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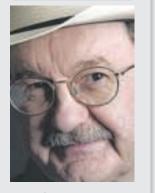
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15 Under 40 honorees will be recognized during a banquet Oct. 20. They are from left on back row, Matt Wimberly, Wimberly Agency; Bewanichi Sheppard, Webster Junior High; front row, Melissa Wilkie Fox, 26th Judicial Court; Lindsay M. McClaran, MBL

# 15 UNDER 40

honorees announced, to be honored Oct. 20

Tickets are on sale for the annual "15 Under 40" dinner and gala scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Minden Civic Center.

"Each year 15 outstanding young professionals are recognized for their accomplish-

ments their careers and communities," Jerri de Pingre', president of the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce said. "A



**DEPINGRE** 

diverse selection panel reviewed and scored the nominees to distinguish the top 15 applicants."

The keynote speaker will be president and CEO of the Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerc, Zazell V. Dudley.

Call the office of the Minden-South Webster Chamber off Commerce at 377-4240 to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$35 each and a table of eight may be purchased for \$250.

Dinner will be catered by



Not available for group was Kenny Balkom, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. Courtesy Photo



Also meeting the criteria for 15 Under 40 honors are Bridget Bridges, Doyline High School; Kelly Copeland Paul, Minden Medical Center; Shaun Lewis, Fibrebond Corporation; Leslie Williams Utley, Minden High School; Mary Helen Simms, The Coordinating & Development Corporation. Courtesy Photo



Under 40 group are Kelli Carter, Minden High School; Kagnee Veitch, United Way of NWLA; Clint Smith, Minden Police Department; Tessa Cay Bryant, J.A. Phillips Middle School; LaTashia Upton, MD, The Women's Clinic. Courtesy Photo

POLICE JURY

## WPPJ introduces precinct merger ordinance

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The Webster Parish Police Jury introduced an ordinance as one of the steps necessary to merge voter precincts in the parish.

Ordinance 1011-A was introduced Tuesday during the police jury's monthly meeting which will merge precincts 21 and 22. If the ordinance is adopted in November, the merged precincts will become

"There is one precinct that does not have 300 vot-

ers in it that by state law has to be combined with another precinct," jury presi-Jim dent Bonsall said.

All the **BONSALL** voters in precinct 21 who cast their

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MINDEN CRIME

## Police: Man arrested for stealing soda, shirt

MICHELLE BATES

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A Minden man found himself in handcuffs after police say he admitted to stealing a Coke and a t-

Daniel C. Wells, 29, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, was charged with theft of goods, possession of marijuana and on a warrant as a fugitive from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Minden police chief

Steve Cropper says Officer First Class Kenneth James

dispatched to Walmart in reference to shoplifters. They

informed that loss prevention

had one suspect in custody and the second had left in a

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## **Annual Webster Parish** Fair in full swing

**THURSDAY** 

»Fair gates open at 5 p.m. (Armband night: Bring two canned goods and get \$1 off the armband. Gate fee is \$2.) »Dress Your Pet costume contest at 5:30 p.m.: 4-H stu-

dents who do not participate in the livestock show will have a chance to dress their pets for Halloween. >>4-H Pee Wee Pig Show at 6 p.m.: This show is an

opportunity for the smaller kids to learn how to show »4-H leaders/principals pig pusher at 6 p.m.: The adult

version of the pee wee pig show.

»4-H goat, lamb, beef and dairy and Doug Sale Showmanship at 7 p.m.: This will be an opportunity for 4-H students who do not raise swine to show off their animals.

»Dorcheat Bottom Band will play at 7 p.m.







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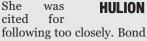
## Heflin woman hits mailbox, jailed on **DWI** charge

**MICHELLE BATES** michelle@press-herald.com

A Heflin woman was arrested by Minden police when they received a call regarding a collision.

Jenalea Hulion, 35, of the 100 block of Bumgard-

Heflin, was charged with DWI first offense and possession Schedule CDS. She was cited for



was set at \$4,700. Minden police chief Steve Cropper says his officers received a call where the caller advised they had followed a vehicle from Heflin and the vehicle struck a mailbox on the

AROUND THE STATE

BATON ROUGE — The

Louisiana Lottery Corpora-

tion says nobody won the

two major jackpots in the

Louisiana Lotto and multi-

state Powerball drawings

matching all six numbers drawn would have won or

shared a \$3.150 million

prize, which will rise to an

estimated \$3.225 for Sat-

Players matching all five numbers and the

Powerball would have won

or shared the \$50 million

Louisiana Lotto players

on Wednesday night.

No big winners in

Wednesday's lottery

drawings

'She got into Minden to South Talton Street and was involved in a minor crash," he said. "Sgt. Joel Kendrick, Officer Terry Stephens and Officer First Class Jeremy Sitter were dispatched. When they made contact with the driver of the vehicle, they performed a field sobriety test, in which she performed poorly.'

Cropper says Hulion was placed under arrest and transported to the Minden Police Depart-

During the search of the vehicle, Cropper says the search revealed a pill identified as Soma inside a prescription bottle for Oxycodone. A second Soma pill was found inside a small

She was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

jackpot. The prize goes to

an estimated \$60 million

rises to an estimated

\$370,000 after none of the

tickets matched all five

drawn Wednesday were:

Powerball: 18-30-40-

Easy 5: 12-15-17-19-26

Lotto: 11-15-16-19-35-

48-52, Powerball: 9, Power

drawn

\$340,000

numbers

The Easy 5 drawing

for Saturday.

numbers

jackpot.

Play: 3

Wednesday's

Winning

## Epic hoarder sale is this weekend

**STAFF REPORTS** 

One epic sale is going on this weekend in Doyline.

The Epic Hoarder Barn Sale will take place from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Loftin Barn located at 284 Loftin Road.

Coordinator Karla Loftin had her first sale in March and had 12 vendors sign up and more than 300 people in attendance.

