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GIANT SALVINIA INVADING DORCHEAT BAR PITS



Above and right Giant salvinia, the invasive aquatic weed plaguing Lake Bistineau, seems to be getting worse in the bar pits in Dixie Inn. However, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries biologist Jeff Sibley says they've been treating the area for approximately eight years, about as long as they've been fighting it on Lake Bistineau. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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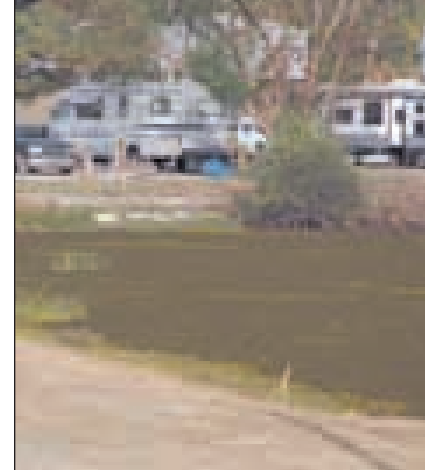
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for seven or eight years now. We've always concentrated efforts in that location. We've sprayed in those gravel pits adjacent to it, and it got there from boat launches and just the migration of the lake."

"Technically, that's the legal definition of the end of the lake," Sibley said of the bar pits. "It's been that far north

The heavy rains and the overflow of

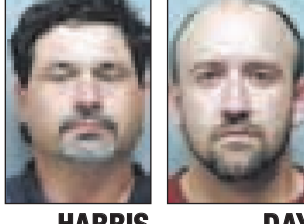
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WEBSTER CRIME

Police: Drugs found at business

Stolen items also reportedly found



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SAREPTA — Two Sarepta men found themselves under arrest on several charges when Webster Parish sheriff's deputies received information on some stolen items.

Ronald D. Harris, 45, of the 26000 block of Highway 371, was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine) with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of firearms in the presence of a CDS. Bond was set at \$31,700.

Brandon Scott Day, 31, of the 200 block of Church Street, was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Captain Robert Hayden, Major Dustin Reynolds, Sgt. Tommy Kemp, Captain Barry James and detective Gene Hanson went to Harris' residence and place of business after receiving information that he might have some stolen items, according to the police report.

When they arrived, deputies described the stolen items to Harris and he reportedly gave consent to search the location. Harris reportedly showed officers a room in which they found in plain view, a set of scales, baggies with a white residue and a wooden box which contained suspected marijuana.

Upon questioning and further investigation, Harris

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ELECTION 2015

Numerous races will affect Louisiana education policy

KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — When it comes to the future of public school policy in Louisiana, the political math gets complicated and party lines blur. The new governor will appoint three members of the 11-member state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Eight other BESE members are being elected from districts around the

state. The board sets and implements education policy and hires the state education superintendent but is also subject to laws passed by a 105-member state House and 39-member Senate. Voters make their choices for governor, for the eight elected board posts and for roughly 70 contested legislative races Saturday (or, if needed, in November runoffs). The election results will heavily influence educa-

tion policies for the next four years. And voters won't be able to use political parties as a guide when it comes to issues such as whether to stick with Common Core education standards; the state's test-heavy school accountability system; and a growing reliance in Louisiana on independently run charter schools and government-funded private school tuition vouchers. "We've seen support for

these policies from people across the political spectrum," Stephanie Deselle, who works on education issues for the nonpartisan Council for a Better Louisiana, said in an interview. The governor's race provides an example. The only major Democratic candidate in the race, state Rep. John Bel Edwards, has the support of the two major teacher unions. The unions, traditionally Democratic allies,

are critical of Louisiana's embrace of Common Core education standards, many aspects of the accountability program and the growth of charter schools. "Common Core continues an over-reliance on testing that feeds into the evaluations of our teachers, our schools and our districts in a way that fundamentally misleads our parents about the quality of education that's

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LOUISIANA POLITICS

Louisiana tops states this year on TV campaign ad spending

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana leads the nation in spending on TV political ads this year, as candidates and outside political groups devote millions mainly to the competition for governor.

With spending over the last week, Louisiana's TV campaign advertising reached \$15.8 million, according to an analysis by the Center for Public Integrity. That edged the state past Kentucky, which also has a competitive governor's race.

Only a few states have statewide elections this year. More than \$10 million has been poured into TV spots for the Louisiana governor's race alone, 43 percent of it spent by independent organizations, mainly on attack ads.

The governor's race is a competition among four major 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.

Vitter and a super PAC supporting him account for



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\$4.3 million of the TV campaign ads.

The Center for Public Integrity analyzed political advertising on broadcast television from 211 media markets around the country based on data from Kantar

Media/CMAG, a media tracking firm that offers a widely accepted estimate of the money spent to air each spot.

These figures cover ads aired between Jan. 1, 2014, and Oct. 19, yet represent

only part of the money spent on political advertising. They do not include ads for radio, online, direct mail, newspapers or TV ads that aired on local cable systems. The estimates also do not include the cost of making the ads.

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taking place in our schools," Edwards said at an education forum earlier this year.

But Democrats are split on education issues, as evidenced by the fact that the group Democrats for Education Reform — which supports Common Core and the accountability system — isn't making an endorsement in the governor's race.

Meanwhile, the three major Republican candidates — Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and Sen. David Vitter — support the state's embrace of independently run charter schools, the accountability program and the growth of taxpayer-funded private school tuition vouchers for some students.

But Dardenne alone is supporting Common Core standards.

Those standards are supported by prominent business leaders in Louisiana, often Republican allies. Still, although the standards were developed by a consortium of states, some Republicans decry them as a means of federal government intrusion into local education matters.

The next governor stands to greatly influence the makeup of the board of education and its collective willingness to move forward with — or roadblock — current policies.

Party labels also are of little use in the individual BESE races. For example, in

Candidates for all eight Board of Elementary and Secondary Education seats are on Saturday's ballot in Louisiana. A look at how the races shape up:

DISTRICT 1: James Garvey, running for re-election in District 1, covering New Orleans suburbs north and south of Lake Pontchartrain, is endorsed by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. Retired teacher Lee Barrios is challenging him, with endorsements from the teacher unions. Both are Republicans.

DISTRICT 2: Kira Orange Jones, the incumbent among three Democrats in New Orleans-based District 2, is backed by LABI and Democrats for Education Reform. She is executive director of Teach for America in New Orleans. The unions are backing Kara Washington, a public school assistant principal.

