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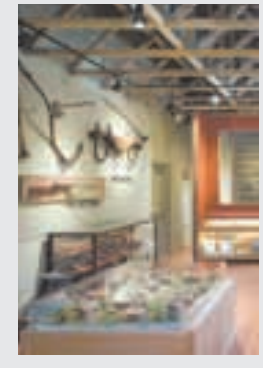
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## Season of Change

Fall is officially here, but summer won't give up

Leaves on the Arizona Ash in downtown Minden have slowly begun to change colors as fall arrived. Don't break out the UGG boots and sweaters just yet, summer temperatures are still holding on going into the fall equinox Wednesday. When autumn began at 4:21 a.m., leaves didn't suddenly start to change and fall off the trees, and the promise of warmer weather is in the forecast. Temperatures have been dancing around the lower 90s and the upper 80-degree mark for the month of September and likely will stay that way for now at least, forecasters say. Lower than normal temperatures are predicted for autumn, as the average temperature for October will be one degree cooler than the average of 64 degrees, according to the Farmers' Almanac. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

NORTH WEBSTER

## Springhill PD officer not fired, chief says

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SPRINGHILL — Springhill police chief Will Lynd is dispelling rumors that one of his officers was fired. Rumors began last week

that Bryan Montgomery allegedly had child pornography on his computer, but Lynd said that isn't true.

"I've had an officer resign for personal reasons, and I've had no officer arrested whatsoever," he said. "He was an excellent officer. He was a

good employee and a good friend. He brought a set of skills that will be hard to replace."

Because it was a personnel matter, Lynd says he couldn't go into any more detail regarding the matter.

NORTH WEBSTER

## Springhill Piggly Wiggly raises more than \$10k for St. Jude

Annual steak cook-off huge success

**RENEE JONES**  
Special to the Press-Herald

Piggly Wiggly held their 9th Annual Steak Cook-off Saturday, Aug. 1. Like last year, all proceeds went to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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reasons St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is recognized around the world. They share their research with the world, leading a global effort to understand, treat, and defeat pediatric cancer and other life-threatening diseases. St. Jude has the world's best survival rates for some of the most aggressive cancers and other life-threatening diseases that attack our

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Anna Hensgens of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is presented a check in the amount of \$10,135.49 by members of Piggly Wiggly. Renee Jones/Courtesy Photo

MINDEN CRIME

## Police arrest accused meat, underwear thief

Suspect arrested on 7th theft charge

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A Minden man has been charged with his seventh offense of theft.

Tony Mack Moore, 47, of the 400 block of South Street, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 19 and charged with felony theft of goods (7th offense), possession of burglary tools and prohibited acts.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says Officers First Class Chris Hammontree and Jesse Curren responded to a call regarding a shoplifter at Walmart.



**MOORE**

"Officers were advised the subject had left the building and ran behind the shopping center," he said. "Employees described the subject as a six-

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DOWNTOWN MINDEN



The Minden Main Street Board met for the first time since March with all new members Monday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## First meeting for new downtown board, director

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The Minden Main Street Board met for the first time since March with all new members Monday.

Newly hired Downtown Director Becky White was faced with the task of appointing board members when she was hired during the August city council meeting.

White submitted the recommendation of Terry Gardner, Kathy Copeland, Larry Gipson, Deborah Cooksey,

Thomas Adams and Alicia Adams to the city council at the September meeting and the council unanimously agreed on the appointments.



**WHITE**

"They all have the best interest of downtown Minden in the forefront of what they are trying to do," White said at the time of the appointments. "I just

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ELECTION 2015

## Dardenne announces statewide tour for La. governor's race

BATON ROUGE — Republican candidate for governor Jay Dardenne has announced a statewide tour in his campaign for the Oct. 24 election.

The first six stops were announced Tuesday, with the tour set to begin Sept. 30 in Gonzales. Additional stops will be in Pineville, Sulphur, Crowley, Thibodaux and Mandeville. And future visits will be announced.

Dardenne, Louisiana's lieutenant governor, has pledged to bring more transparency to state government



Jay Dardenne. File Photo

if elected governor, striking at criticism that term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal has been too secretive. Dardenne has said he'll hold regional office hours around the state to meet with residents directly.

He's one of nine candidates in the governor's race. The three other major candidates are Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards and Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter.

AROUND THE STATE

## Shreveport Police to hold job fair

SHREVEPORT — The Shreveport Police Department is seeking to boost its force as it holds its annual job fair this weekend.

The Times reports the career fair will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Shreveport Police and Fire Regional Training Academy.

Police spokesman Marcus

Hines says recruiters will be on hand to answer questions and provide insight into numerous opportunities within the department including crime scene investigations, D.A.R.E. officers, police communications officers, jailers, hostage negotiations, lake patrol, mounted patrol, K-9 officers, narcotics, S.W.A.T., community

response unit and radar units.

Contact a recruiter at 318-673-7157 for more information or visit the department's Recruiting Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/shreveportpolicerecruiting?ref=ts> or the department's website at: <https://www.shreveportla.gov/index.aspx?NID=447>

## ARREST

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foot tall black male, wearing a purple do-rag, purple shirt and khaki pants. Upon officers' arrival, they were unable to locate the suspect inside or outside the building.

According to the police report, the suspect later identified as Moore, tried to leave the store with a duffel bag full of meat and under-

wear. When employees questioned him, Cropper says he dropped the duffel bag and fled.

Moore was identified, matching the clothing description given, and when Officer Terry Stephens was pulling up to him, Cropper says he dropped a cigarette pack.

"After being advised of his rights, Moore admitted to being the subject that had stolen from Walmart," he said.

Officers collected the cigarette pack thrown to the

ground and located two suspected crack pipes inside, the chief said. During a search of Moore's person, officers located a small pair of wire cutters and a box cutter. Also discovered were several Walmart shopping bags.

Cropper says officers later learned Moore had six previous theft of goods charges, making this offense a felony.

Moore was transported to the Minden Police Department and later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

## DOWNTOWN

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think we made some really good choices."