"I knew it was time to sell some of my treasures when my husband started recording the hoarders TV show," she said. "I knew if I wanted to keep junking, sooner or later I would have to let some things go."

For Loftin, collecting is a love that runs deep.

"Collecting treasures and antiques has been a passion of my mine forever," she



Karla Loftin shows off some of the many items that will be up for sale at this weekend's Epic Hoarder Barn Sale. Cour-

said. "What started out as a piggy bank collection as a child has grown over the years to include everything from collecting doll heads to false teeth."

Loftin says thanks to the spring vendors, word of mouth and advertising, more than 30 vendors have signed up for Saturday's sale and will have a wide selection of items.

Shoppers can expect to find antiques, pure junk, old and new furniture, Christmas décor, pig collection, eclectic junk, funky junk and household items.

"One vendor is bringing a truck load of architectural salvage, she said. "Other vendors have new goods, handcrafted items, new furniture, old furniture and a little bit of everything in between."

AROUND THE STATE

## Planned Parenthood challenges Medicaid removal

Planned Parenthood is contesting the new approach Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration has taken to remove it from Louisiana's Medicaid program.

The organization amended a previously filed lawsuit in federal court Wednesday to keep the state Department of Health and Hospitals from ending its Medicaid provider

Jindal, running for the Republican presidential nomination, had initially sought to oust Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's clinics in Baton Rouge and New Orleans without providing a reason. The administration said state law allowed cancellation with a 30-day notice.

A federal judge questioned that reasoning after Planned Parenthood and three of its patients filed a lawsuit, asking to stop the administration's

The Jindal administration then changed course. The health department said it

**PRECINCTS** 

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ballot at the Webster Parish

was blocking Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's clinics for cause, citing the organization's \$4.3 million settlement of false-claims allegations in Texas as reason to end its Louisiana Medicaid contract. DHH asked Planned Parenthood to dismiss its lawsuit.

In response, Planned Parenthood revised its complaint in federal court Wednesday, saying the Jindal administration's effort is still illegal and its arguments not valid for blocking the organization from Medicaid.

'Each ground is baseless and unsupported as a matter of fact and law, and not one relates to (Planned Parenthood's) competence to provide services in Louisiana's Medicaid program," the organization says in its amended lawsuit.

Without intervention from U.S. District Judge John deGravelles, Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood will end on Oct. 17 and 18, according to the court documents.

Planned Parenthood says

5,200 low-income Medicaid patients obtain services through their two Louisiana clinics. The organization doesn't currently provide abortions in Louisiana, but does offer other health services, such as cancer screenings and gynecological exams.

Health department spokeswoman Olivia Watkins Hwang said in a statement the agency was reviewing the filing from Planned Parenthood. But she added: "The department's position on Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast has not changed. We will continue to pursue the termination of their Medicaid provider sta-

In August 2013, a Texas S. attorney's office announced a civil settlement with Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in response to allegations the organization billed government programs for services that weren't medically necessary or that weren't provided.

Planned Parenthood did-

n't admit guilt in the settlement. But the Jindal administration said Louisiana regulations deem the settlement agreement a violation of state Medicaid provider rules. Melissa Flournoy, Louisiana state director of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, called the administration's actions politically motivated.

Republicans around the have targeted country Planned Parenthood after several videos were released by the anti-abortion Center for Medical Progress. The center said the videos showed that Planned Parenthood illegally sells fetal tissue for profit. Planned Parenthood has said the organization receives legal payment only for the cost of the procedure and requires a mother's consent before the tissue is given to researchers.

Jindal cited the videos when he said he wanted to take Medicaid funding away

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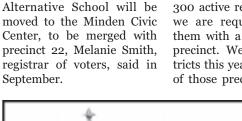
## Parish remains under burn ban

A burn ban remains in

place for Webster Parish. On Friday, Sept. 11, the

Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish placed Webster Parish under a burn ban due to dry weather.

All outside burning is prohibited. The ban is expected to last until significant rainfall occurs in the parish.



"We checked the precincts to see how many we have that contain less than 300 active registered voters," she said at the time. "The precincts that have less than 300 active registered voters, we are required to merge them with a larger adjacent precinct. We had nine districts this year, and only one of those precincts is eligible

to merge with a larger precinct."

If they don't merge the precincts, Smith told jurors the entire cost of the election would fall on the jury's shoulders.

Earlier this year, the issue came up in police jury committee meetings because the alternative school needs some work and has no air

um. Also, the slope of the parking lot, and sometimes parking, was becoming a problem. A demographer will have

conditioning in its gymnasi-

to redraw the precinct lines and rewrite the descriptions to submit to the state for approval. A public hearing is set for

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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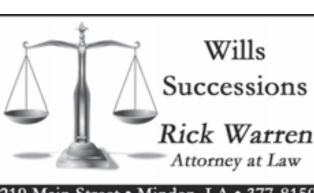
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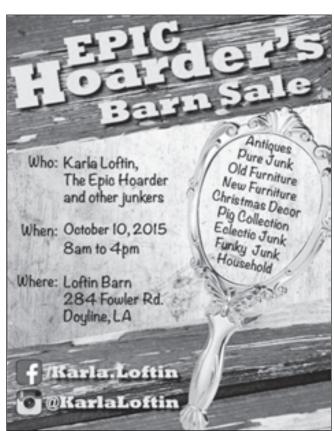
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LOUISIANA POLITICS

## Governor candidates talk budget, taxes, without Vitter

### MELINDA DESLATTE

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE - With one of their major rivals absent, three candidates vving to be Louisiana's next governor talked on Wednesday night about the tax plans they would consider to end cycles of budget woes in the

Republican Scott Angelle, Republican Jay Dardenne and Democrat John Bel Edwards, meeting in a statewide televised debate, each suggested they'd comb through the state's more than \$7 billion list of tax breaks and start looking for ways to trim that spending.

GOP U.S. Sen. David Vitter didn't attend, citing his work in Washington.