DISTRICT 3: If Chas Roemer in District 6 was the best-known voice supporting the changes won by self-styled reformers in recent years, then Lottie Beebe of Breaux Bridge, running for re-election in District 3, was perhaps the most vocal opponent. She is a critic of the state's embrace of Common Core, charter schools and vouchers. Beebe is endorsed by the teacher unions; her opponent, Sandy LeBlanc Holloway, is endorsed by LABI. Both are Republicans. The district covers much of southeast Louisiana, including coastal parishes.

DISTRICT 4: Three Republicans are running in northwest Louisiana's District 4, where school principal Mary Harris was appointed to finish an unexpired term. Harris, a Common Core opponent, is listed as a "favorable candidate" by the unions as she seeks a full term. So is teacher and Common Core critic Glynis Johnston. LABI is backing Tony Davis.

DISTRICT 5: Another north Louisiana seat is being vacated by Common Core supporter Jay Guillot. LABI is endorsing candidate Gary Jones in District 5; the unions, Johnny Fatheree. Both are Republicans.

DISTRICT 6: Perhaps the highest-profile BESE member to support Common Core multistate education standards has been Chas Roemer, but he is stepping down from his post representing Baton Rouge-based District 6. Roemer recently endorsed Jason Engen, a Republican, who also is endorsed by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. The association supports Common Core and has endorsed teacher Laree Taylor. Teacher unions — which criticize Common Core as well as the state's test-reliant school accountability system — have given favorable ratings to three candidates: libertarian education blogger Jason France and Republicans Kathy Edmonston and Etta Licciardi.

DISTRICT 7: Teacher Holly Boffy of Lafayette has been a supporter of charters, the accountability program and Common Core. She is endorsed by LABI for re-election in District 7. Fellow Republican Mike Kreamer is challenging her and has the union endorsement.

DISTRICT 8: Democrats for Education Reform and business interests are backing Democrat Jada Lewis in a bid to oust union-backed incumbent Democrat Carolyn Hill in District 8.

Republican-heavy District 6, where Common Core supporter Chas Roemer is stepping down, a coalition that includes the teacher unions has given "favorable" ratings to two Republicans and a libertarian. Roemer had endorsed Republican Jason Engen in the races, and the state's largest business lobbying organization supports two candidates — Engen and

Republican Laree Taylor.

For now, a majority of BESE members tend to support charters, vouchers, school accountability grades based on student test scores and Common Core. That majority includes two appointees of term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal — appointees who stuck with Common Core even after Jindal reversed course and

opposed the standards.

Common Core supporters beat back Jindal's efforts to abandon Common Core last spring but agreed to a review and possible adjustment of the standards. BESE, including the three new members appointed by the governor and the eight who win the upcoming elections, will play a part in the process.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Northwestern State, Delgado partner in nursing program

NATCHITOCHES — Northwestern State University and Delgado Community College in New Orleans are partnering in a new nursing program.

The schools on Friday, at a ceremony in Alexandria, will sign a memorandum of understanding for a 2 + 2 program that will allow Delgado students

who are pursuing an Associate of Science in nursing degree to complete the first two years of study there and transfer all credit hours to Northwestern State toward completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Administrators say the partnership is mutually beneficial for each school.

CRIME

Inmate dies in fight at Union Parish jail

FARMERVILLE — Officials say a fight between two state Department of Corrections' inmates at the Union Parish Detention Center resulted in the death of one and the other inmate faces a homicide charge.

Sheriff Dusty Gates tells The News-Star 63-year-old James Moore III, of Bogalusa, died Tuesday night at University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport from injuries sustained in the fight.

Gates says 50-year-old Clarence Steward, of Shreveport, will be facing a possible homicide charge after the investigation is completed.

Sheriff's detectives reported that Moore was carried to Union General Hospital in Farmerville Sunday but was airlifted to the Shreveport hospital later that evening.

Moore was serving time on a burglary charge while Steward was incarcerated for simple robbery.

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reportedly admitted to possession of methamphetamine.

A further search revealed a clear plastic bag containing 2.8 grams of suspected methamphetamine as well as a glass pipe.

Several firearms and one pistol were also in plain view, according to reports.

Reports indicate Day drove to Harris' residence while officers were still conducting their search.

When officers approached the vehicle, Day was reportedly noted to be moving his right arm

towards the middle of the vehicle. Upon contact with Day, a strong odor of what appeared to be marijuana emitted from the vehicle.

Day was asked to exit the vehicle and a search revealed what appeared to be two partially smoked marijuana cigarettes, along with a clear plastic container which contained a green, leafy substance suspected to be marijuana and rolling papers.

Day reportedly admitted to possession of the suspected marijuana. He was also placed under arrest on the above charges.

Both suspects were transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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LOUISIANA POLITICS

Last governor's race debate goes on without David Vitter

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — The final TV debate among candidates for Louisiana governor went on Wednesday without Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter, though his GOP rivals made sure to point out Vitter's absence.

Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards fielded questions before an audience of LSU students three days before the Saturday election.

They talked about their support for higher education — and for stopping college cuts. Angelle and Dardenne also noted Vitter was missing.

"You have three candidates that showed up tonight to debate and a fourth one who still can't make it," Angelle said, adding that Vitter also has a high absentee rate from Senate votes. Then, he looked in the camera and added: "Keep that in mind, you undecided voters."

Debate organizers said Vitter's campaign cited scheduling conflicts in Washington, and his campaign put out information highlighting Vitter's participation in a Senate committee hearing on the economic impacts of EPA regulations earlier in the day.

It's the seventh TV debate in the race ahead of Saturday's election. Vitter attended two.

Vitter's opponents have accused him of skipping debates to avoid questions about his 2007 prostitution scandal. Eight years ago, Vitter apologized for a "serious sin" after phone records



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linked him to Washington's "D.C. Madam."

Dardenne said voters ought to select one of the three men who participated in Wednesday's debate, candidates he said "had the courage to come face the public and talk about issues of the state, not run away from the past."

Both Angelle and Dardenne are trying to peel votes away from Vitter, who has been running second in polls behind Edwards. In Louisiana's open primary, the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, will head to a November runoff if no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote Saturday.

While Vitter has taken a hit in recent polls, Angelle and Dardenne so far have been splitting the anti-Vitter vote and struggling to get ahead of him.

Edwards also has criticized Vitter for skipping debates. But on Wednesday, Edwards saved most of his attacks for term-limited

Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal, who Edwards blamed for cratering the state's finances and causing long-term problems that will take years to repair.

"Louisiana has not been led well by a Republican governor," Edwards said. "I don't think hardly anybody would dispute that."

The three men repeated their plans to do a wholesale review of the state's multibillion-dollar tax breaks and scale some back to help balance the budget. They said they would end raids on state gas tax money and spend the dollars only on road and bridge work and infrastructure projects.

