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CITY OF MINDEN

Study ranks Minden safe place to live

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The city of Minden was recently recognized as the 10th safest city in Louisiana, according to one website.

Only In Your State com-

plied the list of the 11 safest places to live in Louisiana based on statistics on crime reports for 2013 from the FBI.

Only cities with a population over 2,000 were considered. Minden has a population of around 13,000.

Amanda Rowell, a lifelong resident of Minden says she agrees with the ranking.

"The Minden Police Department does a great job of keeping our streets safe. Most of the time a city of our size has a much

higher crime rate and I am thankful of our police force," Rowell said. "I am proud to rear my child in my hometown."

According to the website, Minden recorded 2.39 violent crimes per every 1,000 residents. The FBI's

violent crimes report includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Other cities in north Louisiana to make the list included Haughton and Blanchard.

IN THE COURTS

Bond reduced for man accused of terrorizing

Judges cuts \$6k off
suspect's bond

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Bond for a Minden man accused of terrorizing a woman and threatening to damage the store where she worked was reduced.

According to court minutes, bond for Richano Vantario Fisher V, 40, of the 700 block of Shreveport Road, was reduced by 26th Judicial Judge Mike Nerren from \$16,000 to \$10,000. Bond for the terrorizing charge was set at \$9,000 and bond for the disturbing the peace by intoxication charge was set at \$1,000.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says Fisher told her he would come back to the store and hurt her and inflict damage on the business. Officers reported smelling an odor of alcoholic beverages on his breath.

Officer Mitch Hackett and Officer First Class Ben Allen responded to the call on July 16.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Second grader Madison Franklin colors a coloring page Wednesday morning as students filled Mrs. Carrigan's class at J.E. Harper Elementary. Wednesday marked the first day back in the classroom for Webster Parish students. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

DOWNTOWN

Council set to hire downtown director

Mayor recommending
former city court clerk

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Minden could have a new Downtown Development Director if the city council says yes.

The Minden City Council will meet in a special session Wednesday to vote on the hire.

Mayor Tommy Davis is recommending former Minden City Court Clerk Rebecca C. White to head up Minden's downtown district.

Davis says White is a good fit for the position.

"She's had a very stable employment with Minden City Court under (retired) Judge John C. Campbell and has a business and accounting background," Davis said. "I think she will be real good for downtown Minden."

If approved, the hire will come on the heels of the council hiring Economic Development Director James Graham at the August meeting.

The City of Minden has

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MEDC makes contribution towards economic development

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Minden's economic development is getting a boost from the Minden Economic Development Corporation.

MEDC made the first of four installments of a \$50,000 contribution to the City of Minden for economic development. Ralph Williams, president, presented the check to

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Minden Economic Development Corporation president **Ralph Williams**, left, presents a check to Mayor **Tommy Davis**, right, and economic development director **James Graham**. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

WEBSTER PARISH

Burn ban in effect

A burn ban is in effect for Webster Parish upon the recommendation of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish.

The ban went into effect Monday, Aug. 10 and restricts all burning inside of the parish.



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AROUND THE STATE

Transportation group pressing candidates to support gas tax

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — With Louisiana's highway and bridge needs topping \$12 billion, a transportation advocacy group said Monday that the state's next governor should back an increase in the gasoline tax to shrink the backlog, fill potholes and ease traffic.

The Louisiana Good Roads and Transportation Association recommended at least a 10-cent hike to the state's 20-cent-per-gallon gas tax, with the \$250 million to \$280 million it is expected to raise

annually earmarked to transportation projects.

"What it's going to take is political leadership," Ken Perret, association president and a retired assistant state transportation secretary, told the Press Club of Baton Rouge.

A similar proposal failed to win support in the last legislative session, with term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican presidential candidate, threatening to veto anything he considered a tax hike.

None of the state's four major gubernatorial candidates — Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle,

Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards and Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter — has committed to a gas tax increase.

But the four men have indicated they would back something similar to the transportation group's second recommendation: to let local governments raise their own fuel taxes to pay for transportation work.

Perret said his organization, a nonprofit that includes former state transportation leaders and construction business representatives, has met with each of the candidates in

the governor's race in advance of the Oct. 24 election.

"I think they all recognize the need, but what they haven't come up with yet is that concrete recommendation," Perret said. "You need to tell the public what you're going to do to solve this problem, not just platitudes or slogans."

Louisiana, like many states, is struggling with a gasoline tax that hasn't kept pace with inflation. In a review released Monday, Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera's office said 38 percent of the purchasing power of the state gas tax has been lost since 1993.

In addition, Jindal and

lawmakers have diverted millions of transportation dollars to state police operations to make up for budget shortfalls. They recently agreed to lessen the practice.

Another factor negatively affecting transportation projects is that residents are paying fewer taxes as they buy more fuel-efficient cars. In addition, major highway and bridge projects that voters approved in 1989 have ballooned in cost, siphoning off a significant slice of the existing state gas tax revenue each year.

Purpera's office said at least four other states have increased their gas tax

rates since 2013. The audit said Louisiana's gas tax is about 10 cents lower per gallon than the national average, but only about 1 cent lower than the average tax charged in other Southern states.

Perret said the lag in addressing Louisiana's transportation needs threatens economic development projects, while the poor condition of roads creates extra car maintenance costs for residents.

"Good roads cost money, but we often overlook the fact that bad roads cost more," he said.



CRASH AND BURN

The Minden Fire Department was called to the scene of a vehicle crash on Sibley Road Tuesday after a truck involved reportedly caught fire. The fire was extinguished by a fire extinguisher before the fire department arrived. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

AROUND THE STATE

Chlorine levels still too low to kill deadly amoeba

DONALDSONVILLE — State health officials say an Ascension Parish water system where a brain-eating amoeba was found last month has not maintained a high enough level of chlorine aimed at ensuring the deadly organism is eliminated.