At the debate, only Dardenne, the state's lieutenant governor, suggested that he would consider raising personal income taxes to fill budget gaps — though he stressed that wouldn't be his first approach.

"I think we have an obligation to consider everything and to lay out to the people of Louisiana what their options are," Dardenne said, after saying he'd first seek to shrink government agencies.

Edwards, a state representative from Tangipahoa Parish, said he would seek to lower income taxes in exchange for getting rid of tax breaks that allow people to take deductions for federal income taxes paid and for certain itemized expenses.

"I would cap every tax credit and every tax rebate to make sure we know what they're going to cost and so we can budget accordingly," Edwards said, without providing a cap amount.

Angelle, a member of the Public Service Commission from Breaux Bridge, said the state needs to create a tax break review panel. By doing a cost-benefit analysis and getting rid of exemptions deemed to have little benefit, Angelle said, more money would stay in the state treas-

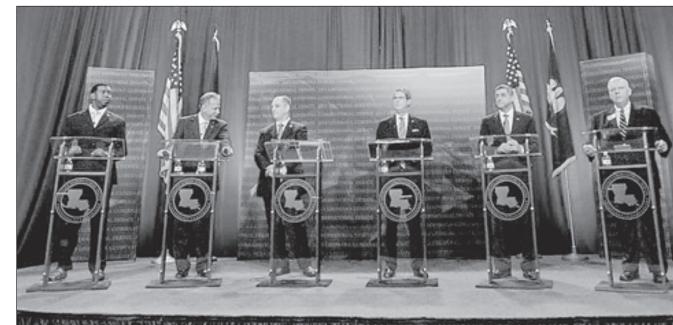
"We have gotten drunk on giving away the people's money," he said.

Louisiana has careened from budget crisis to budget crisis in recent years, with public colleges taking the brunt of the slashing.

Asked to provide details about tax breaks they would seek to ratchet down, Dardenne and Edwards supported lessening a tax break given to the oil and gas industry for horizontal drilling, though they acknowledged savings would be small.

Dardenne also supported continuing a cap on Louisiana's film tax credit, though with a reworked approach. Angelle didn't list individual tax breaks.

When pushed to describe cuts they would make, Edwards returned to the tax breaks, saying those "tax



Gubernatorial candidates ready themselves for a debate, sponsored by WDSU, at their studio in New Orleans, Thursday, Oct. 1. From left are: Rev. Jeremy Odom, Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Dist. 2., Scott Angelle, state Rep. John Bel Edwards, D-Baton Rouge, Sen. David Vitter, R-La., Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, and attorney Cary Deaton. Courtesy

expenditures" should be reduced to help shore up funding for public colleges and health care services.

"A cuts-only approach for seven years has not worked," he said.

Dardenne said he would lessen spending in the governor's office and would pay smaller salaries to top Cabinet officials. Any savings, he said, would be directed to higher education. But he added: "We're not going to be able to make it whole right off the bat. It's been cut too

Each of the candidates said they would keep intact a sweeping change enacted by term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal that turned over operations of most of the LSU public hospital system to private operators.

They disagreed on how to approach the more than \$280 million TOPS free college tuition program.

Edwards and Angelle said they don't support capping the tuition payments to students or changing eligibility standards. Dardenne supported a proposal to require lawmakers to vote on whether they want to increase TOPS payments each year, a cost control Dardenne said would help ensure the program's future. In a more personal

moment, asked to describe a difficult time as a parent, Edwards said he and his wife rejected a doctor's advice to have an abortion when they learned their daughter had spina bifida. He said "our Catholic Christian faith did not allow that."

"I cannot imagine our world without Samantha," he

With five children, Angelle joked that "having four teenagers in the house at one time has been a blur, and all of it has been challenging."

There was little mention of Vitter at the debate, though Dardenne did accuse the senator of running "many, many false ads" attacking candidates.

Vitter has participated in only one of the three TV debates aired so far.

## TV ad spending in Louisiana election at \$9.4M and rising

**MELINDA DESLATTE** 

Associated Press

ROUGE Spending on TV advertising for Louisiana's Oct. 24 election has reached nearly \$9.4 million, with the governor's race accounting for most of the money. But spending by candidates for attorney general and lieutenant governor are on the rise as the election

cash poured into TV ads so far has been spent trying to influence voters' opinion on the four major contenders in the governor's race, according to an analysis of ad spending by the Center for Public Integrity. The share of that spending by outside groups, largely running attack ads, has grown to nearly 38 percent.

Here's a closer look at advertising spending, which accounts for TV ads through Monday:

### LOUISIANA GOVER-NOR

Of the nearly \$6.5 million paid for TV advertising in the governor's race, \$4 million has been spent by the 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. That accounts for 62 percent of the TV spending in the race so far.

Another \$2.4 million has been spent by political action committees that support or oppose specific candidates. Many of the PACs, which have no donation limits, are funded by a few high-spending donors.

Vitter and the super PAC

supporting him, called the Fund for Louisiana's Future, account for nearly half all the TV ad spending in the race, running \$3 million in ads so

## LIEUTENANT GOV-

Spending on TV advertising in the lieutenant governor's race has shot up to nearly \$917,000. But the money has been spent only by two of four contenders for

Republican John Young, resident of Jefferson Parish has aired \$737,000 in TV spots. Spending by GOP candidate Billy Nungesser, former president of Plaquemines Parish, has topped \$179,000, much of that spent in the past week as he ramped up his campaign presence on television.

Neither Democrat Kip Holden, mayor of Baton Rouge, nor Republican state Sen. Elbert Guillory has put in money into TV advertising for their campaigns so far, according to the data.

## ATTORNEY GENER-

TV ad spending in the attorney general's race has nearly quadrupled over the last week, with the two main Republican rivals boosting their advertising as the elec-

Incumbent Buddy Caldwell has spent \$142,000 on TV spots, while former Congressman Jeff Landry has poured nearly \$165,000 into his television advertising.