Asked about recent shootings, including one in which a gunman opened fire in a Lafayette movie theater, all three candidates said they didn't think the state needed more gun restrictions but rather more focus on mental health treatment.

Edwards said Louisiana needed to strengthen background checks to make sure people who prove to be a danger to themselves or others cannot buy a gun, and he said more money needed to be spent on mental health treatment facilities.

The state needs to develop a mechanism for law enforcement to identify people with mental health problems when they are arrested, Dardenne said, and to offer more services to those in need of treatment.

Angelle said he would require an assessment within 180 days of taking office about what mental health services are available from the state, parish governments and charities, to determine shortcomings. He also noted his teen-aged daughter had seen a movie at the Lafayette theater only hours before a man shot and killed two people and wounded nine others before fatally shooting himself there.

"By the grace of God, we did not have that consequence for our family," Angelle said.

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water this year didn't help either, he said.

"In the summertime when it grows best, you've also got those southerly winds," he said. "In that particular area, there was some of it in there from last year's floods, but it

didn't get real severe. This year, certainly, it was in there during the flood event and brought nutrients into that area, and it was a more fertile system."

There are places loosely connected to the stream and high water events, he says, which added to the explosion of growth in Dixie Inn, but some of it is not state owned, adding that it's private prop-

erty.

"It's not a part of the system," he said. "All the land is owned by individuals; it's not something the department necessarily manages. If we ever got to the point where that was the only source of it around, we would certainly try to assist and deal with it."

Their primary concern remains Lake Bistineau, he says, as LDWF continues

spraying the invasive weed and moving forward with the weevils projects.

Currently underway is a weevil study by the Bistineau Task Force. The task force is experimenting with a certain type of weevil to learn their effectiveness on the salvinia. Weevils are the only known predator to giant salvinia, Sibley said.

"The fight with salvinia is

we still have so much of it out there," he said. "We've got 1,000 acres of it out there on the lake that we're working with. Our goal is managing it, maximizing recreational opportunities that we can give the public on the lake."

LDWF has had crews on the lake spraying the salvinia year round in an effort to keep it under control. They have also used weevils in cer-

tain areas, but those efforts didn't pan out due to Louisiana's temperate climate.

They are looking at putting some things in motion so that when spring comes, the public will be able to enjoy the lake during the prime time of the year, he said.



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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

The Advocate on using funds from coastal restoration work to finance a highway project

Three of the four major candidates for governor Monday criticized one of Gov. Bobby Jindal's pet projects, a policy change that would allow future savings from coastal restoration work to finance a major highway project in the coastal area.

Obviously, candidates are in the promising mode shortly before an election and expressed their support for more work on La. 1 to Port Fouchon. But the candidates — Scott Angelle, Jay Dardenne and John Bel Edwards — opposed diversions of the coastal money.

They are right, and Jindal is wrong on this one.

Even with a large check from the BP oil spill settlement, Louisiana will continue pushing for federal assistance to make much larger investments in what is estimated to be — conservatively — a \$50 billion coastal restoration plan.

To rob coastal restoration funds for a road project would signal that the coastal money can be diverted for other public works, the candidates said.

We agree that it's a bad precedent as future governors plead for assistance on coastal restoration.

Jindal wants to take project savings from coastal restoration work funded by the Deepwater Horizon payments and use that money to help pay for the elevation work on La. 1 from Port Fourchon to points north.

The policy change on the money is a decision of the Coastal Protection Restoration Authority. We urge members to reject the idea.

We do not disagree with the governor or the candidates that elevation of Highway 1, as it is commonly known, is a vital project. In fact, at about \$300 million away from completion, it's a project that will require an infusion of money from some source.

We think that the money shouldn't come from coastal priorities. Members of CPRA have, for years, argued that the board ought to avoid diversions of its money. Even after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, some members of Congress questioned federal aid for Louisiana. If we're asking in the future for more federal aid for Louisiana's coast, we're going to have to defend every dime of spending for the BP settlement. Any suggestions that we are pork-barreling this money will be held against us.

"If the CPRA board votes to redirect coastal restoration funds to the bridge project, it could undermine the CPRA's widely praised master plan, which was approved just three years ago," the Bureau of Governmental Research commented. "The plan rightly characterizes Louisiana's land loss as an existential crisis that must be addressed using all available resources."

The new proposal fails that test.

Long-term thinking is needed at this time. We urge the CPRA to keep that in mind when making this decision.

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PERSPECTIVE

Too close to call

I don't know about you, but this Saturday's primary election for governor couldn't get here quick enough.

At the very least, it's safe to say we've heard enough about sinkholes and prostitutes and far-flung trips to Paris. And somehow, we've even heard a bit much about Barack Obama. Yes, even the president of the United States is playing a role in the gubernatorial race in Louisiana though on some very unfavorable terms. Get ready, it's only going to get worse.

At this stage in the game, the governor's race is really about a fight for second place, for John Bel Edwards, the lone Democrat in the race, will lead the field in the primary. That's what happens when there's only one credible Democrat on the stage and roughly 26 percent to 28 percent of the voters on election day will be black. After all, blacks still block vote for Democrats, presumably handing Edwards a solid base to build upon heading toward the Nov. 21 general election. The three Republicans will split up the bulk of the white vote in the primary while Edwards will capture that 10 percent to 15 percent of the vote that we can safely describe as white liberals.

For months we've been told Sen. David Vitter was the man to beat. Not just among the Republicans in the race but a shoe-in to succeed Gov. Bobby Jindal, who's term-limited and off running for president. Vitter has raised a tub load of money, and he's a relentless campaigner. No one will outwork him. Sounds like a match made in heaven.

But something ran afoul on the way to the dance, and Vitter's in a fight for his political life. If he somehow ran third — or worse — in Saturday's primary, his career in politics would be over. He's knows it, too.

It's important to remember that when we're exposed to polling on a particular race, it wasn't by accident. Polls are released to the press for one reason and one reason only: Influence the electorate. Most often, polls released to the press are "cooked," to say the least. In other words, they're what we call "push" polls in politics, meaning the polls were conducted in such a manner in order to produce a particular finding. There's been plenty of those shenanigans throughout this governor's race of 2015. So much so that it would be entirely reasonable to dismiss any and every poll you've heard about or looked at over the past three months that came to you courtesy of a campaign or media outlet. Just throw them out. The race is still too close to call on the Republican side of the ledger.

If you're one of the lucky ones who has managed to cultivate a few contacts here and there in politics over the years and has been lucky enough to have some solid polling directed your way, then you know Vitter has a slight advantage over Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle while Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne is running a handful of points behind but not entirely out of it. That's where the race stood earlier this week.

