating whether Cardinals front-office officials were behind the effort to steal information from the Astros' database, called Ground Control.

"It would be irresponsible to assume that this is the first time an incident like this has occurred — more likely, it's just the first time it's been uncovered," said Craig Newman, chairman of the privacy and data security practice of the New York law firm Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler.

NBA FINALS

GOLDEN STATEMENT



CLEVELAND (AP) — As the final seconds ticked off and the Warriors began bouncing in celebration on their bench, Stephen Curry looked up and saw LeBron James coming at him.

James could do nothing more. He extended a conceding hand and congratulations.

Moments later, Curry was hoisting a trophy in the air — one as golden as his team.

Revived by Curry, their fresh-faced shooting superstar, and bonded by first-year coach Steve Kerr who made them believe, the Warriors ended a 40-year NBA championship drought on Tuesday night by finishing off James and the undermanned Cleveland Cavaliers 105-97 in Game 6.

Curry and finals MVP Andre Iguodala scored 25 points apiece, Draymond Green recorded a triple-double and the Warriors — using a barrage of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to put Cleveland away — won

their first title since 1975 when Gerald Ford was in the White House, disco was in vogue and Rick Barry was flicking in free throws under-handed.

And these Warriors are a lot like Barry and his old crew: fluid, balanced, together. Just like Steve Kerr hoped.

"I'm kind of speechless," said Curry. "This is special. To be able to hold this trophy and all the hard work we've put into it this season, this is special. We're definitely a great team and a team that should go down in history as one of the best teams from top to bottom."

James, who fell to 2-4 in the finals, didn't hide his dejection.

"Doesn't matter if I'm playing in Miami or playing

back on defense holding out three fingers on each hand.

He could have shot an index finger into the air at that point — Golden State is No. 1.

"This has been a long ride," Iguodala said. "It's been a great season."

While Golden State's drought ended, Cleveland's half-century of sports misery rolls on.

James returned from Miami last summer to deliver a title to his home region, but the 30-year-old superstar, left to do most of the work after All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love were injured in the postseason, came two wins shy of giving Cleveland its first pro sports championship since 1964.

The city's three pro teams — the Cavs, Browns and Indians — have gone a combined 144 seasons without one of them winning it all.

It's not that James didn't do everything possible. He finished with 32 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists

and was dominant throughout the series, showing why he's the world's best player.

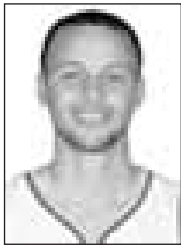
The Warriors were simply the better team.

"We ran out of talent," said James, who sat facing his locker with a towel over his head for nearly an hour after the game. "We gave everything we had."

This series, which opened with two overtime games in Oakland, flipped when Kerr employed a small lineup in the fourth quarter of Game 3 and the Warriors nearly overcame a 20-point deficit before losing.

Kerr stuck with revamped lineup in Game 4, giving Iguodala his first start this season, switching Green to center and benching the ineffective Andrew Bogut. The move was as golden as the Warriors, who finished with 83 wins, the third-highest single-season total in history.

Only the 1995-96 and 1996-97 Bulls won more, and Kerr was on both of those teams.



CURRY

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Lange's complete game helps LSU to victory



OMAHA, Neb. -- National Freshman Pitcher of the Year Alex Lange threw a complete game six-hitter and the Tigers' bats came alive for 13 hits, as the LSU baseball team eliminated Cal State Fullerton from the College World Series, 5-3, on Tuesday.

Lange, who became the third pitcher in LSU history to start a season 12-0, allowed three runs on four straight hits in the first inning before recovering to complete a brilliant performance. After the first, he gave up only two hits while striking out 10. Aaron Nola (2013) and Lloyd Peever (1992) each reached a dozen wins without a loss at LSU.

His complete game was

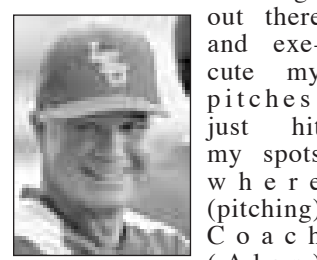
the first by an LSU pitcher in the College World Series since Brett Laxton won the 1993 championship game against Wichita State.