At a March meeting, all members of the Downtown Development Commission/Minden Main Street Board resigned, citing unwillingness by Minden Mayor Tommy Davis to work with the board after he fired former downtown director Pattie Odom.

Those members included President Catherine Hunt, Tammy Eaton, Elaine Eaton, Jeri Bloxom, Bertha Winzer, Deborah Cooksey and Bill Cook.

Despite the troubled year for the downtown board, White opened Monday's meeting with high hopes.

"It's a challenge to be on the board this year with someone inexperienced as I am," she told board members. "I think we are going to do a good job."

The first order of business for the board was to appoint

new officers. Members voted to appoint Gardner as president, Gibson as vice president and Thomas Adams as secretary.

Term limits were also set. Board members drew numbers to set the term limit for their seat. Gardner will serve a term of one year, Thomas Adams — one year, Alicia Adams — three years, Cook-

## DONATION

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children. Because of people willing to give their time, energy and donations at events, like the Annual Piggly Wiggly Steak Cook-off, St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and diseases.

Founded by Danny Thomas with a vision that no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

This year, our friends at Piggly Wiggly were sanctioned by the Steak Cook-off Association (SCA). The SCA is dedicated to building the sport of steak cook-offs. The SCA benefits both cook teams and cook-off by implementing standardized rules and equal competitive opportunities for each team.

Prompting this year's cook-off, bigger than in years past and with a larger crowd attendance, there were a total of 75 cooking teams.

The opening ceremony begin with Mitch Stubblefield, from Wild Goose Ministries, leading the crowd in prayer. Then the Springhill Fire Department used a truck ladder to raise our flag before the large crowd, while our local, bright and upcoming star, Cheridy Adams sang our national anthem.

In addition to the great steak dinners and fun food vendors, there were numerous other activities for everyone. The kiddie korner included a bouncy house, water slide, dunking booth, and carnival games. There were a number of booths to shop for unique and interesting gifts and items.

The Piggly Wiggly traditional karaoke contest was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. There was a pie eating contest, hula hoop contest, both a children and adult pig calling contest that really



The 2015 2nd place winners, Blowin' Smoke Grillers, from West Monroe donated their \$1,000 prize money back to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Renee Jones/Courtesy Photo

entertained the crowd. All Piggly Wiggly and Save A Lot stores collected donations for the event. The Minden Save A Lot family collected \$710.25.

This year the winners circle was expanded to 10 places. The winners of the steak cook-off were: 1st place Lake Earling Sizzlers; 2nd place Blowin' Smoke Grillers; 3rd place Dirty Byrd Cookers #2; 4th place Honky Tonk Smokers; 5th place Chevy Q; 6th place Fatal Overdose III; 7th place Yard Dog Grilling; 8th place Smokehouse Rats #3; 9th place Maw and Paw Grillers; 10th place Up in Smoke BBQ Team.

Lake Earling Sizzlers will be heading to Billy Bob's in Fort Worth, October 24, for the SCA Steak World Championship. Piggly Wiggly also added a fun new category for the cookers the "Best Pig Pit."

The Understeakers of Magnolia took this title home.

Piggly Wiggly held a check presentation to St. Jude on September 22. Anna Hensgens from St. Jude was present to receive a check in the amount of \$10,135.49. In addition, the 2015 2nd Place Winners Blowin' Smoke Grillers from West Monroe donated their \$1,000 prize money back to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

If you would like to see highlights from the day's events, visit the Springhill Piggly Wiggly Annual Steak Cook-Off's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/springhillpigglywigglyannualsteak-cookoff](http://www.facebook.com/springhillpigglywigglyannualsteak-cookoff).

Piggly Wiggly will kick off the St. Jude's Halloween Pin Up campaign on Oct. 1. Pin-ups can be purchased at any store for \$1.



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"Tenacious" is the one word Dr. Wilson uses to describe himself. Running his first marathon at 16, his determination has followed him throughout his career. He understands how important an active lifestyle is and plans to incorporate his extensive training into the treatment of his patients so that they can "get back to work, sports and life."

Dr. Wilson is joining Michael Austin PA-C to form Wilson Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine. New patients are welcome to their clinic located at 216 West Union, Suite A in Minden. Appointments may be made by calling (318) 299-6334.

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**PERSONAL**

Dr. Wilson is a true sports enthusiast. He also enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, watching airplanes with his children Evan and Ella and attending their activities with his wife, Jill, including soccer and t-ball games.



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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

# Mama's old sayings to live by

**JUANITA AGAN**  
Special to the Press-Herald

I think my mother had a saying for just about everything that occurred. She kept me going with all these old adages, and I find myself quoting them today, more than 32 years after her death.

Earlier, I have written some of her old sayings and here are a few more.

"Well, I'll be John Brown!"  
"That's tight as Dick's hatband."  
"Ugly as a mud fence."  
"Fits like a sock on a rooster."

"What goes around, comes around."  
One that I frequently quote is one that she learned as a little girl. Her mother had a little girl, a sharecropper's daughter, come in and help with the washing. She knew that the little girl's

grandmother lived with them and that she was not well. So my grandmother asked, "Sarah, how is your grandmother?" And she said "Oh, Miss Susie, when hers up that's all her is, and when hers down, her can't get up." That is just about the fix I'm in and so I quote that from my mother quite often. The following few weeks, my grandmother asked again about Sarah's grandmother. The little girl giggled and said, "Her died."

"Fast as greased lightning." or "Fast as a scalded cat."

"There are more ways to kill a cat than to choke it to death on butter."

"Everything that glitters is not gold."

"Marry in haste, repent in leisure."

"As slow as molasses in January."

"Busy as a cat on a hot tin roof."

"Star light, star bright, first star I've seen tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight." And we believed it. This is

just one of the adages or proverbs that my generation grew up with.

Another was, "If rain starts before seven, it'll quit before 11." Of course, that didn't prove true on really rainy weather.

"Blessed are the dead that it rains upon," was quoted on the day of a funeral if it was raining.

And as to tale bearers, "If a dog brings you a bone, it'll carry a bone back," and my mother said that if someone tells you a bit of gossip, secretly, they will take back what you have to say to someone else.