Beyond any reasonable doubt, Vitter is still the 800-lb. gorilla in this governor's race. He's laser focused, and it's impossible to knock him off message. His core base of support among conservative Republicans will stick with him regardless of the circumstances, including any and all allegations or charges stemming from his past personal problems.

But it's become crystal clear to me — after reviewing the polling on this race for

weeks now — that the only candidate who stands a chance of getting past Vitter to meet Edwards is a run-off in November is Angelle. That makes sense if you take the time to think about it.

Angelle is the only candidate in the race who can claim a regional base of support — Acadiana. If you know anything about our friends and neighbors in Cajun Country, they are prone to stick with one of their own. Besides, Angelle is a gifted speaker. He's as good as Edwin Edwards was in his prime. In some ways, he's better than EWE.

More importantly for Angelle, though, is he's a conservative. He's not quite as conservative as Vitter, but he represents a safe alternative for conservatives and moderate Republicans alike who have reservations about voting for Vitter. They've already dismissed Dardenne in light of his voting record in the state Senate years ago. As Dardenne has learned, those votes to raise taxes will haunt you. Even more than a decade down the road.

So, here we are, just days away from election day in Louisiana. There are some decent candidates on the ballot, not just in the governor's race but down ballot as well. Those elections matter, too.

None of it matters, though, unless you put down the remote control for the TV, set aside that bowl ice cream and get off your tail and go vote. It's important.

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PERSPECTIVE

My pick for the next Speaker of the U.S. House

If it were under the big top, it would be a hilarious clown show — with pratfalls, wild posturing, tumbling, juggling and a cacophony of comic chaos.

But alas, it's under the Capitol dome, so it's just the Republican congressional caucus — bumbling, stumbling, and crashing into each other in clownish acts of ideological zaniness, political incoherence and pathetic ineptitude. The present bedlam on the Hill was prompted by House Speaker John Boehner abruptly deciding to zip-a-dee-doo-dah out of office, having finally given up on corralling his caucus of clowns.

Sadly, his withdrawal has only intensified the buffoonery, generating a slapstick intramural contest over which group of far-out right-wingers gets their pick to replace him. Boehner's contingent of anti-government, corporate-hugging extremists want one of their own, while assorted groupings of even fringier, farther-out packs of mad-dog tea party Republicans want someone who'll howl at the moon and literally shut down the government.

When Speaker Boehner gave up his position because he couldn't stand running the show anymore, next in line was Rep. Kevin McCarthy. He started campaigning for the job, but quickly backed off after he let it slip that the House Benghazi hearings were held just to damage Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and really had nothing to do with national security.

For the moment, Rep. Paul Ryan appears to be the most likely pick, except for two problems: One, he doesn't really want the thankless task of clown-herding, unless he can get all factions of Republicans to a level of consensus (good luck with that!); and two, even though he is an Ayn Rand-worshipping, Koch-hugging, laissez-fairlyland ideologue dedicated to killing everything from Social Security to Obamacare, Ryan is just not right-wing enough for the howlers. He's considering whether to run for the job, but even if he does — and wins — the spectacle will continue.

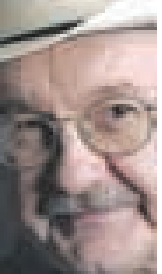
The amusing irony in Ryan's predicament is he helped create his own mess! He was chief architect of the 2010 Republican scheme to take over Congress by recruiting and electing the mad dogs who are now biting him on the butt — and turning the U.S.

House of Representatives into the House of Ridiculousness. As Rep. Peter King put it: "We look absolutely crazy."

And Rep. King is right. What's at work here is the Crazy Caucus. At one level or another, nearly all Republican House members belong, but the caucus is driven by about 40 hyper-crazies who believe that the greatest problems facing our country are Hillary Clinton's emails, Planned Parenthood, the existence of public services and the "hordes" of Mexicans who sneak into our country so they can vote for Democrats. It's the job of the House speaker to try "leading" these mad dogs to an occasional bit of sanity. Who really wants to do that — or even thinks it's possible?

Well, several of the mad dogs themselves say they should be put in charge. Daniel Webster says he's available (not the smart guy who compiled the dictionary, but a tea party bozo from Florida). Bill Flores, a little-known tea party know-nothing from Texas, says he would unite the House by getting all the members to "spend enough time on our knees praying for each other." That's silly, but the idea of keeping lawmakers on their knees is appealing. Mike Pompeo of Kansas, a prince of right-wing pomposity who was elected by the billionaire Koch brothers to be their personal representative in Washington, says he's ready to lead the House toward a Koch-headed plutocracy.

That's pathetic. But wait — we have another surprising choice. It's a little-known fact, but the speaker of our House of Representatives does not actually have to be a member of Congress. So why don't we choose someone like a kindergarten teacher, a minimum-wage worker, an organic farmer or a circus ringmaster to run the show? Or maybe a group psychologist is what the place really needs.



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Around Town

Oct. 13-31

First United Methodist's "Pumpkin Patch" featuring 1,500 pumpkins will be open throughout the month. "Football in the patch" will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Oct. 17, The LSU game will be shown via projector. There will also be games and food. Attendees should bring own chairs. "Pumpkin Shine" will be Oct. 24 from 3 until 5 p.m. with food and carnival games. For more information contact First United Methodist's main office.

Oct. 24

Iota Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, in cooperation with Partners for Healthy Eating, will sponsor a Food, Fun and Fitness Day from 10 a.m. until noon at St. Rest Baptist Church Family Life Center. Activities are open to all children grades K-12. Parental supervision is required. There will be games, prizes and snacks. For more information contact Ora Rice at 377-6842.

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church's Husband and Wife program will be at 6 p.m.

Zion Hill Baptist Church's Family and Friend Day worship will be at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker pastor Barry Jofrion.

Oct. 25

HALLELUJAH! Many Voices One Song Musical will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 pm. Special guest will be House of Peace Ministries. Other guest will be soloists and choirs from the surrounding area.

Miller Chapel Baptist Church's 114th anniversary will be celebrated along with Family and Friend day at 3 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. Donnie Johnson.

Mt. Calm Baptist Church's 119th church anniversary will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. F. Bernard Mitchell, At 5 p.m. there will be a Musical presented by the Mt. Calm Mass Choir. The guest soloist will be the Rev. C D Pate.

Lakeview United Methodist Church will host an annual Fall Fest from 4 until 6 p.m. on the church yard at Turner's Pond. Free games for the children, free face-painting, a free cup cake walk, a free bounce house, free soft drinks and lots of fun. There will also be a silent auction featuring cakes and other desserts prepared by Lakeview cooks. Non-perishable food items are welcome and will be donated to UCAP. There will also be a "Pumpkins on the Pond" contest for all children who wish to bring a decorated or carved pumpkin.