A third GOP candidate, Baton Rouge area lawyer Marty Maley, spent \$79,000, but that was on ads that aired before last week. An outside group called the Public Integrity Alliance has paid \$133,000 for a TV effort targeting Caldwell.

**OTHER RACES** 

Outside groups account for all the TV advertising lodged in state education board races, more than \$404,000 from organizations called Empower Louisiana and Stand for Children Louisiana, which advocate for positions usually opposed by traditional public school groups.

Still one of the biggest TV spenders among Louisiana candidates this election cycle is Treasurer John Kennedy, a Republican with one opponent who has raised little money to compete. Kennedy shelled out more than \$965,000 for an ad that ran in heavy rotation before Louisiana hit the thick of the campaign advertising

While the treasurer isn't expected to have trouble winning re-election, he is expected to be eyeing a U.S. Senate bid if Vitter wins the governor's race. The TV ad kept Kennedy's name out among voters in case he jumps into another race soon.

### THE DATA

The Center for Public Integrity analyzed data about political advertising on broadcast television from Kantar Media/CMAG, a media tracking firm that monitors 211 media markets around the country and offers a widely accepted estimate of the money spent to air each spot.

These figures cover ads aired between Jan. 1, 2014, and Oct. 5, 2015, yet represent only part of the money spent on political advertising. They do not include ads for radio, online, direct mail or TV ads that aired on local cable systems. The estimates also do not include the cost of making the ads.

## ARREST

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blue Yukon," he said. "While enroute to Walmart, he was advised the Yukon turned onto Chrislo Drive. He drove to Chrislo, and while he was

on Chrislo, a blue Yukon passed him headed in the opposite direction."

James turned around and initiated a traffic stop at East Todd and Chrislo Drive. He approached the driver and asked for proper paperwork.

"The driver indicated that he was stupid and that the

officer got him," Cropper said. "He then told him that he'd stolen a drink from Wal-

Officer First Class Shawn Jenkins arrived on scene to assist, and he asked the driver, identified as Wells, to step out of the vehicle. Wells was advised of his rights, and when asked if anything else illegal was inside the vehicle, Wells reportedly told officers that he'd stolen the drink and a t-shirt

"Mr. Wells gave verbal consent to search the vehicle and officers located a small, clear plastic bag of suspected marijuana," Cropper said. "The suspected marijuana was collected as evidence. At that point, they were contacted by Capt. Dan Weaver, who advised that Mr. Wells had an outstanding parole war-

Wells was then transported to the Minden Police Department, and the alleged marijuana collected was weighed in at three grams with a street value of about

Cropper says the charges against him are misdemeanors, but because there was a warrant, he was taken

He was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional





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## OPINION

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**EDITORIAL** ROUND UP

The Monroe News Star on why competition benefits Louisiana

## consumers

Anyone who doesn't believe competition doesn't benefit consumers should go grocery shopping in Ouachita Parish.

Grocery prices have dropped 6 percent since Brookshire Grocery Co., Mac's Fresh Market and Wal-Mart began a building spree 18 months ago, according to the Council for Community and Economic Research's Cost of Living Index.

That makes prices here the lowest in Louisiana and more than 8 percent cheaper than the national

Wal-Mart dropped the biggest bomb in the grocery store wars, opening four of its Neighborhood Market stores simultaneously, joining the company's two existing Supercenters and Sam's Club in the market.

But Mac's countered with two new stores of its own and Brookshire expanded and renovated many of its stores in response.

"I wasn't surprised the increased competition has suppressed prices, but the magnitude of the drop is significant," said Bob Eisenstadt, director of the University of Louisiana's Center for Business and Economic Research.

Eisenstadt's staff gathers the local data for the Cost of Living

"When Wal-Mart opened four new Neighborhood Market stores in Ouachita Parish simultaneously, it raised the stakes," Eisenstadt said. "The only things competitors can do to preserve market share is compete on price and raise the bar on quality and service."

So the intense competition didn't just create bargains. It also elevated the level of service, variety of products and amenities in the stores, from fresh sushi to hummus bars to new bathrooms.

It's a textbook case of why monopolies, unless regulated by government boards (utilities are an example), are illegal and why the federal government occasionally stops mergers that could establish

Competition is almost always good. It promotes fair pricing and

So the next time you go shopping, enjoy the fact that you're dollar, for once, is buying more than it used to buy.

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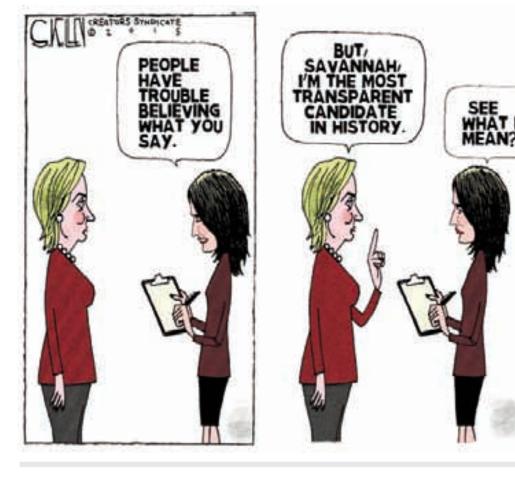
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PERSPECTIVE

# A flagrant liar for president?

We've got a new darling in the GOP presidential race: Carly Fiorina!

Being the darling du jour, however, can be dicey — just ask Rick Perry and Scott Walker, two former darlings who are now out of the race, having turned into ugly ducklings by saying stupid things. But Fiorina is smart, sharp-witted, and successful. We know this because she and her PR agents constantly tell us it's

so. Be careful about believing anything she says, though, for Darling Fiorina is not only a relentless self-promoter, but also a remorseless liar.



**HIGHTOWER** 

Take her widely hailed performance in the second debate among Republican wannabes, where she touched many viewers with her impassioned and vivid attack on Planned Parenthood. With barely contained outrage, Fiorina described a video that, she said, shows the women's health organization in a depraved act of peddling body parts of an aborted fetus. "Watch a fully formed fetus on the table, its heart beating, its legs kicking," said a stone-faced Fiorina, looking straight into the camera, 'while someone says, 'We have to keep it alive to harvest its brain."