Dr. Jimmy Guidry, the health officer with the state Department of Health and Hospitals, tells The Advocate water in the Ascension Consolidated Utility District No. 1 has not sustained the

chlorine level required for a "chlorine burn."

Parish officials claimed last week that the burn had already reached the maximum ppm level and that the amoeba had been killed off.

Guidry said recent testing tells a different story.

The state's finding means it will take longer for the process of the chlorine burn to finish, though officials say the water remains safe to drink.

Minden Economic Development Corporation pledges \$50k to city over four years

GRANT

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Mayor Tommy Davis and newly hired economic director James Graham Tuesday.

"This check for \$12,500 is just the first installment to be paid out over a four year period," Williams said. "MEDC has made a \$50,000 commitment to

the City of Minden to assist them in their economic development initiative."

"This just shows the interest of the citizens of Minden, specifically MEDC, in economic development," Davis said. "They see both the interest and the need for economic development for Minden and the surrounding area."

Graham says corporations like MEDC are assets

to any community.

"The interesting thing about this is there are corporations like this across the country," he said. "One of the greatest assets they can really provide a community would be creative ways to acquire property

and to use that property as an incentive to attract companies as well as help existing companies to expand."

He says these entities give an avenue through which people can donate property. People, through

their wills, can donate property to the city through organizations like these. MEDC is a 501c3, nonprofit organization.

"We can accept donations and you can get a tax deduction for it," Williams said.

Graham says organizations like MEDC can hold the property on behalf of the city.

The money will go into the general budget under economic development and will be used only for those purposes, Davis said.

Council meets at 1:30 p.m. today at Minden City Hall

DOWNTOWN

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been without a Downtown Development Director

since December 2014 when Davis fired Pattie Odom.

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

Romance of the rails

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

When he talks of "railroading" his voice becomes animated, and then you understand the phrase "romance of the rails."

For 42 years he was the engineer on some of the most prestigious passenger trains, as well as engineer on many freight trains. Webster Nation should have finished high school in 1939, but he stayed over to play football the autumn of 1939, and graduated in January 1940.

He began his career with the L & A Railroad in 1941 and continued until his retirement in 1983.

Marriage and the Military

On August 1, 1942, he was married to Miss Kathryn Watson. He did not enter the Army until after Christmas of that year. Early in 1943 he was sent to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and later was sent on to San Antonio, Texas.

He served as an Engineer in the service, and achieved the rank of Tech Sergeant before he left the military. He worked with the railroad in service.

After the invasion of France on D-Day, Webster did not go in on the beaches at Normandy until August 1, 1944 (his second wedding anniversary.) Webster said that the first few days were quiet as the battle had moved inland. He operated trains taking supplies to the front lines.

He said that they brought American Engines over to France to operate the trains. They were able to use French boxcars to ship in, and the boxcars were hooked together with hooks and chains.

Later, as he served under the Head of the Transportation Corps, General Carl S. Gray, he was under the direct command of Colonel Diamond.

Engineer and Father
At this time the U. S. Army commandeered Goering's private train for use in France. Webster was brought into service to be

the engineer on this train. He said that he lived like a king while serving in this capacity.

This was from May 8, 1945 until August 1, 1945. This train went from the French border, Strasbourg, France, across France through Lyon, Dijon, Valance, and ended its trip in Marseilles which was on the Mediterranean coast. Since this was Goering's private train it was exceptionally "plush" with its large conference rooms, private suites, galley and dining room.

When Webster lists his itinerary he rolls the French names off with just the right pronunciation, just like a "Frenchman."

After coming home, he and Kathryn became the parents of twins in 1946 - Diane and Danny. Diane was killed in an automobile wreck in Cotton Valley.

In 1952 their second son, Stan, was born. Danny lives with his family here in Minden. He and his wife are the parents of three children - Robin who is an R. N. in California, Kyle who attends La. Tech, and Justin who is a student at the Vo-Tech school here. Stan is retired and lives in Costa Rica.

Webster's first jobs after the war was driving freight trains, and later he became engineer of some of the most famous trains on the L & A Railway.

"The Shreveporter"

One of the trains was called "The Shreveporter" and the slogan was "St. Louis overnight ." This train traveled via Minden.

Another was "The Hustler", which was another train that traveled via Minden. A familiar name was "The Flying Crow." This train, whose slogan was "Straight as the Crow Flies", travelled from Kansas City to New Orleans, and it was also via Minden.

One of the trains that he engineered was "The Southern Belle" and its slogan was "Sweetheart of the American Trains." This train was from Kansas City to New Orleans and it also came through Minden.

It operated from about 1938 until the sixties. This train came through Minden late at night, just before midnight and arrived in New Orleans early the next morning. Many, many times my hus-

band rode this train to New Orleans to Ford Motor Company for advance new car showings for Ford employees.

The men would then get back on the train the next night, go to bed and arrive back in Minden early the next morning in time to go to work.

"Blue Bird" "Doodle Bug"

Two more little trains that Webster would hardly classify as "trains" but more like shuttles were "The Blue Bird" and "The Doodle Bug."

The Blue Bird left Minden early in the morning for a trip to Shreveport. This was a convenience for folks who wanted to shop in Shreveport or who had Shreveport doctors.

It arrived back in Minden about 4:30 in the afternoon. Families who worked for the L & A had passes that allowed them to ride free other little shuttle bus, The Doodle Bug, travelled from Minden down to Fryeburg and then on down to Winnfield. It also returned that same afternoon.

Freddie Haynes said that she would catch the Doodle Bug, ride down and spend the day and then return that afternoon.