"One bad apple will spoil a barrel," which translated, means that you should be careful who you associate with.

"As late as it thunders in February it will frost in April."

"Late Easter means an early spring."

"If it rains the first day of June, it will rain for 40 days."

"If snow remains on the ground for three days, there will be another snow that

season."

"All three colored cats are female." Of course, at my house we had to wait to see if they had kittens to be sure.

"A whistling girl and a crowing hen always come to some bad end." My mother always either sang or whistled as she worked, so I guess she didn't believe that adage.

"If a woman's second toe is longer than her big toe, she will rule her household including her husband."

"Red at night, sailors' delight, red in the morning sailors' warning." and along the same lines was, "Evening red and morning gray sends a traveler on his way. Evening gray and morning red sends a traveler home to bed."

"Never drink milk and eat fish together, and that includes ice cream, it might kill you."

"Lush vegetation and abundant roses on bushes means that there will be a flood that spring."

"Lightening in the east means a quick shower or a long dry spell."

"If a cloud comes out of the west you can say it is going to rain, because it is going to rain."

"There will always be a cool spell in early May, and it is called 'blackberry winter' since the blackberries are in bloom at that time."

A high forehead on a child denotes great intelligence.

"Every tub must sit on its own bottom." My mother said that meant everybody was responsible for what they did and not to blame somebody else.

"Waste not, want not." That was a saying of my grandfather, along with his request to "Put your best foot forward." Mother said he thought everybody ought to do their best in every situation. And another she quoted was "Willful waste makes woeful want."

"A man's word is his bond." That meant that a man did not have to sign a note or a mortgage. If he agreed to pay a bill, he would pay it. His word was trustworthy.

I thought many of these came from the Bible since my mother interspersed her admonitions with scripture.

And do you remember saying "Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky." And then the drunk tried to say that to an early evening star and it came out like this: "Starkle, starkle little twink, where I are you think?"

Well, there you have it, all my old homespun sayings that I grew up with. Some of these have a basis for saying what is said, but most have obscure meanings to me. Did your mama have sayings similar to these?

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.

OBITUARIES

## Aimee Lynn Hortman

Funeral services for Aimee Lynn Hortman will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Jim Kennedy officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 6 til 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.



**HORTMAN**

Aimee was born Dec. 19, 1972 in Bossier City and entered into rest Sept. 19, 2015 in Haughton.

She is survived by her husband, Clint Hortman of Haughton; mother, Linda Brown of Haughton; father, Johnny Barbo and wife Cheryl of Shreveport; son, A. J. Hortman of Haughton; stepdaughter, Brooke Hortman of Minden; sister, Jenny Barbo Lydick and husband Jack of Vancouver, Washington; and Brandi Nicole Patterson of Shreveport.

## Gloria Christene Horn Hughes

Gloria Christene Horn Hughes beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 88 on Sept. 21, 2015 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

Chris was born in Montgomery to C. O. Horn Sr. and Thelma Gunter on April 18, 1927.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, C. O. "Buck" Horn Jr. and sister Connie Miller.

Left with loving memories are her daughter, Theda Beene Lee; grandchildren, Jann Parker, Deana Dzurik and Ernie Parker; great-grandchildren, Andrew and Michael Dzurik; as well as her sisters, Doris Lary and Josephine Lee; and numerous nieces and nephews.



**HUGHES**

Chris retired from Pioneer Bank and Trust after working there for 43 years. She spent many hours volunteering with her RSVP singing group as they visited nursing homes and entertained the residents. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 at Gardens of Memory in Minden with the Rev. Bruce Lee officiating.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff at Gamble Guest Care and Hospice for their dedication and relentless care of our loved one, Chris.

## J.B. Powell

Funeral services for J. B. Powell will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Bill Crider and Dr. Randy Hale officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of

Memory in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

J. B. was born Nov. 13, 1930 in Lena and entered into rest Sept. 19, 2015 in Bossier City. He proudly served 21 years in the United States Air Force with tours in Korea and Vietnam.



**POWELL**

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Fannie Powell; sons, Jay and Mark Powell; brother, Joe Powell; and sisters Martha Braswell, Opal Rome, Jessie "Jaye"

Pevoteaux and Ledoris Holland.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Jean Powell of Minden; son, David Powell and partner Michael Flowers of Austin, Texas; daughter, Kelly Powell Behrendt and husband Richard of Aurora, Colorado; sister, Mary Hodges of Baytown, Texas; grandchildren Jennifer and Adam Powell, Jordan and Madison Powell, David Behrendt; great-grandchild, Lakynn Futch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Powell, Jimmy Powell, Sheldon Powell, Skip Rome, Steve Braswell, Jerry Garrett and Ronnie Garrett.

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# OPINION

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EDITORIAL  
ROUND UP

## What Gov. Scott Walker needs to do now

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
Sept. 22

Scott Walker really began running for his dream job on election night last November. His victory speech the night of his re-election to a second term as governor had almost nothing to do with Wisconsin. Instead, it was an attack on "the folks in Washington" and their "top-down approach."

Walker checked out of Wisconsin that night to pursue the presidency, and the state has been led largely by the Legislature ever since.

Now that Walker's presidential campaign is over, the governor needs to check back in. He has relationships to repair back home, even within his own party, and many will have doubts about his commitment to the job. But his party still controls every lever of political power in Wisconsin so it is not likely to be a rough homecoming.

That raw power, which Walker has been unwilling to check in the past, is now manifest in bills to gut the state's elections watchdog — the Government Accountability Board — and to revamp the John Doe investigatory process. And the hubris that typically accompanies one-party rule also was evident in the secret attack on the state open records law, on the eve of the Fourth of July, by Republicans led by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), with Walker's compliance.

If Walker wants his second term to mean something, he should commit his administration to pursuing the highest ideals of his party while, at the same time, reining in its worst impulses.

In Walker's brief statement Monday, he bemoaned the negative tone of the presidential campaign, which, he said, had degraded to personal attacks. In an unmistakable dig at front-runner Donald Trump, Walker said he felt called to quit the race "to clear the field so that a positive conservative message can rise to the top of the field." He called on others to do the same.