Oh, the horror, the mon-

strosity of Planned Parenthood! And how moving it was to see and feel the fury of this candidate for president!

Only ... it's not true. Although she dared the audience, President Obama and Hillary Clinton to go watch it, turns out that there is no such video — no fetus with kicking legs and no demonic Planned Parenthood official luridly preparing to harvest a brain.

So did Fiorina make up this big, nasty lie herself, or did her PR team concoct it as a bit of showbiz drama to burnish her right-wing credentials and advance her political ambition? Or maybe she's just spreading a malicious lie she was told by some vicious haters of Planned Parenthood. Either way, there's nothing darling about it, much less presidential.

I remember back in 1992 when the third-party candidate Ross Perot chose Admiral James Stockdale, a complete unknown, to be his presidential running mate.

In his first debate, the vice presidential candidate began by asking a question: "Who am I? Why am I here?

We should be asking the same about Carly, as she has recently surged in the polls of GOP primary voters. Her campaign is positioning her as a no-nonsense, successful corporate chieftain who can run government with businesslike efficiency. During the debate, Fiorina rattled off a list of her accomplishments as CEO of Hewlett-Packard, the high-tech conglomerate: "We doubled the size of the company, we quadrupled its

topline growth rate, we quadrupled its cash flow, we tripled its rate of innovation," she declared in PowerPoint style.

Statistics, however, can be a sophisticated way of lying. In fact, the growth she bragged about was mostly the result of her buying Compaq, another computer giant in a merger that proved to be disastrous - in fact, Hewlett-Packard's profits declined 40 percent in her six years, its stock prices plummeted and she fired 30,000 workers, even saying publicly that their jobs should be shipped overseas. Finally, she was fired.

Before we accept her claim that "running government like a business" would be a positive, note that the narcissistic corporate culture richly rewarded Fiorina for failure. Yes, she was fired, but unlike the thousands of HP employees she dumped, a golden parachute was provided to let her land in luxury — counting severance pay, stock options, and pension, she was given \$42 million to go away.

But here she comes again, lacking even one iota of humility. Fiorina is throwing out a blizzard of lies, not only about Planned Parenthood, but also about who she is. She's the personification of corporate greed and economic inequality, and she's trying to bamboozle Republicans into thinking she belongs in the White House.

**PERSPECTIVE** 

## reasons to do right

I've been thinking about these school shootings lately - wondering why it seems like all of a sudden troubled kids think shooting up their schools, killing their schoolmates, is the solution to their problems.

It's not like it never happened before. In the 60's, Charles Whitman, a former Marine crawled up a tower on the campus at the University of Texas and shot many students from there. An old neighbor of mine in Texarkana lost his son and wife in that shooting. Later they said that Whitman had a brain tumor and maybe that was why he acted the way he did. That may explain his actions but not those of so many kids today.

Some people think the reason more kids are taking to violence is that we've taken the teaching of the 10 Commandments out of our class-

I could be wrong, but I seem to remember the 10 Commandments hanging on the wall in my sixth grade classroom. It was next to a picture of George Washington that looked like he was coming up out of white puffy cloud.

While I don't remember it, I could

have been there that day the school official came by. I was often asked to stay after school in Dubach to write lines. I guess it was to help improve my penmanship, which to be honest, to this day, is still not very good.



**ROGERS** 

Back then I was a nosy opinionated kid. Not like I am now. I can only imagine how the conversation with that school official might have gone:

Me: Excuse me, sir. I couldn't help but notice. Why are you taking the 10 Commandments down off our

Official: Because it may offend someone. Me: Like who?

Official: People with other religious beliefs

Me: Methodists?

Official: No, not Methodists. Like Muslims or perhaps Buddhists

Me: Do the object to all of the commandments or just a few of

Official: I'm guessing all of them Me: Do they have command-

Official Well, I'm not sh... Me: Maybe we could put their

commandments up on our wall for a while. That would seem fair. Could we do that? Official I'm afraid not. We have to

remove all references to religion from our schools. Me: Oh. The Sixth Command-

ment says we're not to murder anybody. If you take those down, aren't you scared someone might come to our school one day and murder someone? Official: Not really

Me: But President Washington

can stay, right? He looks like he's rising up from a puffy cloud. Can he stay or was he religious?

Official: I think he was religious. But we can leave him up for the time

Me: Until he offends someone? Official: That's correct Not too long ago, I read an inter-

view with Duck Dynasty's Phil Robertson. In it he was telling members of the Republican Party - that if they wanted to regain the White House - they needed to get "Godly." He said that our country's success as a nation is due to our religious foundation and noted that foundation is slowly being allowed to erode.

Maybe taking down the 10 Commandment started the ball rolling. Something must be missing when more and more people nowadays think they need to load a bag full of firearms and ammunition and go to a mall, movie theater, or school and

shoot innocent people. Maybe it would help if we put the 10 Commandments back up on the wall ...and if we all got a little more

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## **Around Town**

Oct. 10

Webster Parish Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society will be from 3 until 10 p.m. at the Minden Recreation Center. There will be a car show, kids games and bouncing house, entertainment and a special ceremony supporting cancer survivors and honoring those who have been taken.

Pink Pearl Tea at Orleans on Main at noon. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

Junior Service League of Minden's Annual One Mile Fun Run and 5K starts at 7:30 pm and costs \$5. The 5K will begin at 8 p.m. and costs \$35. Race location is Eastside Missionary Baptist Church. For more information call Kelli Waller at 272-5194 or Ashley Gruner 840-6389.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church's "Saturday Nght Live/Jesus' Way" musical praise event will be from 6 until 8:30 p.m.

### Oct. 11

West Lake Baptist Church homecoming will be at 10:30 a.m. with guest pastor Bro. Eddie Sowders and musical guest Aaron Watson and Friends.