Fond Memories

Irene Tomlinson remembered riding to Fryeburg and visiting relatives and then returning to Minden that same afternoon. This was before families had cars that they could use for such trips, and before the busses ran regular routes.

I asked Webster if he were ever in a serious wreck when he was engineer. He was thankful that he was not in a wreck where anyone was killed or seriously hurt. He remembered that often the freight trains would derail, turn over, and would be a mess to get back on track and everything cleared up.

On one occasion the Southern Belle collided with a freight train at Lettsworth, La. and that was a bad wreck, that resulted in the death of a Minden man, Bennie Moore.

These men who lived their lives "railroading" in one capacity or another meet once a month for a dinner meeting, and they have such a close fellowship.



Above, Webster Nation was the engineer of the last steam engine in Webster Parish. Right, Webster Nation and wife Kathryn. Courtesy Photos

Those that rode the trains saw a different side of the railroad business than those who worked in the L & A shops here in Minden.

These men enjoyed their years with the railroad, and now they are enjoying their retirement with good pensions and good insurance. This is truly a "romance of the rails."

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.



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OPINION

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Dallas Morning News on Donald Trump

All Donald the Vulgarian can do is drag the GOP down with him.

Accept for a moment that polls more than a year out accurately reflect how any segment of the national electorate might actually vote. That puts Donald Trump in the lead for the Republican presidential nomination by double digits.

How does that fit, GOP voter? What, not you?

Well, someone is telling pollsters he would pick Trump from at least 17 candidates. The New York real estate magnate and former reality TV star claims a \$10 billion personal fortune and poll numbers as high as 26 percent. Only two other Republicans, Jeb Bush and Scott Walker, even scrape the teens.

So it is to those Trump backers that we offer this friendly advice: Get serious. If you're still onboard after what you've seen the last few days, you're either only pretending to be a Republican or you're happy to skip down the Whig Trail to nowhere.

One debate in (with fallout), and this phenomenon, for lack of a better term, has ceased to be about Donald Trump. As in years past, it's now more about the people who say they support him, hell (quite possibly) or high water (undoubtedly).

What Trump drives home through ill-considered remarks about Mexican immigrants, former Vietnam POW John McCain and now Fox News host Megyn Kelly is that he's no plain-spoken candidate of character. He doesn't even pretend to play one on TV.

What his remaining fans support is someone willing to mouth in public the words of the proudly xenophobic, ignorant and misogynistic. That he believes there's a market for that among actual Republicans is unfortunate â€” for Republicans.

Look, we understand his mile-wide, inch-deep surface appeal. He insists he's the one anti-political-correctness candidate. "He tells it like it is," instead of offering stereotypically squishy, over-focus-grouped talking points. He sounds so fearless because he'll say anything to anybody.

Except he's not. He whines and complains when a debate moderator asks him pointed and perfectly within-bounds questions about things he has done or said. When that questioner is a woman, he steps down from the gutter â€” or wherever â€” and tries to bully her into silence, then denies what the world understood him to say.

Disagree? Well, "stupid," that puts you among the "slobs," "fat pigs," "idiots," "dogs" or "disgusting animals." You don't have to like Rosie O'Donnell or Megyn Kelly to be repelled by such crassness. All you have to be is a human being with a brain and common sense. We're confident such Republican voters still exist.

Telling it like it is doesn't have to mean stooping to the vulgar extremes. Someone actually running for president would know that; someone play-acting as a candidate caricature might not. Or, in Donald Trump's case, clearly doesn't.

His chance of winning the GOP nomination is nil, and he won't even promise to support the nominee. All he can do is drag a party down with him.

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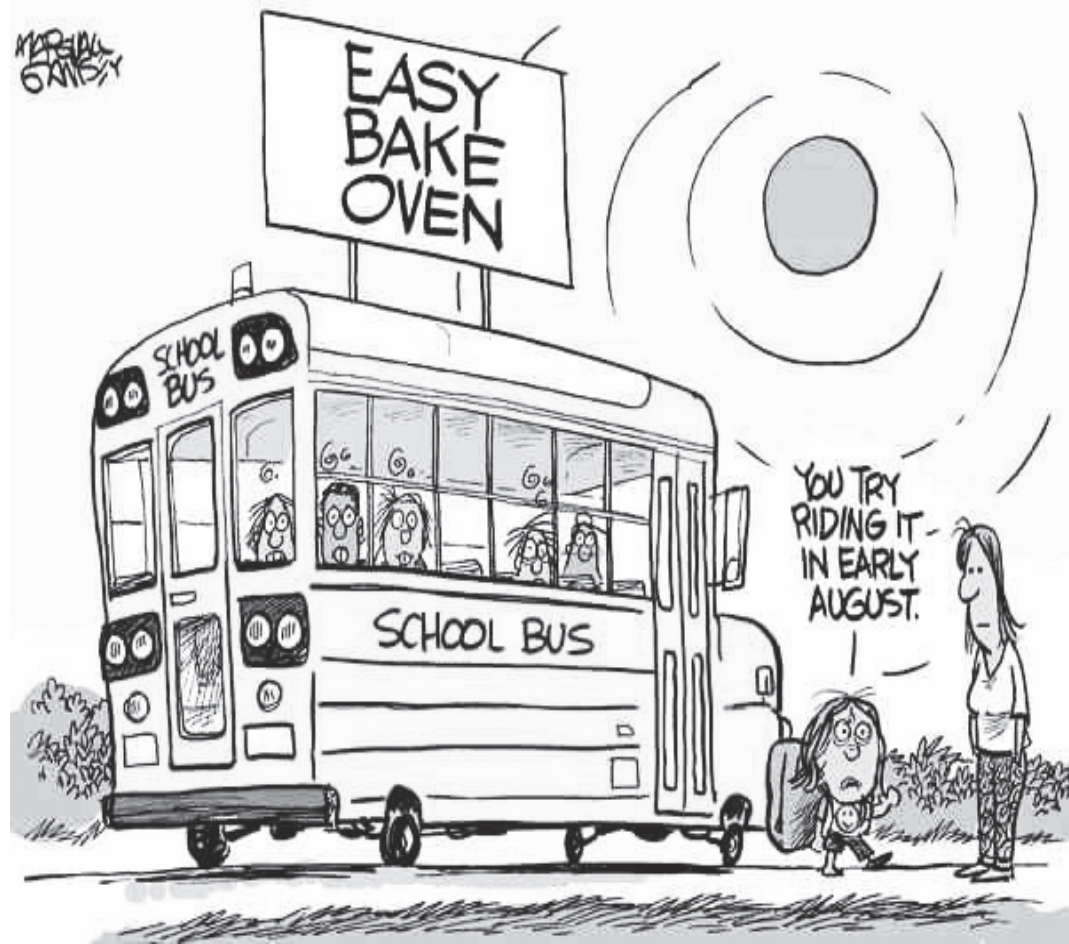
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PERSPECTIVE