"Obviously, the understatement of the day is that we're so happy to get a win finally at TD Ameritrade Ballpark," said LSU coach Paul Mainieri. "Beautiful ballpark and a wonderful city. But it was like it was a 'curse' on the LSU Tigers for a couple of years. But great ballgame. Obviously the story of the game was Alex Lange, who has been just absolutely terrific all year. He just put the team on his shoulders after a rough first inning."

"I just think the true character of a player shows when they get knocked on the ground like he did in the first inning, and then he just regrouped, never lost his confidence, never lost his aggressiveness."

"I wasn't really nervous or anything, or amped up," Lange said. "I left a couple of pitches up and they do what good hitters do, they

hit the ball. I took a step back and regrouped in the dugout and just really focused on what I needed to do to go out there and execute my pitches, just hit my spots where (Alan) Dunn and (catcher) Kade (Scivicque) calls them and leave it up to the defense. They've been great all year. Pitching with that defense behind me makes it real easy."



MAINIERI

LSU's high-powered offense broke a streak of four games without double figure hits and took its first lead of the 2015 CWS with a four-run top of the third inning.

Alex Bregman, batting leadoff for the first time this season, was 4-for-5 with singles in each of his first four at bats -- three of which

started innings. Mark Laird, who batted eighth, was 3-for-4 while Kade Scivicque was 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs.

"It was great to see Bregman have a big game," Mainieri said. "It was great to see Laird have a big game, and Kade has been so outstanding for us all year. We had 13 hits, unfortunately scored only five runs. We made it a little tougher on Alex (Lange) than it needed to be. We needed to take advantage of a few more opportunities that we did have, and we'll have to do better as we go forward if we want to continue to play."

"But we'll take the win. We're not going to critique too much of it today. We're just happy to win a game."

LSU (54-11) returns to action on Thursday at 7 p.m. CT and will face TCU, which lost 1-0 to Vanderbilt on Tuesday night. The game will be televised by ESPN and broadcast on the LSU Sports Radio Network beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Tigers' big inning

came in the top of the third when Bregman, Jake Fraley and Scivicque each singled to left off Titans starter Connor Seabold (5-4). Bregman scored on Scivicque's hit and Fraley came around to score on a single to right by Chris Sciambra that sent Seabold to the shower. A sacrifice fly off CSF reliever Miles Stevenson scored Scivicque to tie the game at 3-3.

With two outs, Chris Chinea singled to put runners on first and second, then Laird lined a single through the right side. LSU took a 4-3 lead and never looked back behind Lange.

Chambers got into a groove until the seventh inning when Scivicque doubled to left-center field and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Conner Hale. Cal State Fullerton went to the bullpen, and LSU countered with pinch hitter Danny Zardon, who hit a sacrifice fly on the first pitch to give Lange another insurance run, 5-3.

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'Infinitely Polar Bear'

a love letter to sick dad

In 1978, when writer-director Maya Forbes was 10 years old, her mother went away to graduate school, leaving Forbes and her little sister in the care of their mentally ill dad. The girls, and even their mom, didn't fully understand his diagnosis of bipolar disorder. Doctors still called it manic-depression in those days.

Dad was unable to work, so while mom pursued studies that would improve the family's financial lot, he spent a year and a half raising their daughters in his own unconventional way.

Forbes draws on her childhood for her directorial debut, "Infinitely Polar Bear," a quiet, personal film that plays as a cinematic love letter to her dad.

It may be overly ambitious, aiming to make race and gender secondary themes while depicting the toll mental illness can take on a family, but succeeds with compelling performances and a deeply heart-felt story about the father-daughter bond.

Cam Stuart (Mark Ruffalo) is crazy about his family, and also just a little crazy. He struggles with bipolar disorder, which his youngest daughter mistakenly calls "polar bear." Wife Maggie (Zoe Saldana) still believes he's a capable parent, even after a mental breakdown lands him in the hospital. She leaves him in charge of their young daughters, hoping the daily routine of making meals and taking them to school will provide healthy structure to his life.

The novelty wears off quickly for 10-year-old



Amelia and 8-year-old Faith. They're embarrassed by their dad — he can be overly outgoing and oblivious when others are uncomfortable — and ashamed of their apartment, where clothes, clutter and his half-finished projects cover every surface.