A winnowing needs to happen, but Walker himself still would be in the race if he had the money to continue. He had built up a large campaign apparatus, but donations were drying up as he dropped in the polls, and Walker did not have billionaire Trump's means to self-fund a campaign.

The governor may have been hurt more than other candidates by Trump's flamboyant and often outrageous campaign. But Walker hurt himself with a series of gaffes — refusing to answer a question about evolution; appearing to favor ending birthright citizenship, then correcting himself; talking about the need to secure our border with Canada. He changed his positions on immigration and government subsidies of ethanol as he chased conservative votes in Iowa. On foreign policy, he looked uninformed and out of his element.

His signature issue — that he had stood up to organized labor and won — might have appealed to certain wealthy donors but didn't resonate as much with GOP voters nationwide. It's no coincidence his slide in the polls started after he suggested his political victory against noisy but law-abiding picketers in Madison showed how he would defend the country from bloodthirsty Islamic State murderers.

Walker's Republican brethren in Wisconsin are welcoming the governor home after his quixotic odyssey.

Said Vos: "I look forward to working with Governor Walker on additional reform measures throughout his second term in office."

We will be watching to ensure their "reform measures" include no more attempts to take power away from the citizens by hiding records that reveal what public officials are up to. Or crippling the agency that oversees political and government shenanigans.

We don't need any more havoc wreaked here.

We don't need any policies imposed on Wisconsin in order to appeal to a national constituency for a future run for federal office.

We do need a governor who loves Wisconsin and who will work with citizens, across party lines, to make this an even better place to live.

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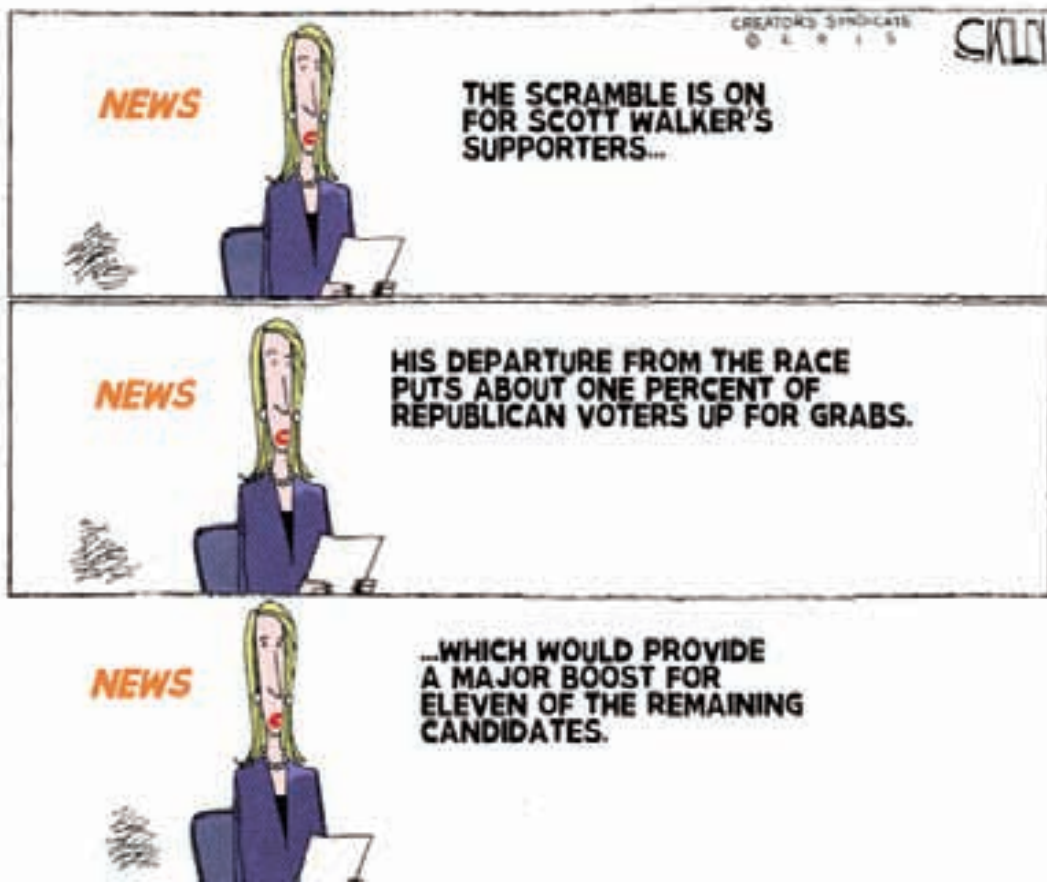
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## PERSPECTIVE

# A visit to Washington DC

A visit to the nation's capital can be inspiring and discouraging at the same time.

Last week, more than twenty members of the LABI Board of Directors traveled to Capitol Hill to meet with our Congressional delegation, as well as with policy and political experts from groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Tax Foundation and the Heritage Foundation. This was our second annual D.C. Fly-in, a new initiative we started at LABI in response to the growing concerns our members have with the escalating, intrusive regulatory approach of the federal government.

The members of our Congressional delegation were gracious with their time and attention and generally seem to share our collective frustration with many of the actions being taken by the executive branch.

It was a very productive visit, despite the fact that D.C. is now recognized more for what it cannot accomplish rather than for the greatness it is capable of achieving. Traditional and new media are filled each and every day with the angst, political divide and cyclical debates that seem to dominate our modern-day government, leaving us all discouraged and disillusioned that change will not happen anytime soon.

While true, that sense of disappointment stands in stark contrast to the feeling one gets driving around D.C. Take a visit to the Lincoln Memorial or Jefferson Memorial, and it is easy to be reminded of the greatness of this country and the strong leadership with which we once were blessed that helped us become the model for the rest of the world. Stroll by the Korean Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial or the Memorials for WWI and WWII and you are driven to pause out of respect for the great sacrifices made by countless fellow Americans to keep us safe.