Oct. 28-30

Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 4th



Sarepta High alumni and past staff enjoy the "Celebration of Friends" at the Sarepta Community Center. Courtesy Photos

Sarepta High alumni gather to reminisce

JANET GRAY REEVES
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On Saturday, Oct. 17, approximately 100 people gathered at the Town of Sarepta Community Center on Vines Street to visit and reminisce about their days while attending or working at Sarepta High School.

The building, which houses group graduating pictures beginning from 1923, was decorated in fall colors with centerpieces of orange and gold leaves and flowers on each table. Avery's

Catering of Minden provided a delicious brisket buffet with all the trimmings.

Organizer Harold Dean, class of 1956, asked all to introduce themselves and their guests and tell what graduating class they were associated with. Door prizes were presented to the oldest teacher, Harold Newsom of Sarepta, and the oldest student Hazel Bradley Tyler, class of 1944, of Minden. Former students came from all over the nation. Lanell Myers Borrelli, class of 1965, from Washington, captured the prize for the greatest distance with

Betty Beaty Craddock, class of 1957, coming in second traveling from Indiana.

All veterans, police officers, fire fighters and service men and women were honored as they placed their names on the patriotic board of flags highlighted with a large American eagle.

"Celebration of Friends" is an annual reunion of former students, teachers and workers of Sarepta High School. The date for this event in 2016 will be announced at a later date.

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SPORTS briefs

MLB Red hot Mets

World Series bound

CHICAGO — Two sweet swings by Lucas Duda put New York in position for a playoff sweep of the Chicago Cubs, and Daniel Murphy finished the job for the Mets.

Next up is a trip to the World Series.

Murphy homered for a record sixth consecutive postseason game, and the Mets brushed aside the Cubs 8-3 Wednesday night, capping a National League Championship Series in which New York never trailed.

"I can't explain it. It's such a blessing to contribute to what we've been able to do," Murphy said.

Duda hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run double in the second, silencing a crowd of 42,227 desperately hoping for the beginning of an epic comeback in Game 4.

Not this time. Not with New York's array of power arms, and Murphy swinging a hot stick that made him the NLCS MVP.

The Mets advanced to the World Series for the first time since they lost to the crosstown Yankees in five games in 2000. They will play at either Toronto or Kansas City in Game 1 on Tuesday night; the Royals lead 3-2 in the ALCS.

NBA Thompson, Cavs agree on big deal

CLEVELAND — Already an elite rebounder, Tristan Thompson snatched a long-term contract from the Cavaliers.

The restricted free-agent forward has agreed in principle with the defending Eastern Conference champions on a five-year, \$82 million contract, ending his holdout and giving the Cavs needed frontcourt depth as they enter a new season.

The team confirmed Wednesday night that it had a verbal agreement with Thompson, who helped the Cavs get to the NBA Finals last season by filling in for an injured Kevin Love. Thompson had been seeking a maximum deal, while the Cavs made it known they valued the former No. 4 overall pick, but weren't going to overpay for a reserve.

The sides had been in an awkward stalemate, which threatened to carry over into the regular season. However agent Rich Paul, who also represents star LeBron James, and Cleveland's front office were able to come to terms less than a week before the opener at Chicago.

There's a chance the deal will be finalized Thursday and Thompson, who has been working out on his own during the holdout, can begin practicing.

Thompson posted a photo on Instagram wearing a Cavaliers' baseball cap.

"It's been a long summer of grinding and hard work but now it's back to The Land to take care of some unfinished business," Thompson wrote.

Thompson will be among the league's highest-paid power forwards.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Homecoming battle

WARRIORS LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN AGAINST BULLDOGS



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SIBLEY - The Lakeside Warriors are gearing up for homecoming and expect to be in front of a large crowd when they take on Red River Friday night.

Lakeside comes into the contest at 0-7, while Red River will put a 4-3 record on the line.

Lakeside head coach Joey Pesses said this week at practice has been crisp despite the extra-curricular activities that come with homecoming.

"I think they're doing alright," Pesses said. "I just ask them to come out focused when it's time to practice. Homecoming is

really for those who've graduated and we want to play well for them. Last year we got a big win on homecoming."

A win in this homecoming game would be even bigger, as an upset of the Bulldogs sounds like a tall task.

"They like to throw the ball," Pesses said. "They have tall, athletic receivers, good quarterback and running back. They have all the skill guys you would need."

Lakeside will counter with just the opposite, a ground and pound attack based around the physical-running of Chris Brantley, Brayden Jones and the rest of the Warrior backs.

"They line up in multiple fronts defensively," Pesses said. "We aren't going to try and outrun anyone to the sidelines. We're going to mix up inside the tackle and outside the tackle, but our best bet is to come downhill."

The Warriors and Bulldogs kickoff homecoming at 7 p.m. in Sibley.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Apaches have one more shot at victory



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The Glenbrook Apaches haven't been on the winning end of a game this season.

Under the direction of first year head coach Caleb Carmikle, the Apaches have played their toughest schedule in recent memory.

Glenbrook has one game left on their schedule, a home date with Riverdale Academy, and nothing would bring the Apaches or their head coach more joy than ending the season with a win.

"These seniors have been through quite a bit in their three years," Carmikle said. "They've had three different head coaches and a lot of change, but they've come out everyday since I got here and worked hard. I feel like every one of them has improved since I got here,

both as a football player and a person. It would be great for those guys to go out with a win."

To get that win, the Apaches will have to contain Riverdale's explosive quarterback.

"He's a very good athlete," Carmikle said. "He comes out every week and battles. He makes everything go."

The key to limiting the damage, according to Carmikle, is a discipline pass rush.

"The big thing is staying

in our rushing lanes," Carmikle said. "Whoever is responsible for contain can't get sucked inside. If everyone does their job their shouldn't be anywhere for him to go. You get in trouble when guys try to do too much and they get out of their lanes. We're stressing assignment football this week on defense."

The Apaches had some early success with their physical running game last week against the Trinity Episcopal Saints. Carmikle said to expect more of the

same this week.

"It's something we've added that fits our system," Carmikle said. "We'll rely on Drennon (Keen) a lot this week, but I'm hoping that the passing game can open up a little more now that we've established the run threat."

Keen finished with 172 yards rushing last week in his first game at full health, and quarterback Seth Tyler added 75 yards and two touchdowns rushing.