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church's 120th Anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Brady L. Blade.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church's women's day will be celebrated at 3 p.m. with special guests Prophetess Theresa Jackson, Evangelist Sharon Lewis, Evangelist Gennell Lofton and Prophetess Roshanda Hammond.

St. James Missionary Baptist Church's musician appreciation program will be at 3 p.m.

Yellow Pine Christian Church's 113 anniversary will be celebrated at noon.

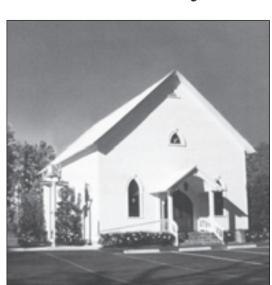
Musician Appreciation honoring Sis. Jackie Bell Hardaway will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Special quest will be Interfaith Voice of Deliverance.

### Oct. 11-14

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church's revival will be nightly a 7 p.m. with guest evangelist Pastor Timothy Henderson.

## Yellow Pine Christian Church to celebrate 113th anniversary





Yellow Pine Christian Church's congregation will celebrate the church's 113th anniversary and 65th annual home-coming at noon Oct. 11. Pictured left is the church as it stood years ago and pictured left is the church as it stands today. Courtesy Photos

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## SPORTS briefs

### **MLB** Arrieta leads

## Cubs past Pirates

PITTSBURGH Maybe it's time to stop treating the Chicago Cubs

like they're too young to be

The stage they seeming-ly weren't ready for now seems hardly big enough to contain them. Not with Jake Arrieta dealing. Not with a group of 20-somethings in the field that play with swagger and confidence. Not with a manager adept at keeping the minds of his rapidly maturing team decidedly clutter-free.

Watch out baseball, the Cubs — yes, the Cubs are ahead of schedule. And the timetable only seems to be picking up speed for Joe Maddon's bunch.

Arrieta allowed four hits in nine dominant innings and Chicago rolled to a 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL wild-card game on Wednesday night. Arrieta struck out 11 without a walk. He also dusted himself off getting plunked by Pittsburgh reliever Tony Watson to send the Cubs to the NL Division Series in St. Louis starting on Friday.

"I'm exhausted. I haven't felt this way all year," said Arrieta, who led the majors with 22 wins. "This atmosphere, the energy was unbelievable. Tried to use it to the best of my ability. They were loud, they were really loud."

Dexter Fowler homered and scored three times for the Cubs. Kyle Schwarber, a rookie who began his season in Double-A, added a towering two-run shot off Pittsburgh starter Gerrit Cole as Chicago raced to an early lead and let Arrieta do the rest.

### **NCAAF** LSU, USC moved to Baton Rouge

COLUMBIA, S.C. -South Carolina is moving its home game against LSU to Baton Rouge because of massive flooding around the university.

Saturday's game at LSU will start at 2:30 p.m. The network that will broadcast the game will be announced on Thursday.

South Carolina officials wanted to keep the game in Columbia, but said Wednesday that law enforcement who would direct traffic and keep Williams-Brice Stadium safe were needed elsewhere in the area to help clean up from the massive flooding.

"That would have created another nightmare for us," said Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, whose county includes the stadi-

University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides said if he canceled classes this week because 34,000 students was too much for the city's damaged infrastructure to handle, he couldn't justify bringing in 84,000 people for a football game.

LSU will give South Carolina all proceeds from the game after it pays expenses. The Gamecocks will be treated as the home team in almost every way, LSU athletic director Joe Alleva said.

"We will be playing their music. We will play some of their fight songs. We will play their alma mater," Alleva said.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# BIG GAME HUNTING

## KNIGHTS AIMING FOR DISTRICT WIN OVER HOMESTANDING LIONS



**BLAKE BRANCH** blake@press-herald.com

SPRINGHILL - The North Webster Knights kickoff district play this week against a Booker T. Washington squad that's seen their share of ups and downs this season.
North Webster can relate.
After starting their season with a

huge win over back-to-back state champions Haynesville and following that up with a shutout of Homer, the Knights lost two straight. Granted those games were against Class 4A Minden and Class 5A Ouachita, both contests were at home where the Knights aren't used to losing.

A big homecoming win last week got the Knights back on track, and head coach John Ware said his team

has refocused ahead of district play. "We're starting a new season,"

Ware said. "We're treating it like that. I've seen them focused in this week. Winning a district championship is the only thing we haven't done in our four years, so it's pretty important to our guys."

The Lions have some good athletes on both sides of the ball, starting on offense.

"They are pretty equal in the run and pass," Ware said. "They will throw it around and they have a good quarterback and receivers. It will be a challenge."

Part of the challenge for the Knights in recent weeks was estab

Knights in recent weeks was establishing a rhythm on offense, some-thing they were able to do in the sec-ond half of last week's game against North Caddo.

The Knights finally got back to the ground game that has been so good to them over the past four years, with seniors Devin White and Jalen Smith combining for 211 yards and four touchdowns.

"It's so hard these days to play against a team like us if you don't see it often," Ware said. "Everyone is in the spread and that's all they've seen so I feel like we match up well."

North Webster will travel to Booker T. Washington in Shreveport, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.



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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Lakeside, Lakeview meet in district opener



Christine Lee/Courtesy Photo



BLAKE BRANCH blake@press-herald.com

SIBLEY - The Lakeside Warriors have yet another tall task in front of them, as this week they travel to Campti to kickoff their district schedule against the

Lakeview Gators.

"I thought the team came out with a different mindset this week in pracrice," head coach Joey
Pesses said. "I could see
they are really focused in."
Lakeview boasts the
best athletes of any team in

the district, with the excep-

tion of Calvary Baptist.