Walk through the hallways of the U.S. Capitol as you enter the great Rotunda, whose walls are dominated by paintings that tell the story of some of the most critical moments in our nation's ear-

liest years — the moments that set us on the course to greatness that we still pursue today.

For all its warts and frustrations, Washington D.C. remains one of the most inspiring places on earth because it so effectively reminds us what we once were, reiterating to us how lucky we are to live in America and reinforcing to us that we can continue to be a beacon for liberty and freedom if we put our mind and efforts to making that a reality.

The city's very buildings and streets tell a compelling story of a great nation and how it came to be, even if the federal government currently occupying that zip code doesn't always live up to that strong national legacy.

For this reason, it is critical that Americans periodically travel to Washington D.C. to be inspired and remind our elected officials of the issues most important to us folks back home.

For LABI, we visited with our Congressional delegation on a host of issues, including the following:

**Regulatory reform**  
One of the primary obstacles to growth identified by LABI member companies are ever-increasing governmental mandates and regulations — many at the federal level. The implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the proposed water and energy rules of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the draft Department of Labor rule to re-define overtime are just a few examples of the costly burden imposed on job creators across the country with little regard to the impact. LABI believes that federal regulations must be narrowly tailored and supported by strong and credible data. The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 is now pending in the U.S. Senate after passage in the House on a vote of 250-175 earlier this year. LABI supports the legislation, which will modernize the rule-making process to increase public participation and require agencies to choose the least costly option that still protects the public.

A long-term re-authorization of federal transportation funding

With economic growth, Louisiana's infrastructure needs are more urgent than ever, but state and federal funding remains insufficient. In July 2015, Congress approved \$8 billion for the nation's Highway Trust Fund to fund projects through October 29, 2015. The stop-gap measure was passed one day before expiration of the country's road

spending legislation. The U.S. Highway Trust Fund is sustained by the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gas tax, but revenues are not able to cover expenditures in recent years, forcing Congress to use general revenue to cover transportation spending. These funds too have been exhausted, and Congress faces a looming crisis. LABI urges the Louisiana delegation to work toward a sustainable solution to highway funding.

Free trade and Trade Promotion Authority

Many factors have contributed to Louisiana's impressive economic growth, but perhaps chief among them is the state's robust export economy. The state ranked #1 in export growth and intensity just last year. Trade agreements between the U.S. and foreign countries are necessary in order to lower legal hurdles, get rid of tariffs, open up new markets for Louisiana exports, and lower the cost of raw imported goods for our manufacturers. LABI supported the passage of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 to grant Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), also known as "fast-track authority" for the administration to negotiate free trade agreements. Congress passed TPA in June, and LABI urges Congressional support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) should a favorable agreement be negotiated.

The endless debates and dysfunctional efforts that dominate Washington D.C. can be annoying and frustrating to us all, but it is important to not lose faith in our government. Complaining to your friends or venting to your computer screen about the approach taken by our federal government won't change a thing.

If you can swing it, go to D.C. every now and then. Get educated on the issues and get to know your leaders. Take the time to visit them and share your concerns, while asking them to explain theirs. While you're there, take a stroll around your nation's capitol if you want to be reminded why we live in a country worth fighting for.

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

## PERSPECTIVE

# Liberal Reasoning: Idiotic or Dishonest?

Many people argue that liberals, socialists and progressives do not understand basic economics. I am not totally convinced about that.

Take the law of demand, for example, one of the fundamental principles of economics. It holds that the lower the cost of something the more people will take or do of it. Conversely, the higher the cost the less people will take or do something. By their actions, liberals fully understand the law of demand. Let's look at some proof.

The Seattle City Council voted unanimously to establish a tax on gun and ammunition sales. Hillary Clinton has called for a 25 percent tax on gun sales. In Chicago, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle proposed "violence taxes" on bullets to discourage criminals from buying guns. Let's ignore the merit of these measures. They do show that gun grabbers acknowledge the law of demand. They want fewer gun sales and thus propose raising the cost of guns.

NBCBLK contributor Danielle Moodie-Mills said, "We need to stop misgendering people in the media, and there needs to be some type of fine that's put into place for ... media outlets ... that decide that they're just not going to call people by their name." What Moodie-Mills wants is for us to be obliged, if a man says he's a woman, to address him as her and, if a woman says she's a man, to address her as him.



WALTER WILLIAMS

The basic point here is that Moodie-Mills acknowledges the fundamental law of demand when she calls for FCC fines for media people who "misgender" folks. By the way, if I claimed to be the king of Siam, I wonder whether she would support my demand that I be addressed as "your majesty."

In the Ohio Legislature, Rep. Bill Patmon, a Democrat from Cleveland, introduced a bill to make it illegal to manufacture, sell or display toy guns. The ban would apply to any toy gun that a "reasonable person" could confuse with a real one. A \$1,000 fine and up to 180 days in jail would be imposed for failure to obey the law.

That's more evidence that liberals understand the law of demand. You want less of something? Just raise its cost.

Even San Francisco liberals and environmentalists understand the law of demand. They've proposed a ban that over the next four years would phase out the sale of plastic water bottles that hold 21 ounces or less in public places. Violators could face fines of up to \$1,000.

Former U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu once said, "We have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe" in order to make Americans give up their "love affair with the automobile." If gas prices rise high enough, Chu knows that Americans will drive less.

There you have it — abundant evidence that liberals, socialists and progressives understand the law of demand. But wait a minute. What about raising the cost of hiring workers through increases in the minimum wage?

Aaron Pacitti, Siena College professor of economics, wrote that raising the minimum wage "would reduce income inequality and poverty while boosting growth, without increasing unemployment." The left-center for Economic and Policy Research has written a paper whose title tells it all: "Why Does the Minimum Wage Have No Discernible Effect on Employment?" The U.S. Department of Labor has a page on its website titled "Minimum Wage Mythbusters" (<http://tinyurl.com/lt47co9>), which relays a message from liberal economists: "Increases in the minimum wage have had little or no negative effect on the employment of minimum-wage workers."