The Apaches and Rebels will kickoff at 7 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saints struggling to run



METAIRIE — When Saints coach Sean Payton studied last week's victory over the previously unbeaten Falcons, he couldn't ignore troubling trends that might have been more costly if not for a bonanza of big plays in New Orleans' favor.

The Saints allowed Atlanta to gain 150 yards on the ground, with Devonta Freeman gaining 100. Meanwhile, New Orleans managed only 81 yards rushing.

Now New Orleans, which visits Indianapolis on Sunday, ranks third to last in the NFL this season against the run (giving up 138.2 yards per game), as well as second to last in yards rushing (84.7 per game).

"We have to be able to run the ball better and our run defense has to be better or it's going to be an up-and-down ride," Payton said. "There are some numbers over six weeks,

and some of them go back past six weeks."

Payton sounded particularly annoyed by the frequency with which his defense has allowed opponents to break the 100-yard mark. Going back to last season, it has happened in 14 of 15 games, including all six games this season, with a season's "best" of 115 yards given up against Dallas.

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"They had some explosive runs — obviously their yards per carry (7.1) were up," Payton said. "Both sides of the ball need to improve there or the games where we don't have three takeaways and a blocked punt for a touchdown and recovered three fumbles against the Falcons, which Payton said "overshadowed" Atlanta's 150 yards on the ground.

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PAYTON

first thing brought up in New Orleans' team meeting Wednesday.

"Alignments will be a big key. You've got to set yourself up to be in an easier position to make the tackle before the snap," Ellerbe said. "We'll just start with alignments and go from there, because it's an attitude when you're stopping the run."

"You've got to get off a block and get to the ball," added Ellerbe, who was part of Baltimore's defense when the Ravens won the Super Bowl in New Orleans at the end of the 2012 season. "I know what it takes and I'm going to let the guys know what it takes and help out where I can."

On the offensive side, the Saints have rushed for 100 yards only twice this season and not more than 104 yards in a game.

So when Payton talked about the need to move the ball better on the ground, the message resonated with running back C.J. Spiller, who was one of New Orleans' highest-profile free-agent signings.

"Obviously you take it personally," Spiller said. "It's a challenge, because we want to be able to hang our hat on being able to run the football."

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ALONG THE WAY

It must be fall

I noticed leaves on my mind. Football, peanuts, popcorn, apples, collard greens, winter squash and gourds...yep, fall has arrived!

Heavy dews are welcomed. The worms are webbing in the trees and persimmons are turning pink. Yes, can't you almost 'smell the change a'coming?' Another summer laid to rest; another beautiful autumn appearing around the area.

Another season of change! Life is much like the seasons - always changing...sun shining, thunder and lightning, and then storms - strong winds, hail, and even snow sometimes...!

Remember as a child when the cooler mornings began to appear and we began wearing shoes to school? Oh, how I hated to put those shoes on again, but it surely felt good come mid-October when the temperatures dipped a bit. Those hand-me-down long sleeve shirts felt warm tucked inside the overall, thanks to my older brother.

Recently a friend mentioned boiled peanuts and our ears 'perked up'. We grew up on those delicacies, along with cracklin' bread and hominy. Muscadines were rewards for enduring the long, hot summer - juicy and sweet/sour...a perfect combination on a fall morning in the woods. 'Possum grapes and Elder berries were plentiful for a snack near the creek, or fall jams. We always knew where the cross vine was growing too...good smoking when they dried in the fall. Corn silks for 'homemade cigarettes' along with pages from the Sears catalog made for tuff (but cheap) smoking! Of course, a burned tongue and a few other symptoms were sidekicks that came with it. Sure sign that summer was waving good bye and the fall season was fast upon us.

Life is a series of seasons, each moving faster as the wheels race down the speedway toward the finish line. Following close on the heels of Autumn is Winter with all its' weather changes ready to pounce on us. I cry out, "Hey, Lord, these seasons are passing too fast for me." He replies, "Trust Me and hang on, boy! The best is yet to be." How can that be? Only the Good Lord knows!

Yep, it is Autumn, it's Fall! whatever! See the pumpkins downtown for the children to enjoy? Posters announce "fall festivals" at churches and garage sales are everywhere, mums in bloom, pine straw being dumped on the ground - celebrations of another harvest time. Homecoming courts and parades signal 'fall is here.' Enjoy God's beautiful landscape He has painted for us and give thanks to our wonderful Heavenly Father for another beautiful season.



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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Relevant Church Messages - 2

John was an elderly man when he saw Jesus in vision on the prison isle of Patmos. Instructions were given to write down all he saw and to send it to the seven churches, which were part of Western Asia Minor, modern Turkey today. The purpose of these messages, as stated by Jesus in vision, was "to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass" Revelation 1:1. Interesting is the fact that the churches are mentioned in the order they would be visited by a messenger approaching from Patmos. It was possible to visit all seven of the churches without retracing ones steps.

The letter to each of the churches follows a similar format. Each one begins with some portion of the impressive description of Jesus followed by a commendation for the good things about the church. It's as though Jesus doesn't want them to get discouraged hearing reproof first, so it instead follows the positive points. Each letter ends with a promise for the one who applies the message - the one who is victorious.

Just prior to the promise to each church, we find the identical phrase repeated with each letter, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22. This must have reminded John of the various times he had heard Jesus say these very words during their years together (Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 43). We don't want to miss this invitation given not only to the various churches of John's time, but equally applicable to our own lives. It was important enough to be repeated seven times. We are among those who have ears. To hear is not simply to recognize sound as another reads the letter, but rather to hear with understanding leading to conformity to what has been heard. That is what will assure victory in each case.

Next week we shall begin our tour with the messages carried to each of the seven churches. Every message has relevance for us today. Be ready to "hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches".



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There is very little that we know with certainty. We often think we know why others do what they do, but when we reflect honestly about how unsure we often are of our own motives, it should be obvious that we don't really know the motives of others. The more that we know about how the universe works, both on the largest and the smallest scales, from subatomic particles to the formation of galaxies, the more we realize how little we know. No one but God was there at the creation of the universe. There is a sense in which the world is intelligible: things can be understood well enough to build functioning cars and spaceships and medical devices which do indeed work, but they don't work so perfectly as to give us the illusion of certainty. There is plenty that we know, or can know, but our collective knowledge is like a drop in a veritable ocean of ignorance. We do well to remain humble in the face of all that we do not know.

- Christopher Simon



"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."
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POP CULTURE

Fox torn over Cubs prediction in 'Back to the Future II'

NEW YORK — While some of the predictions made in "Back to the Future Part II" eventually came true, like Skype and fingerprint scanners, one of them did not: The Chicago Cubs winning the World Series.