Back to reality

It is hard to flip the channels these days and not come across one reality show after another. With low production costs, unlimited viewer interest in anything called "reality" despite how orchestrated it may be, and a nation full of people in desperate need for their 15 minutes of fame, reality TV has slowly but surely taken over the airwaves.

And it is about to get even bigger.

No longer is the fascinating world of reality TV limited to the usual network and cable stations. Enter the race for president of the United States and the next phase of this broadcast evolution is officially in full swing. Every news channel on the air is now officially in the reality show business, which is good for ratings, but probably not for voters.

Let's take a look at the main characters.

Donald Trump is currently leading all the polls of the Republican candidates for president. That's right, that Donald Trump. Perhaps his message of rudely and loudly criticizing others for disagreeing with anything he says, no matter how offensive or juvenile, is resonating with a certain population or, more likely, he currently leads the pack simply because any national poll that tests so many similar candidates this early in a race is nothing more than a name ID poll. Name ID is one thing Trump has mastered better than anyone else, thanks in large part to reality TV. Whether a true candidate for the long haul or a flash in the pan that will soon be voted off the island, it is astonishing that he is credibly convincing some to hire him as president only a few years removed from milking every dollar of profit from the phrase "You're fired" on



**STEPHEN
WAGUESPACK**

"The Apprentice."

Speaking of astonishing, the Democrats have their own reality show going on right now and you would be hard pressed to make characters like this up.

Hillary Clinton, the wife of a former impeached (but not convicted) president and herself a former secretary of state to the current unpopular president, is accused of using her personal email address and personal email server to conduct official business while negotiating with foreign countries.

Despite the obvious security concerns with U.S. intelligence, Clinton's refusal to hand over her personal email servers for review in a timely manner, (someone call Janet Reno and ask her to pull an Elian Gonzalez and go get those servers herself) and the fact that this drama is playing out while Congress debates approval of a nuclear treaty with a significant terrorist-harboring nation, the media aren't showing much interest in reporting on this story. Clinton's character in this reality show has taken the low-profile approach of simply ignoring troublesome questions and it is working like a charm. Why would the networks waste airtime on her and her pesky national security concerns (so boring!) when Trump is wearing a silly hat somewhere and about to release a new sound bite and finger point after this commercial break (breaking news alert)?

Speaking of a big break, it appears Clinton finally has some Democratic opposition in the race for the White House and it comes in the form of Bernie Sanders, the Independent senator from Vermont. Who? That's right, the same Bernie Sanders who has spent his career in Washington as the most liberal voice in Congress. Sanders, himself a self-avowed socialist, is running to Clinton's extreme left and attacking her for being too moderate. He is the Howard Dean of the 2016 presidential race, so enjoy his "credible-candidate" status

now while it lasts as his character will soon be written off the show in a blaze (or scream) of glory.

But have no fear, because once his 15 minutes starts to wind down the producers have a real treat for us viewers... rumored to be strongly considering entering the race is Vice President Joe Biden. If this happens, the reality show ratings will hit new heights. Without a doubt, Biden's character would hit the ground running as a candidate as long as he could keep his feet out of his mouth. Clinton must be doing cartwheels while wearing those sunglasses in her underground lair somewhere at the plot this show is taking on. Her character's survival is safer than Willie Robertson in a duck blind.

Trump running the GOP in circles on the way to the ditch, Sanders running to Clinton's hard left making her look moderate, big media currently ignoring her current and historical scandals, and Biden possibly jumping in to take up all the Saturday Night Live skits over the next several months all add up to a huge break for the former first lady with the big money advantage. She couldn't have scripted out this show any better.

Reality shows rarely reflect reality. In this instance, the very real consequences for America that accompany the important presidential election next year are being ignored for the car-wreck culture of entertainment that makes ratings soar. This all appears to be just another example of a popular reality show that doesn't reflect reality at all.

It all may make for interesting TV, but a dangerous and scary election cycle for America. I wonder if Jon Stewart is going to pull a Brett Favre and come back out of retirement for this next election cycle to cover it all. Now that would make a good reality show...

Stephen Waguespack is the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the largest and most effective advocacy organization in the state.

PERSPECTIVE

Academic Fascism

George Orwell said, "There are some ideas so absurd that only an intellectual could believe them." If one wants to discover the truth of Orwell's statement, he need only step upon most college campuses.