What the liberals believe — and want us to believe — is that though an increase in the cost of anything will cause people to use less of it, labor is exempt from the law of demand. That's like accepting the idea that the law of gravity influences the falling behavior of everything except nice people. One would have to be a lunatic to believe either proposition.

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

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## Around Town

### Pro-Life 101 Event

The Pregnancy Aid Center will sponsor "Pro-Life 101: Separating Fact from Fiction" Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at the B.F. Martin Community Life Center. Pro-Life Youth Programs Director Alexandra Seghers and Pro-Life Outreach and Legislative Director Deanna Wallace will present resources with help available. All are invited. There will be free food, youth entertainment and door prizes. Admission is free. For more information call 377-0951 or 377-4175.

### September 25, 2015

A Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held at the Presbyterian Church Activities Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Salad luncheon is \$9 per person. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

### September 26, 2015

The Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation will present a "Beauty in Pink Fashion Show" at 1 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

### September 27, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will celebrate Family and Friends Day at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. Charlie Winzer.

Faith-to-Faith Ministries COGIC will celebrate its one year anniversary at 3 p.m.

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church will be celebrating 146 Years of God's Grace and Mercy at 2:30pm. The Reverend Royal Scott from Greater St. Paul will act as special guest.

Mayflower Baptist Church will celebrate Annual Women's Day at 3 p.m. with guest speaker sister Everlean Hollard.

Annual Men Day program to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Guest pastor and church will be Pastor R.J. Atkins and St. Mark Baptist Church from Magnolia.



The Germantown Colony Museum is open 10 a.m until 3 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Courtesy Photo

## Homemakers club visits Germantown museum

**CINDY RICHARDSON**  
Special to the Press-Herald

Many Homemakers Clubs of Webster Parish along with many guests were given a special tour of the new Germantown Museum by Jean Doerge at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

After touring the museum and accompanied by tour Director Billy Dorsey of Minden, the group dwindled in the heat from 17 to 13 enjoying the era furnished habitat, walked past the smokehouse that is being worked on and on to the doctor's house. There was a piano with a very ornately carved top in the room, which will be moved and reassembled.

In between these buildings, we toured the kitchen and dining room that fed between 75 to 100 in shifts. A four burner stove, running water from an outside barrel, wooden bowls and an area for breadmaking.

Many tools showed the utter brilliance of the German Colony.

Later we learned of the sugar cane press and how it operated! Ingenious!

Then on to the carriage house and blacksmith shop. More unique inventions of my heritage, German!

It was quite an interesting visit and we encourage all to go. Free admission! Open Thursday to Saturday.

Along with nine other guests, various members of the Homemakers Club attended, including the Sanders Road Homemakers Club of Springhill Janice Hare, Betty Null, Annie Whaley, Brenda Samples and Christine Snider; Evergreen Homemakers Club members Charlotte Martin and Eliza Haley and myself from the Shongaloo Homemakers Club.

It was a great crowd in 96-degree weather.

Our next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Webster Homemakers Council will meet at the AgCenter in Minden. Bring pot luck lunch dish and join for door prizes and inexpensive Silent Auction.

For more information, call Cindy K. Richardson at 847-4480.



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## SPORTS briefs

### MLB

#### Bird's homer propels Yankees past Jays

TORONTO — During his brief time in the majors, Greg Bird has developed a knack for hitting big home runs.

The rookie launched a three-run shot in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Tuesday night to move closer in the AL East race.

Andrew Miller (3-2) pitched two innings for the win and New York closed within 2 1/2 games of first-place Toronto. The teams meet for the final time this season Wednesday night.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi didn't want to contemplate his team's chances of catching the Blue Jays without Bird's timely homer.

"We would have dug ourselves a pretty deep hole," Girardi said.

Filling in for injured first baseman Mark Teixeira, Bird connected off reliever Mark Lowe (1-3) for his 10th home run in 34 games and third in the past three nights.

"We're still definitely in it," Bird said. "Now it's off to tomorrow."

The runs were the first Lowe had allowed in 10 September appearances.

"It was a good pitch, down and away, bottom of the zone," Lowe said. "He just leaned out and got it. Great piece of hitting."

### NHL

#### Kane sexual assault accuser to speak

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The lawyer representing the woman who has made an allegation of being sexually assaulted by Chicago Blackhawks star forward Patrick Kane has scheduled a news conference for Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Eoannou confirmed in a text to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he will address reporters at his law office in downtown Buffalo. Eoannou did not provide any further details.

It will be the first time he has spoken publicly about the case since Hamburg police launched an investigation against Kane in early August.

Kane is accused of sexually assaulting a woman in her 20s at his off-season home in suburban Buffalo on Aug. 2.

Kane has not been charged.

Kane's lawyer, Paul Cambria, declined comment to The AP when asked about Eoannou's decision to hold a news conference.

Last week, Kane broke his silence regarding the investigation when reporting for the start of Blackhawks training camp at Notre Dame University.

Kane said he did nothing wrong and expected to be absolved. He also apologized for the distraction he has caused his family, teammates, the Blackhawks organization and fans.

Kane then declined to answer questions about the investigation, including how he would deal with playing for the Blackhawks when issues arose in the investigation.

"I can't answer that right now," said Kane.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Apaches ready for Mustangs



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The Glenbrook Apaches are hard at work this week trying to get ready for the biggest game of their season.

Friday, the Apaches will travel to River Oaks in Monroe for their second and most pivotal district matchup to date in a game with major playoff implications.

Beyond that, the Apaches and Mustangs have had a pretty good rivalry going the past 15 or so years, with both schools claiming a state championship in that time frame. It's a matchup that certainly has Glenbrook head coach Caleb Carmikle buzzing.

"The energy level is higher," Carmikle said. "The kids are flying around practice, excited about Friday night. River Oaks has a good team. Coach Hannah has been doing it a long time and had a lot of success. It's another week against a run heavy offense. We have gotten a lot better over the course of the season in our front six or



Braxton Stuckey/Courtesy Photo

seven."

Carmikle said the Mustangs will use a lot of "smoke and mirrors", using a plethora of formations to run a small package of the same plays.