At a special screening for the film Wednesday, star Michael J. Fox admitted on the red carpet that he was a little torn over that one.

"It's tough because I'm a New Yorker and I would love to see the Mets do well. But I'd love to see the film be right. So I'm torn," Fox said before the game ended, adding "Whatever happens, happens."

Christopher Lloyd, who played Emmett "Doc" Brown, said he didn't really follow the predictions, except for that one.

"I'm hoping the Cubs win tonight and go into the series, that would be the ultimate prediction," Lloyd said with a bit of trepidation.

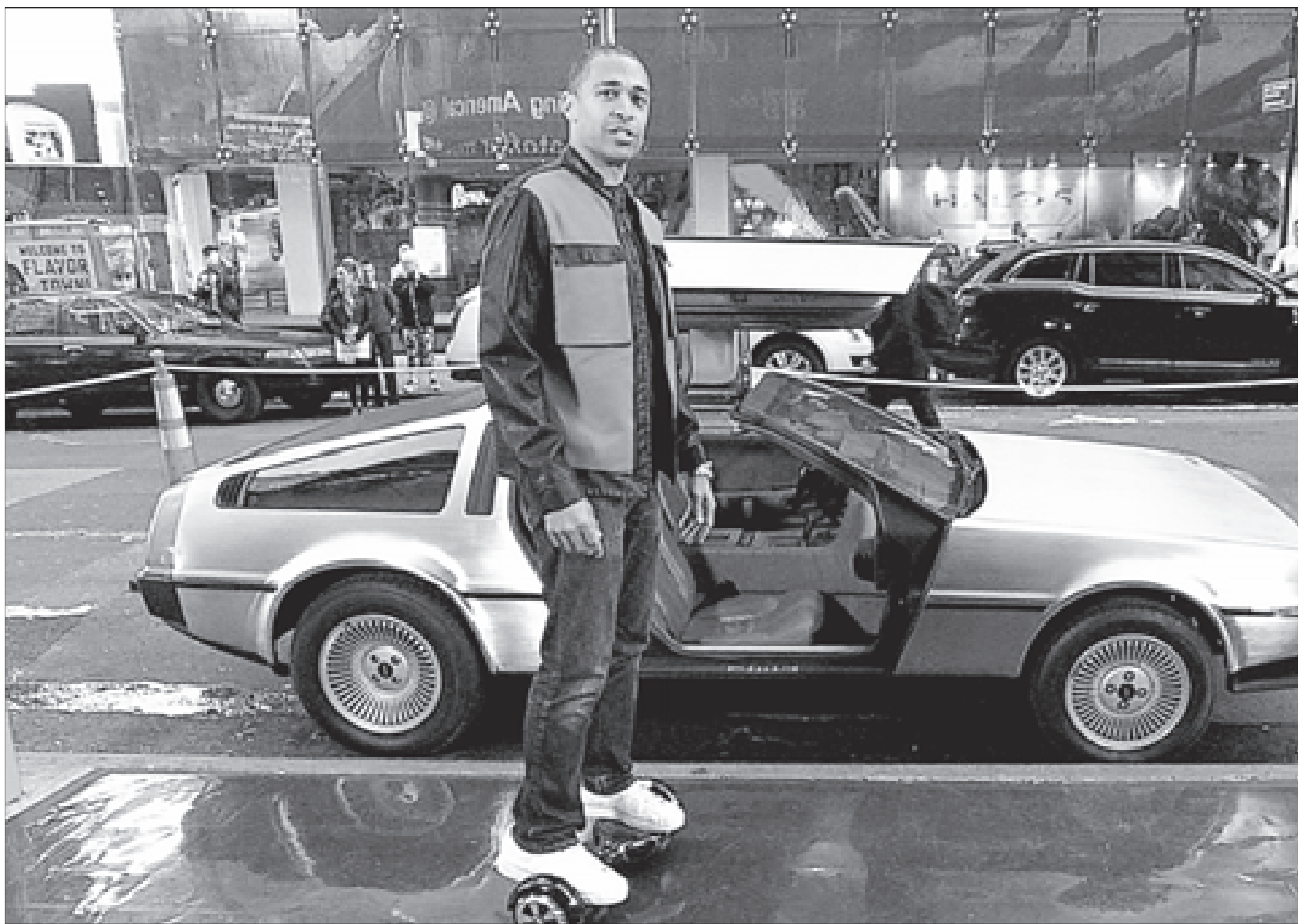
But that was not to be. The New York Mets defeated the Cubs 8-3 Wednesday in the National League Championship Series. They will advance to the World Series.

"Back to the Future Part II" envisioned more than baseball. It depicted a colorful 2015 with flying cars, hoverboards and self-tying shoelaces. While those doodads are hardly prevalent today, the film did accurately tease the rise of flat-screen televisions, biometric scanning and hands-free gaming.

Even President Obama was impressed. Earlier in the day, he sent Fox a tweet that read: Happy Back to the Future Day.

According to writer and co-creator Bob Gale, most of the predictions, including the one about the Cubs "were intended to be jokes."

"The most far-fetched prediction was that lawyers



would be abolished in the future. We didn't expect that would happen, but you put stuff in the movie you're going to enjoy," joked Gale.

Fox and Lloyd arrived on stage at "Jimmy Kimmel Live," which is filming at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Howard Gilman Opera House this week, in a DeLorean dressed as Marty McFly and Doc Brown. The talk show host informed the pair about all the advancements that have been made

since 1985, including cronuts, emojis and selfies.

"Doc, it seems like 2015 kinda sucks," joked Fox as McFly. He later came back out sporting a pair of sneakers that appeared to have power laces, as depicted in "Back to the Future Part II."

"Back to the Future" Day was celebrated around the world on Wednesday. It marked the day in 1985 that McFly, along with Doc Brown and Jennifer Parker traveled in their souped-up

DeLorean time machine to 2015 in the sci-fi film trilogy's second installment in 1989.

"Back to the Future" filmmaker Robert Zemeckis' trilogy has left a lasting impression on pop culture in the 30 years since the original film debuted, spawning a theme park attraction, video game and animated series.

The town of Reston, Virginia ceremoniously changed its name to Hill Valley, McFly's fictional hometown.

Washington, D.C.'s Washington West Film Festival featured a marathon screening of the trilogy and will have a Sunday screening of the original film. Stars Christopher Lloyd and Claudia Wells, as well as screenwriter-producer Bob Gale will attend.