Faculty leaders of the University of California consider certain statements racism and feel they should not be used in class. They call it micro-aggression. To them, micro-aggressive racist statements are: "America is the land of opportunity." That is seen as perpetuating the myth of meritocracy. "There is only one race, the human race." Such a statement is seen as denying the individual as a racial/cultural being. "I believe the most qualified person should get the job." That's "racist" because it gives the impression that "people of color are given extra unfair benefits because of their race."

These expressions don't exhaust the list of micro-aggressions. Other seemingly innocuous statements deemed unacceptable are: "Everyone can succeed in this society, if they work hard enough," "When I look at you, I don't see color," or "Affirmative action is racist." Perhaps worst of all is, "Where are you from or where were you born?" For more of this, see a document released by The College Fix (<http://tinyurl.com/ne8ckqn>) titled "Diversity in the Classroom," UCLA Diversity and Faculty Development.

This micro-aggression nonsense, called micro-totalitarianism by my colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell (<http://tinyurl.com/nxulxc>), is nothing less than an attack on free speech. From the Nazis to the Stalinists, tyrants have always started out supporting free speech, and why is easy to understand. Speech is vital for the realization of their goals of command, control and confiscation. Free speech is a basic tool for indoctrination, propagandizing, proselytization. Once the leftists gain control, as they have at many universities, free speech becomes a liability and must be suppressed. This is increasingly the case on university campuses.



**WALTER
WILLIAMS**

Daniel Henninger, deputy editor of The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, writes about the campus attack on free speech and different ideas in his article titled "Obama Unleashes the Left: How the government created a federal hunting license for the far left" (<http://tinyurl.com/mp5x428>).

He says that in the Harvard Crimson, an undergraduate columnist wrote: "Let's give up on academic freedom in favor of justice. When an academic community observes research promoting or justifying oppression, it should ensure that this research does not continue." The student was calling for the suppression of the research of conservative Harvard government professor Harvey Mansfield.

Oberlin College proposed that its teachers be aware of politically controversial topics such as "racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, cis-sexism, ableism, capitalism and other issues of privilege and oppression." The presumption that students must be protected rather than challenged in a classroom is at once infantilizing and anti-intellectual.

Last year Vassar College faculty and students held a meeting to discuss the school's movement to boycott Israel. Before the meeting, an English professor announced the dialogue would "not be guided by cardboard notions of civility." That professor's vision differs little from Adolf Hitler's brown-shirted thugs of the paramilitary wing of the Nazi Party in their effort to crush dissent.

Azusa Pacific University "postponed" a speech by political scientist Charles Murray to avoid "hurting our faculty and students of color." Brandeis University officials rescinded their invitation to Somali writer and American Enterprise Institute scholar Ayaan Hirsi Ali, whose criticisms of radical Islam were said to have violated the school's "core values." Brandeis officials claimed that allowing her to speak would be hurtful to Muslim students.

Western values of liberty are under ruthless attack by the academic elite on college campuses across America. These people want to replace personal liberty with government control; they want to replace equality before the law with entitlement. As such, they pose a far greater threat to our way of life than any terrorist organization or rogue nation. Leftist ideas are a cancer on our society. Ironically, we not only are timid in response, but also nourish those ideas with our tax dollars and charitable donations.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Around Town

August 16 - 20, 2015

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have annual revival. 3 p.m. Sunday Darrell Johnson of New Star Baptist Church Ringgold will act as evangelist. August 17 through 20 nightly at 7 p.m. Pastor Albert Mickel, Macedonia Baptist of Marrero will be special guest.

August 20, 2015

St. Rest will host a Betty Rose Watts
Community Lunch at noon.

August 23, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its fifth Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. James Smith.

The Shepherd's Hut is celebrating its third anniversary at 3 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. All are invited.

HABTOM G. KELETA M.A.
Special to the Press-Herald

KANSAS CITY, MO - Dillard University's Director of Athletics Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes has been selected as the 2015 Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators. "I am humbled by this honor," Barnes said. "I also appreciate my colleagues who nominated me and the opportunity that Dillard University has given me to serve and lead the athletics department."

As Athletic Director at Dillard University, Barnes has distinguished herself as an outstanding professional, community servant and mentor. She assumed the leadership role in Dillard's athletic department in 2006. She is currently the president of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference and also serves on the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors and is chair for the NAIAs Conduct and Ethics Committee.

"Dr. Barnes is not just a leader at Dillard," Dr. Walter Kimbrough, President of Dillard University, said. "She is a leader for our conference and for athletics nationally. Her energy and initiative have been great, and

The daughter of Bobby and Linda Baker of Minden, Mrs. Barnes is a 1993 Minden High School graduate, a former Lady Tider who participated on one of Minden High's most successful girls basketball team from 1989-1993 (1991 State semi-finals, 1992 and 1993 4-A first runner-up.) She was also the high school 4A State triple jump champion in 1993. She still holds the record for the triple jump (40 ft.) at the University of New Orleans.

She is married to Anthony Barnes of New Orleans, with whom she has two children, Caitlin (16) and Marc Jr. (14).

"I would attribute my success to my faith, my family and my focus," Barnes said when asked what she would attribute to her successful career and numerous awards. She offers advice to young women "Fear no one but God, have a positive attitude and be excellent in everything you do."

we are proud of her accomplishments.”

Within the last school year, Barnes has been selected as one of Girl Scout Louisiana East's

2014 Women of Distinction, along with Gayle Benson, Mionne LaShe Gooch and Sally-Ann Roberts. Barnes was named one of New Orleans Magazine's "People to Watch Class of 2014" and GCAC AD of the Year twice,



BARNES

the community as well," Barnes said. "I have strived to be a servant leader. My hope is that Dillard students and the entire NAIA will reap the benefits of my efforts," Barnes added. "To receive this honor going into my 10th year as the Athletic Director at Dillard University, which is synonymous with the 10th year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, makes this award even special to me."