"We have to make sure

we line up correctly on defense," Carmikle said.

While Glenbrook is on offense, the key will be on the offensive line and whether or not they can open holes in the running game. In the passing game, quarter-

back Hunter Vaughn has been good when he has had time to set his feet, another tough ask of the line against a physical River Oaks front seven.

"We have to establish the ability to run the foot-

ball," Carmikle said. "If we're able to do that it gives us more options, but we also have to be able to make plays and throw and catch under pressure."

Another point of emphasis at practice this week has been special teams, an area Carmikle believes could be crucial on Friday.

"It's a phase of the game that often gets overlooked," Carmikle said. "Sometimes it's due to lack of time to prepare, but we've spent a lot of time this week working on special teams."

At 0-5, the Apaches are in dire need of a win, not only for their confidence, but for their playoff hopes.

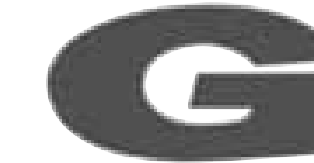
Glenbrook fell in their first district game to the Prairie View Academy Spartans, who many believe to be the 6AA front runner. River Oaks has yet to play the Spartans, meaning a Glenbrook win would likely put them in solid playoff position.

Even with a loss Friday night, Glenbrook wouldn't be out of contention, as they have district tilts against Claiborne Academy, Union Christian and Riverdale Academy remaining on the schedule.

The Apaches will take the field Friday at 7 p.m. in Monroe.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

# Glenbrook defeats Grace Christian at home



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The Glenbrook Apache fifth and sixth grade team was back on the gridiron at home, defeating Grace Christian 28-0 in front of a big crowd.

Peyton Wells played well at quarterback. He threw for 109 yards and a touchdown to Cooper Chase.

Chase led all receivers with 74 yards and three catches, followed by Maddox Mandino with two catches for 34 yards and Cason Clemons who had one catch for a two-point conversion. Dayton Sims caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from Mandino, who also led the team in rushing with 124 yards and two touchdowns on five carries. Chase Tolbert added 24 yards rushing.

C.J. Watts led the team with 12 tackles and Dayton Sims led the team with three pass breakups.



Blake Branch/Press-Herald

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Cowboys trade for veteran Matt Cassel

IRVING, Texas — Matt Cassel is headed to Dallas in a trade as the Cowboys try to bolster their depth at quarterback while Tony Romo is sidelined at least seven games because of a broken left collarbone.

The Cowboys acquired Cassel from Buffalo on Tuesday, sending a fifth-round pick in 2017 to the Bills and getting their seventh-round pick that year.

Both teams announced the trade, and two people familiar with the deal told The Associated Press about the draft picks involved because the

round of the picks weren't disclosed.

Brandon Weeden is expected to start Sunday at home against Arizona (2-0), but Cassel is a veteran with far more experience than the fourth-year pro.

Cassel has 71 starts in 90 games over 11 seasons, not counting the opener this year when he took the first snap for the Bills with Tyrod Taylor lined up at receiver.

The Cowboys traded for the 33-year-old Cassel a few hours after putting Romo on the injured list with a designation to

return.

The first possible game Romo, who was injured in last weekend's 20-10 win at Philadelphia, is Nov. 22 at Miami. He can practice again in six weeks, starting Nov. 4.

Dallas (2-0) also put defensive tackle Terrell McClain on season-ending injured reserve Tuesday with a toe injury sustained last weekend against the Eagles.

The Bills acquired Cassel in a trade with Minnesota in March in what became their latest offseason quarterback

shuffle.

He provided the Bills with veteran depth and was given a shot to compete for the starting job along with Taylor, a free-agent addition, and former starter EJ Manuel.

The three-way competition lasted until the final week of the preseason when Taylor was selected as the starter by coach Rex Ryan.

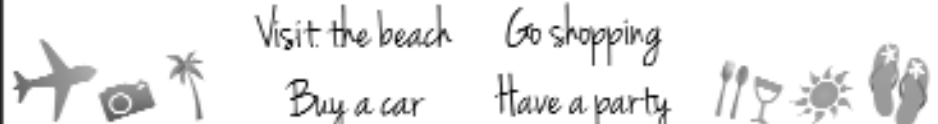
The Bills then made a calculated risk by releasing Cassel as part of a cost-cutting move because his \$4.15 million base salary was deemed too

expensive for a backup. Days later, the Bills re-signed Cassel to a one-year contract with a \$2 million base salary.

Cassel said he turned down offers to sign with other teams to stay in Buffalo because he was familiar with the Bills' system and because he didn't want to relocate his wife, who was eight months pregnant.

Weeden, who turns 32 next month, has lost eight straight games as a starter, including last year against Arizona when Romo was out with a back injury.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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# Donald Trump plays straight man to host Stephen Colbert

NEW YORK — Stephen Colbert showered thanks on Donald Trump, his "Late Show" guest, Tuesday night.

"I want to thank you not only for being here but for running for president," Colbert told the GOP front-runner. "I'm not going to say this stuff writes itself, but you certainly do deliver it on time every day."

Colbert's gratitude for Trump's comic assistance was well-placed. Peppering Trump with questions and wisecracks during his appearance, the CBS host reduced the usually dominating Trump to straight-man status, an unaccustomed role Trump performed with rare grace.

Bringing up Trump's proposal to build a wall between the United States and Mexico, Colbert offered his own mocking version of a way to bar illegal immigration: Two walls, and in between them a moat filled with fire and fire-proof crocodiles. "Is that enough?" Colbert asked.

And focusing on Trump's insistence that Mexico would pay for the wall, Colbert drew him into a role-playing exercise — a phone call where "you're you, and I'm the president of Mexico."

Colbert noted that Trump is leading the field while he vows to finance his campaign out of his own pocket.

"The Republican Party has been a big pusher of the idea that money is speech, and you're a \$10 billion mouth," said Colbert. "You're their worst nightmare."

"I think the establishment in the Republican Party probably isn't that thrilled," he agreed.