The second place team in district in 2014, the Gators have plenty of talent

"They have great athletes," Pesses said. "I know they have a lot of speed and No. 18 for them is the real deal."

deal."
Offensively, the Warriors will try to get things moving, as the Warriors haven't scored a point in three weeks.
"We can't afford to shoot ourselves in the foot," Pesses said. "It's been the same stuff each week, mental things that we have to correct. We have to have to correct. We have to be good on first down to put ourselves in second and short situations. We also need to hold onto the ball."

Lakeside will go for the win in Campti, Friday at 7 p.m.

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### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Saints starting to get healthy



METAIRIE - Drew Brees made an unusual request on Wednesday, asking Saints coaches and trainers to leave his name off of the club's first required injury report of Week 5.

The quarterback among several veterans with New Orleans who seem to be feeling better these days as the Saints (1-3) prepare to play at Philadelphia (1-3) on Sunday.

returned umphantly against Dallas last Sunday night from a bruised right rotator cuff that sidelined him for just one game in Week 3 at Carolina. He capped a 359yard night with an 80-yard touchdown pass to C.J. Spiller — another Saints player starting to find his groove after a knee injury that kept him out for all four preseason games and the regular season opener.

"C.J. can do a lot of things," Brees said. "It's fun, now that we have him healthy and he has a few

games under his belt."

Meanwhile, cornerback Keenan Lewis, safety Jairus and linebacker Dannell Ellerbe all took the field against the Cowboys for the first time this season.

None of those three defensive players stood out statistically. Bryd was in on four tackles, while Ellerbe was in on one. None of the trio had a tackle for a loss, a quarterback hit, an intercep-

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g a m e s said the presence of the returning veterans mattered in the Saints' first victory of the season.

"It's huge, their presence," said Saints rookie outside linebacker Hau'oli Kikaha, who had a sack, a QB hit and was in on eight tackles. "As veteran players, they're not going to get attacked. So it helps us a lot and kind of shuts down their area of the field by the respect that they're getting from other teams."

"They were doing their job," he added.

When Eagles coach Chip Kelly reviewed New Orleans' past game, the effect of returning veterans stood out to him as well.

"Getting Keenan Lewis and Byrd back last week has really bolstered them in the secondary," Kelly said.
"Obviously, Jairus is an
unbelievable ball hawk."

Byrd had 22 interceptions in his first five NFL seasons, all with Buffalo, but missed most of last season and the first three games this season with a knee injury.

He has yet to intercept a pass as a Saint, but coach Sean Payton was encouraged by his return, as well as that of Lewis and Ellerbe. "Byrd, we thought played

well," Payton said. "Keenan had balls thrown away from him. I think Ellerbe playing in the weak side linebacker position did a really good job, oftentimes in coverage. ... All three of those guys handled their first week back, and that transitioning

continues." The Saints may be getting a veteran back on offense as well. Right guard Jahri Evans, who has missed the

past two games with a knee injury, practiced on a limited basis on Wednesday.

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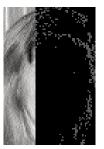
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

# Whose robe?



From the time of creation, the condition for eternal life has never changed - perfect obedience to all of our loving God's biddings. This is the only way harmony and perfect love can be maintained. Adam and Eve failed at the one simple test of obedience in the Garden of Eden plunging humanity into a hopeless state of sin – hopeless from the standpoint of fallen beings. And yet we find Jesus words, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" John 14:15.

Do my personal efforts to live a righteous life earn my salvation - I form my own robe of righteousness? Is that what prompted these words?

The answer is a resounding "no!" It is not possible because "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" Isaiah 64:6. Consider also the following texts. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. "There is none righteous, no, not one" Romans 3:10. So how do we resolve this

apparent dilemma? Jesus is always the answer. It is His perfect life, the robe of His righteousness that covers us. It is the free gift we accept by faith as is stated in Ephesians 2:8. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

But what about Jesus' words "If you love me, keep my commandments"? It only makes sense that if we have accepted Jesus' gift of righteousness by faith, we will not choose other

than to live in obedience to Him, but our good works are not the basis of our salvation nor ever can be. It is only Jesus' perfect life, death and resurrection that make possible our salvation. It is "the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe" Romans

Choose to live in continuous obedience to your loving Creator, but realize that we can never merit salvation by our

behavior. For that we need the perfectly righteous life of Jesus accounted to us. Whose robe will you wear? "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my sou shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness" Isaiah 61:10.

Kathryn Irizarry is a memof the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

## Grace and peace through knowledge



"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2 NIV

In a believer's typical greeting, Peter blesses his readers, desiring that grace and peace would completely fill their lives. Grace refers to God's gift of blessings to a person which he does not deserve. It is by God's grace that a person is given salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Peace is the wholeness or completeness of life that comes no matter the circumstances one faces. This peace only comes from God and is based on trust in God's sovereignty. These blessings come in abundance through a growing knowledge of God that is personal and intimate.

Lord Jesus, I am amazed that

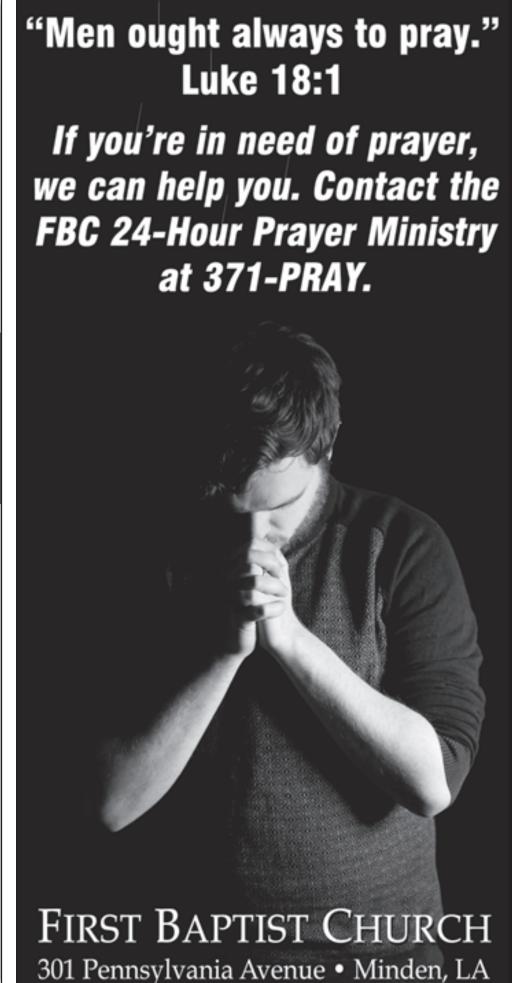
You would bless me with grace, peace, and knowledge. I desire to draw closer to You, to know You, to learn of You, and to follow You each day of my life.

Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can www.upwardlook.org.

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## Tripping Others

Jesus gives a stern warning to anyone who might cause a believer to stumble in their faith: "If anyone causes one of these little ones--those who believe in me--to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea." (Mark 9:42 NIV) If raising theological questions damages your faith, or the faith of others, then perhaps the questioning has gone too far. There is a point beyond which the intellect cannot go, though faith, hope and love may take you there. Dietary and other customs might also cause a person to stumble. Paul tells us that all things are clean to eat and drink—God does not require us to be vegetarians or teetotalers—and when you are eating as a guest to eat whatever is put before you. But if eating meat or drinking wine would cause someone in your company to stumble then we should abstain. In other words, offend no one, as far as possible. Taking a vegetarian to a steakhouse is as inconsiderate as drinking alcohol around a recently recovered alcoholic.

Christopher Simon

"Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall." -Romans 14:20-21

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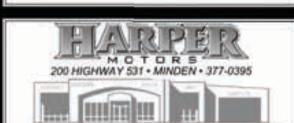
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episode of "Madam Secretary," U.S. Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord must negotiate with world leaders, Beltway power brokers and, sometimes, her own family on the home front.

As played by Tea Leoni, Secretary McCord is measured, whip-smart, ethical and strong. And as a woman holding what for two centuries was a man's job, she never forgets who paved her way: Madeleine Albright, the real-life first woman to serve as secretary of state.

Who better, then, than the former secretary to give McCord a little sisterly advice?

This summer Albright, 78, took a break from teaching duties at Georgetown University and other worldly chores to film a guest spot on "Madam Secretary," airing at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday on CBS. "The scene takes place at a

ceremony for veterans," Albright explains during a recent phone conversation. Cast as herself, she commiserates with McCord about working with the dismissive new man brought in by the president — "what it's like for the secretary of state to relate to men who think they're superior when they're not." But Leoni had already

sought counsel from Albright for real. Last year, she reached out for a briefing on how to portray someone in that weighty position. Plans were made for them to meet

On the appointed day, says Leoni in a separate interview, "I had this image of her assistant briefing her: 'You've got a meeting today with Tea Leoni.' And her rolling her eyes and saying, 'Who is SHE?'

"But she was extremely generous, and also bothered to say, 'You're making foreign policy accessible.' I don't take that lightly."



Now hear something she might have learned from Albright, who served four years under President Bill Clinton, on how to deal with powerful, sometimes difficult, officials around the

meeting, you begin with

'I like your tie,' or whatever. You go through all that. Then I would get to the serious part: 'I have come a long way, so I must be frank.'

"But you have to remind yourself that you're not just yourself," representing Albright cautio 'and if you blow it, you've blown it for an pleasantries: the weather, or awful lot of people. I would

sometimes dig my nails into the palms of my hand. Just getting angry doesn't get you very far."

In April, Albright and Leoni attended the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner, "which was really fun. Albright. "But whenever anybody said, 'Madam Secretary,' we didn't know which of us should turn around."

It was that night when she was invited to appear on "Madam Secretary," a show

she says she likes. "I think it works as a good drama with very good actors," Albright says. "But I also appreciate how they raise germane and important

to help educate the American public on what the job is about — how you're not just dealing with foreigners, but also with your own staff, with the White House and members of Congress, and the

"And it's interesting," she marvels, "how much the show really is like life."

That is, life for any secretary of state isn't all pomp, ceremony and high-level

While McCord has three kids in the house, "my kids were grown up and they took charge of my life," recalls Albright. "One of my daugh-ters paid my bills, and she'd call me up and say, 'Mon, did you REALLY need another pair of shoes?"

In July, Albright, who had previously tackled acting roles on "The Gilmore Girls" and "Parks and Recreation," arrived at the New York studio where "Madam Secretary" shoots - and she had already learned her lines, "unlike many actors," Leoni

As rehearsals began, "I had a healthy number of butterflies in my stomach," Leoni says. "I'm in awe of her, and now she's on my turf, and I wanted her to experience my prowess as an actor playing a secretary of state on television."

But Leoni didn't figure on Albright's prowess.

'After a few run-throughs, she's really getting a feel for it. And by the time we shot it, oh, my God, she's on a tear! She owns the set! I was schooled in theater by Madeleine Albright. She was fantastic!"

Meanwhile, Albright came away apparently satisfied with her work - and game for an encore.

Asked if she'd consider another TV guest shot with Leoni, she replies, "Absolutely! That's OK with me.'

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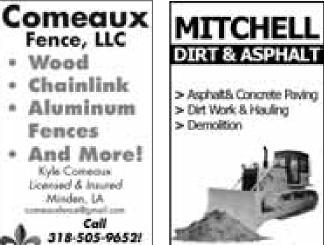


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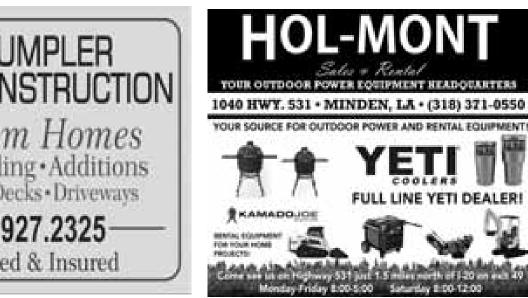
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