Other celebrations in California included the "We're Going Back" fan event at the Hill Valley town square set on the Universal Studios lot and the Million McFly March, a gathering of fans

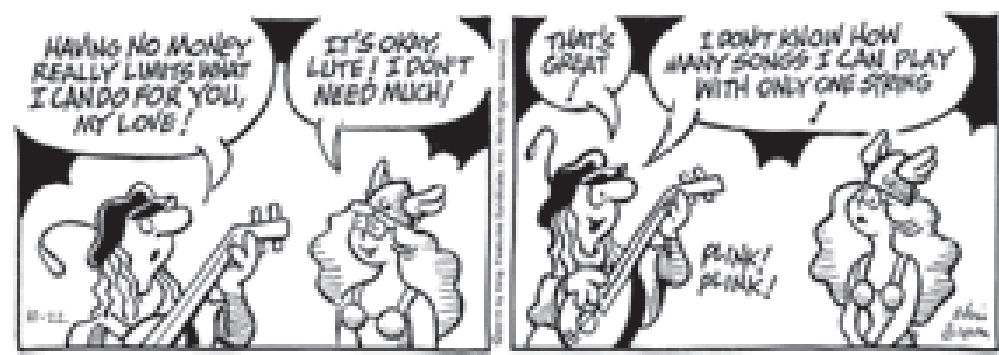
dressed as McFly that began at the Burbank, California, location of the Burger King restaurant depicted in "Back to the Future."

For those who don't want to leave home, the trilogy is being streamed on Amazon Prime throughout October. Universal also is releasing a special edition trilogy box set in light-up packaging resembling Doc Brown's flux capacitor.

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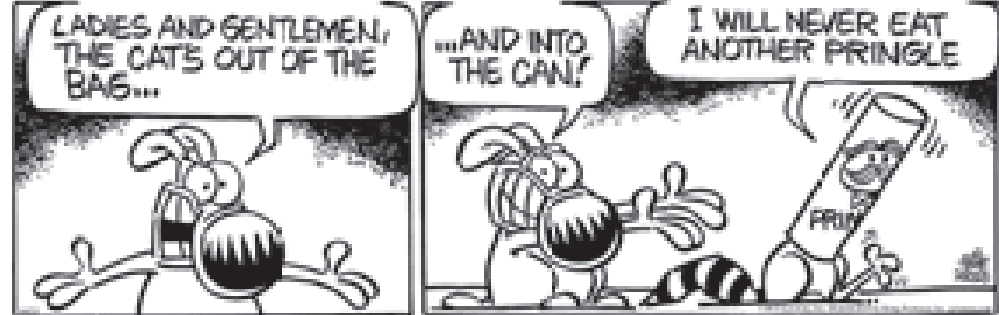
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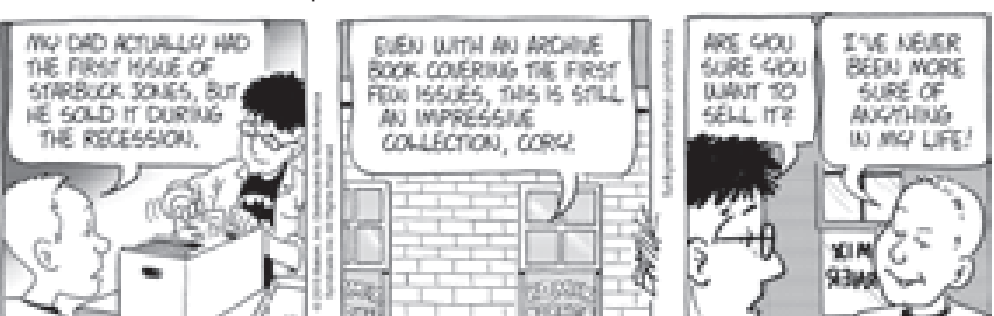
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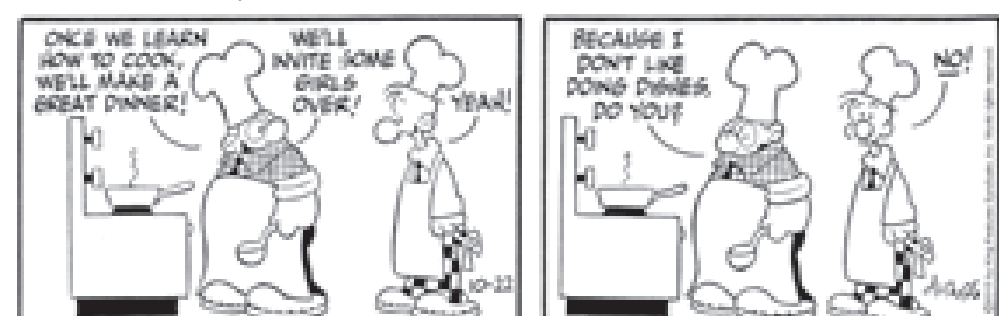
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On the agenda is a request from Impressions Advertising Specialties, LLC for a sign ordinance variance on property owned by Minden Seafood, LLC located at the municipal address of 718 Homer Road. This property is zoned B-4 (Highway Commercial). The purpose of this sign ordinance variance is to place a digital billboard on the property for rent ads to local and national businesses. Legal Description: LOT FRONTING 273.10 FT. ON MINDEN-HOMER HWY. X 162.1 X 260.8 X 111.2 FT. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 & IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 23-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard. **ACTION ON THIS ITEM WAS TABLED ON OCTOBER 1, 2015** **THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2015. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

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On the agenda is a request from Lend Lease (option holder) for a zoning variance on property owned by D & D Botzong Holdings LLC located at 1200 Davenport Drive. This property is zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to install a wireless communication tower on the property. Legal Description: 15.90 ACRES - TRACT 227.3 X 228.85 X 294.3 X 278.02 X 324.23 X 800 X 125 FT. IN SE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 28-19-9 & IN NE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 33-19-9 (6.38 AC.), LESS 0.54 AC. EXCHANGED, & TRACT 460 X 314.23 X 118.29 X 256.84 X 653.89 X 830.10 X 400 FT. IN SW/4 SEC. 28-19-9 & IN NW/4 SEC. 33-19-9 (10.06 AC.)

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4 Piece for two
8 Speaker's place
12 "As if!"
13 Poet Pound
14 Expel
15 Green onion
17 Earthen pot
18 Shelter
19 One without snow tires?
21 "Ecce homo" sayer
24 Costa del —
25 Swiss canton
26 Blunder
28 Kathmandu's land
32 Source
34 Deity
36 Munro's pen name
37 Boredom
39 Wiretap
41 Energy
42 And so on (Abbr.)

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1 Half the ramifications
2 Medic
3 Colt's pop
4 Take out of context?
5 Sub-machine gun
6 Cupid's alias
7 Aquariums
8 Random drawings?
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10 Capri, e.g.
11 Luminary
16 Meadow
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