Recent initiatives by Barnes and her staff include launching a new logo and website as well as iPhone and Android applications for the Dillard University athletics department.

The NACWAA is the premier leadership organization that empowers, develops, assists, celebrates, affirms, involves and honors women working in college sports and beyond. NACWAA takes a proactive role in advancing women into positions of influence and powerfully shapes the landscape of women leaders.

Habton G. Keleta serves as Sports Information Director at Dillard University in New Orleans.

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NFL

Jets' Geno Smith sucker-punched

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Geno Smith's hopes for a breakout season with the New York Jets took a major blow — to the jaw.

The quarterback will be sidelined at least 6-10 weeks with a broken jaw after being punched by teammate and former Louisiana Tech linebacker Kemefuna Enemkpali in the locker room Tuesday morning. Smith, entering his third season, will require surgery to repair the injuries. He hadn't yet undergone the procedure as of late Tuesday afternoon.

"It had nothing to do with football," coach Todd Bowles said. "It was something very childish, and he got cold-cocked, sucker-punched — whatever you want to call it — in the jaw."

Bowles made the stunning announcement in an impromptu news conference before training camp practice was scheduled to start. Enemkpali (EN-um-PAL-ee), an outside linebacker in his second season, was immediately released by the Jets.

"It was something very childish, that sixth-graders could have talked about," Bowles said. "It had no reason for happening."

Neither Bowles nor a small handful of players made available to the media would go into detail about the incident, or if they knew what sparked it.

"This isn't a UFC match," guard Willie Colon said. "We're football players, not fighters."

Added cornerback Darrelle Revis: "I hold both of them responsible."

NBA

T'wolves' Saunders has lymphoma

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Flip Saunders had quite a challenge on his hands when he returned to Minnesota two years ago to take over the moribund Timberwolves.

Just as it appeared the franchise was starting to turn the corner, a new challenge has presented itself. And he plans to take this one on with as much determination and confidence as he has any other.

Saunders announced Tuesday that he is being treated for Hodgkins lymphoma, and his doctors consider it "very treatable and curable."

Saunders was diagnosed with a cancer of the immune system two months ago and has been undergoing chemotherapy. He plans to remain the Timberwolves' head coach and top executive while being treated.

"I am attacking this with the same passion I do everything in my life, knowing this is a serious issue," he said in a statement issued by the team. "I also know that God has prepared me to fight this battle."

The 60-year-old Saunders returned to the Timberwolves as team president in 2013. Last year, he replaced the retired Rick Adelman on the bench and the team finished 16-66.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tigers lack line depth



BATON ROUGE (AP) — At first glance, it would seem like the LSU football team could have some depth issues this season with the recent departure of three defensive linemen.

An injury or two could be critical, especially inside at defensive tackle, where the Tigers have only three scholarship players who have received significant playing time and two others who have had limited snaps in games.

In addition, there are only six scholarship players at defensive end, a group that includes two new starters along with two sophomores and two true freshmen.

While there may be some concern among the LSU faithful, the Tigers aren't listening to the noise coming from outside the football operations center after the first four days of preseason practice.

The main reason is the confidence the players who are here have in new defensive line coach Ed Orgeron.

"Coach O is definitely going to find a way to make it work," sophomore defensive tackle Davon

Godchaux said Saturday. "He's going to find a way. I'm pretty sure this isn't the first predicament he's been in where he didn't have a lot of guys. Let the fans know we're going to be ready."

Yet, there are questions, especially inside, even though Godchaux and Christian LaCouture return as the starters.

Of the other tackles who figure to be in the mix for spots in the rotation, Quentin Thomas is coming off an injury-riddled junior season, and Frank Herron and Greg Gilmore played sparingly a year ago.

Three players who were expected to be in the mix — tackles Travonte Valentine and Trey Lealaimatafao, and tackle-turned-end Maquedius Bain — recently left the team.

Valentine and Bain both transferred, and Lealaimatafao was dismissed from the squad.

Despite the exodus of that trio, Godchaux said the Tigers will be fine.

"We have enough guys," he said. "It was those guys' fault to make their own decisions. We were with them, and I'll still talk to them today if they called me up, but they made the wrong decisions."

Like his running mate, LaCouture said coaches and players alike aren't spending a lot of time thinking about the situation.

"The coaches just talk to us about going out there and playing," he said.



"We're just going to take it one repetition at a time. If we have to play the whole game, we'll be ready to play the whole game."

LaCouture knows that feeling well. He said he played every snap on a warm and muggy night against Florida in Gainesville last October and is ready to do that again if called upon.

"If Coach O needs me to play the whole game, I'll do

that," LaCouture said. "If he feels another guy can come in and play, we can do it. We just have to have guys who are ready to go in and play. If we do that, we'll be successful."

Gilmore agreed, saying he and the other players can't worry about the things they can't control.

"Five is all we need to play at tackle," he said. "Lots of people are saying stuff, but that's not going to

break us. We're going to do what we have to do. We all have individual goals that will make us better as a team."

"I want to beat Christian out, and Christian wants to keep his spot," Gilmore said. "Davon wants to keep his spot, but somebody wants to try and take it from him. Everybody is competing with that mindset. And when we come together, it's going to be great."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Brady, Goodell to meet up in court

NEW YORK (AP) — New England quarterback Tom Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell are set to explain to a judge why a controversy over underinflated footballs at last season's AFC conference championship game is spilling into a new season.

U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman ordered the men to appear before him Wednesday at an initial hearing in Manhattan after the NFL sued the players union two weeks ago.