But there are upsides to Cam's ways. He helps his daughters make friends when he spontaneously rallies the neighborhood kids into a basketball game, and he stays up all night making an elaborate, last-minute costume for

Faith's pageant. The girls begin to understand his fragility, and the caretaking becomes reciprocal.

Ruffalo appears in nearly every scene, and he's excellent as chain-smoking Cam, infusing even his most erratic behaviors with a tender sweetness. Ruffalo makes Cam interesting to watch and easy to root for, even as he brings the mania and unpredictability of mental illness to life. Saldana gives Maggie a nuanced strength as a mother conflicted about how to provide the best life for her children.

Cam's relationship with Amelia (a foil for Forbes) is the film's emotional core, and Imogene Wolodarsky, Forbes' real-life daughter, plays her with heartbreaking maturity. Clips of super-8 footage add to the film's family feel. The credits reveal some were actually shot by Forbes' father.

The story and performances are so sincere that "Polar Bear" doesn't suffer much from its loose ends.

Cam and Maggie are a mixed-race couple, but ethnicity plays a foggy role in the film. It's only directly

asked if she is black. Maggie assures her that she is, even if it's not obvious. However, this exchange doesn't connect to anything else in the story. Similarly, Maggie is denied a prestigious job when the employers learn she's a mother, and references are made as to how unusual it is that she's the family breadwinner, but these signs-of-the-times aren't necessary for setting or to justify the challenges of modern parenting, even in the late '70s.

"Infinitely Polar Bear" is a deeply personal movie

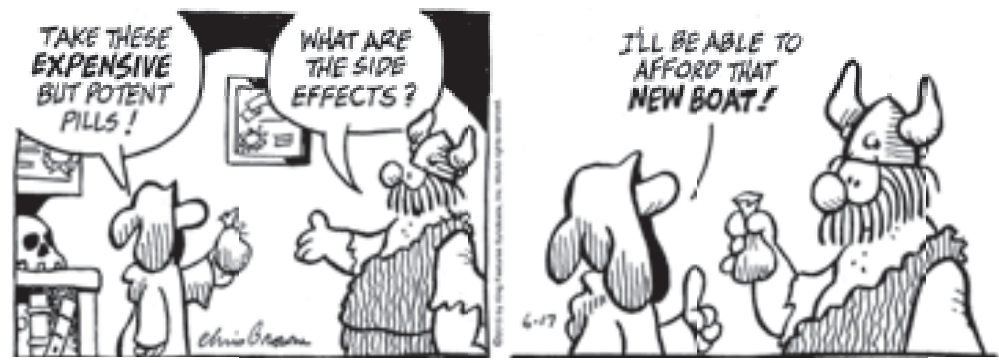
that paints a sympathetic portrait of a family affected by mental illness. It may be a rosy-lensed view, but anyone can understand such idealization of parental love. Forbes dedicates the movie to her mom and dad.

"Infinitely Polar Bear," a Sony Pictures Classics release, is rated R for language by the Motion Picture Association of America. Running time: 88 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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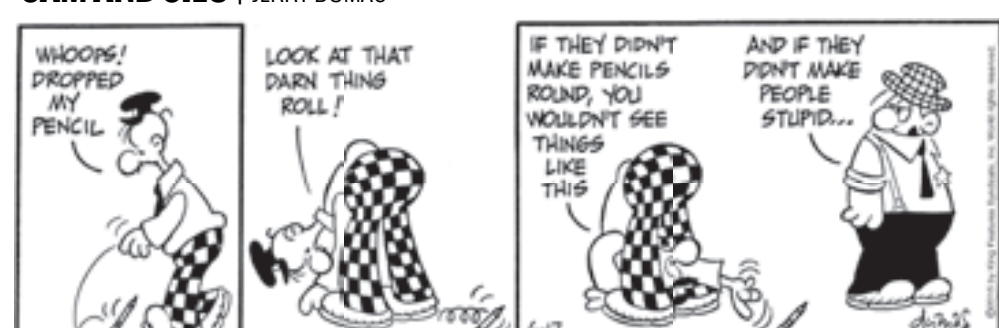
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