Trump repeated his contention, as a former heavy campaign donor, that candidates who accept major contributions are typically "owned" by those donors once in office.

"You gave them a big contribution and you want something and all of a sudden they're very receptive," he said. If you didn't make a healthy gift, "believe me, you



get the cold shoulder."

Colbert asked if Trump really wants to be president: "If you actually got the gig, would that be a step down for you? You know what the pay is like, right?"

Trump replied that he is running "not because I want it, but because I think I can

do a great job."

When pressed on his past contention that President Barack Obama wasn't born in the United States, Trump deferred.

"I don't talk about it anymore," he said.

But he was gung-ho for a game that called for guessing

who in the past had made certain outlandish remarks: Trump or the comically conservative blowhard Colbert played for a decade as host of "The Colbert Report."

Trump or Colbert? "Medicare is like a nice pair of cufflinks. Nobody wears cufflinks anymore."

"That's you," said Trump. Correct.

Trump or Colbert? "It's freezing and snowing in New York. We need global warming."

"I think it's you," Trump hedged, "but it's close to being me."

It was Trump.

And finally: "The real strong have no need to prove it to the phonies."

"It's not me," said Trump after a pause. "It COULD be you."

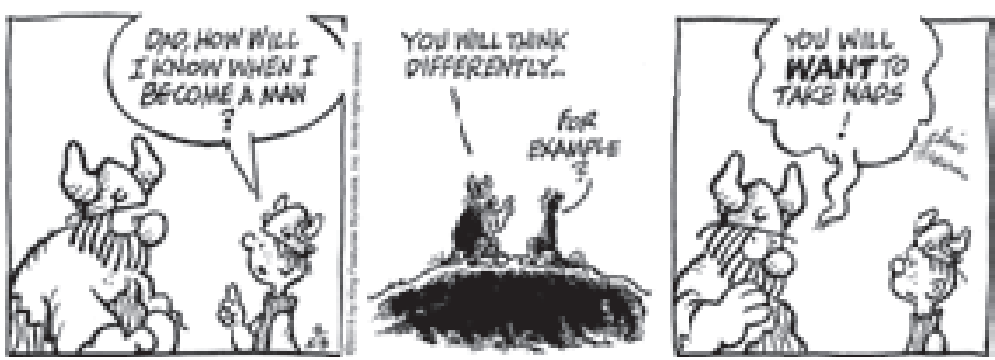
"It's not me, either," Colbert said. "It's Charles Manson."

"Ooooo," said Trump.

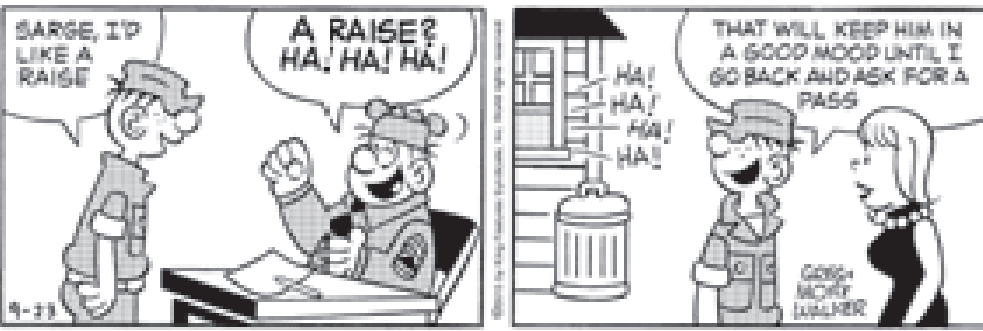
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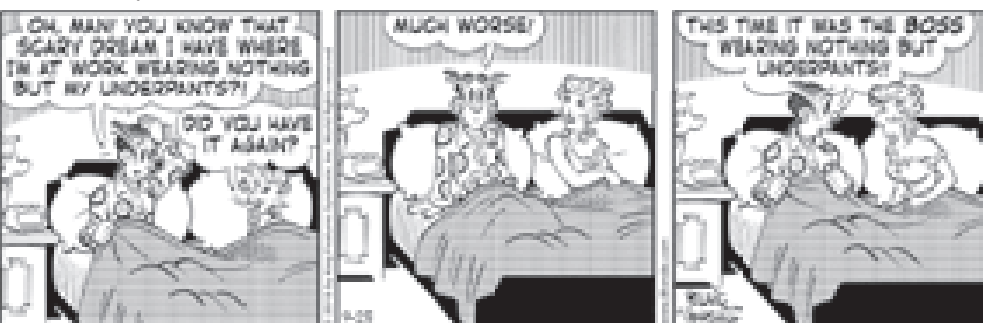
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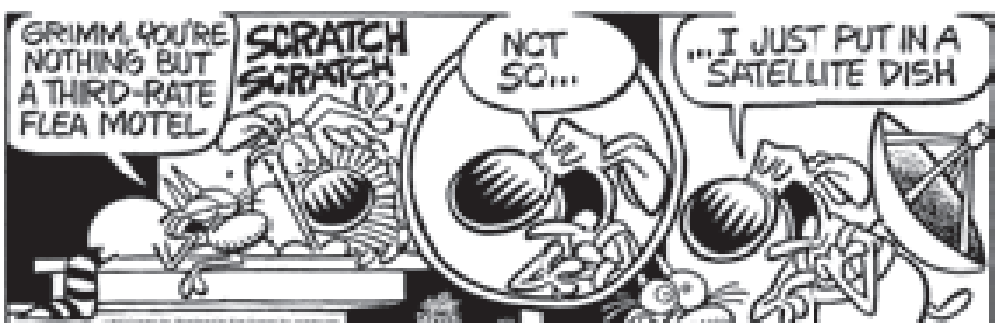
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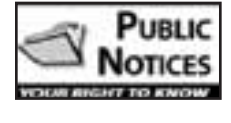
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The Village Water System, Inc. is petitioning the Louisiana Public Service Commission for a water rate increase.

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For questions or comments regarding the proposed rate increase please contact the Louisiana Public Service Commission at (800) 256-2397 or at the following:

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