The league asked the judge to declare that it followed its players' contract properly when it punished Brady after Goodell concluded he "knew about, approved of, consented to, and provided inducements and rewards" to support a scheme in which a Patriots' employee deflated balls on game day. Brady insists he knew nothing about it.

On Tuesday, Berman asked Goodell and Brady, along with lawyers, to appear before him privately a half hour before a public

court session. He said he wants to learn the status of negotiations. He also asked them to continue negotiating prior to the hearing. Brady was not at Patriots practice.

At a news conference in Illinois, Goodell said the league plans to cooperate fully with Berman.

In a July 28 decision upholding the suspension, Goodell heavily criticized Brady for having an aide destroy a cellphone containing nearly 10,000 text messages from a four-month stretch including the AFC championship, when the

Patriots defeated Indianapolis 45-7, and the Super Bowl, which New England won.

He accused him of obstructing the NFL probe about a controversy that represented "conduct detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the game of professional football."

In court documents, the union's lawyers said the suspension was unfair and violates the labor contract and complained that it would cause irreparable harm to Brady by forcing him to miss games.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Lee taking it slow in return to action



OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Sean Lee waited 15 months to be cleared for every segment of practice after the oft-injured Dallas linebacker tore a ligament in his left knee in the first offseason workout of 2014.

When the moment finally came a little more than a week into training camp, Lee played it low-key.

The sixth-year player is a little weary of injury talk after missing 23 of the past 24 games for the Cowboys — playoffs included — with knee, neck and hamstring injuries.

"They have been progressing me a certain way,"

Lee said after his first 11-on-11 work Sunday. "I felt great the whole time. I haven't played football in a long time. This was a nice first step."

Lee tore his right anterior cruciate ligament at Penn State and was available to Dallas late in the second round of the 2010 draft in part because of his history with injuries. He was told at the time of the first surgery that his left knee was basically a tear waiting to happen, which it did last year when he engaged rookie lineman Zack Martin in a non-contact drill.

A year later, Lee was moving around normally during the offseason, but not getting any closer to the action than walkthroughs and some individual work. The gradual plan continued in California with Lee working into some seven-on-seven drills.

While he acknowledges

that age and the accumulation of injuries makes it a little easier for him to accept the methodical approach to rehab, he still found himself



LEE

trying to talk his way into some goal-line work the day before trainers and coaches

finally approved it.

"You'd rather have the guy who wants to get in there and you have to pull him back than the other guy, who you're trying to push out there," coach Jason Garrett said.

"Sean has certainly been the former of those, and he still is that way. There's a level of trust and communication with him, and I think

he understands the plan really well."

Although unlikely to play in the preseason opener at San Diego on Thursday night, the 29-year-old Lee should be on track to play in the exhibition season. The regular-season opener is Sept. 13 at home against the New York Giants. It would be Lee's first game since Dec. 9, 2013, at Chicago.

"When he is out there on the field, things change," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "I think we are doing it the right way. We are doing things in a way that he gets better every week."

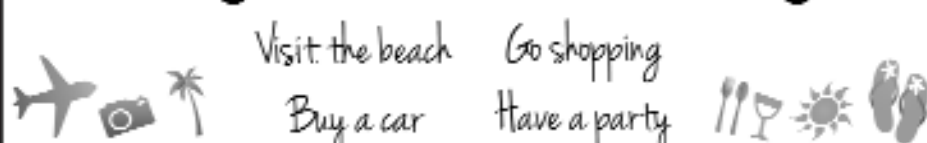
When healthy, Lee is one of the most dangerous linebackers in the league with 11 interceptions in 46 games. Problem is, the pace doesn't mean much for a player who has missed three-fourths of the games going back 2½ years.

"You can't buy into the frustration of injuries. If you do, you come back worse," said Lee, who had a career-high 131 tackles in 2011, the closest thing he had to a full season when he started 15 games. "The less you focus on the frustration, the more you can focus on the unbelievable opportunity you have in front of you like I do."

The Cowboys traded for Rolando McClain in an emergency move before training camp last year, trying to replace Lee.

But the plan to have McClain stay at middle linebacker with Lee on the weak side, his natural spot, could change for two reasons. McClain still hasn't practiced at camp and doesn't have a timetable for a return from offseason knee surgery. And he has to sit the first four games for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

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CBS News to overhaul 2016 convention coverage

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — CBS News will overhaul its coverage of the 2016 Democratic and Republican conventions to emphasize participants "on the ground" rather than chatter in the network's skybox, CBS News President David Rhodes said.

Dismissing any predictions of a candidate's selection coming down to the convention wire — "It's not going to happen," he said — Rhodes said there is news being made by decision-makers and others at the convention.

He said his bias is toward coverage of what they are doing and saying as opposed to putting resources into the "air-conditioned skyboxes" above the convention floor that typically showcase network reporters and analysts.

Traditional keynote speeches and other major scheduled events will be aired, he said. But there is an ongoing "dance" between the political parties and networks over coverage, with all involved spending "a lot of money" on the conventions, Rhodes told a TV critics' meeting Monday.

CBS is on to tap to air primary election debates for the Democratic and Republican presidential contenders, with the network airing the Nov. 14 Democratic debate and the GOP one set for Feb. 13. Both are Saturday nights, which typically attract smaller TV audiences.

The moderator for each will be John Dickerson, CBS News' political director and anchor of "Face the Nation," Rhodes said.

He was asked if CBS would limit the number of candidates, as Fox News Channel did — using poll numbers — for the first Republican candidate debate last week. The first Democratic debate is set for Oct. 13 in Nevada.

In a "perfect world," every candidate would be able to par-



CBS News President David Rhodes, left, and John Dickerson, Political Director for CBS News, participate in the CBS News panel at the CBS Summer TCA Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Monday Courtesy Photo

ticipate, he said, but a line has to be drawn given large candidate fields. He said the formula for the CBS-aired debates would be made closer to the dates.

Dickerson, who recently succeeded the retired Bob Schieffer

as host of "Face the Nation," spoke with relish about covering the '16 election, and not just because of GOP contender Donald Trump or the unexpected candidacy of Democratic hopeful Bernie Sanders.

"This was going to be an exciting election before it became the Summer of Trump," because both parties will be picking candidates in the absence of an incumbent president running, Dickerson said.

Add to that the feeling of many Americans that politics is "rigged" against them and their worries about major issues including terrorism and it makes for an energized political climate, he said.

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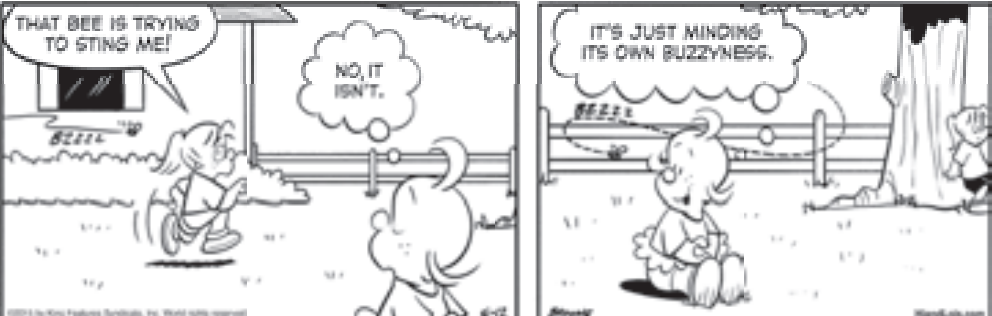
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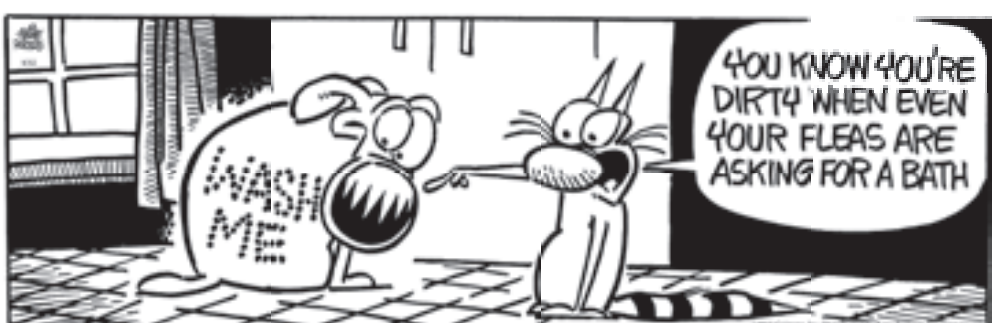
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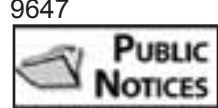
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids for Building Management Control Installation will be received by the Louisiana Military Department, Construction & Facilities Management Office (CFMO), Building 420 F Street, (2nd floor Conference Room - Room #253) Camp Beauregard, Pineville, La 71360, Attention: Captain (CPT) Jeremy Futrell, until 10:30 a.m. CST on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY CPT Jeremy Futrell OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS

BEFORE THE BIDDING OPENING.

Complete Bidding Documents for this project may be obtained from the Construction Facility Management Office (CFMO) located at 420 F Street Camp Beauregard, Pineville, LA. Questions about obtaining bidding documents shall be directed to CPT Jeremy Futrell at 420 F Street Camp Beauregard, Pineville LA, (318) 290-5385, (jeremy.a.futrell@mail.mil)

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. CST on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Facilities Management Office, Building 420 F Street, (2nd floor conference Room - Room #253) located at Camp Beauregard Pineville, Louisiana, 71360. Attendance at this conference is mandatory. Prospective bidders must attend the pre-bid conference in order to submit a bid. The Military Department and CFMO point of contact is CPT Jeremy Futrell, Email jeremy.a.futrell@mail.mil phone 318-290-5385.

BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CONTRACTORS THAT ATTEND THE ENTIRE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY CPT JEREMY FUTRELL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equal to five (5%) of the Base Bid and Additional Bid Items (ABI) (if applicable) and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bidders planning on attending the mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting must possess the following License Classification: INSTRUMENTATION AND CALIBRATION, and/or ELECTRICAL WORK, and/or ELECTRICAL CONTROLS, and/

or CONTROLS FOR MECHANICAL WORK.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond, written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, equal to 100% of the Contract amount, including Additional Bid Items (ABI) if applicable.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of Bids.

Electronic Bid documents may be submitted by Contractors to the Construction Facilities Management Office by submitting their bid along with their bid security to <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/>. Electronic bids must be submitted so as to be posted prior to 10:30 a.m. CST, Wednesday, September 23, 2015. Hard copies of the contractor's electronically submitted bid packet must be sent to Construction Facilities Management Office, ATTN: CPT Jeremy Futrell, 420 F Street, Camp Beauregard, Pineville, LA 71360-0613, telephone is 318-290-5385. Contractors MUST attend the mandatory Pre-Bid scheduled for 1:30 p.m., CST on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the location listed above in order to submit electronic bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause.

In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, Louisiana Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived. The State Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE NEVER WEAR ENOUGH CLOTHES TO BE DECENT, I WOULD SAY THEY ARE OVER-BARING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals L

CROSSWORD

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23 Chapeau			39 Coed quarters, maybe
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28 Arousing goose bumps			44 Street urchin
31 Notion			45 Competent
33 Rawls or Reed			46 Haul
35 Do a pre-laundry task			48 Logical

Yesterday's answer 8-12

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