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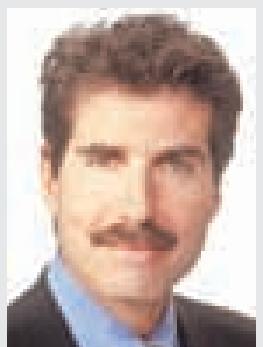
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## 'TIS THE SEASON

City of Minden workers Marcus Newman, in bucket, and Chris Hutchens puts up holiday decorations downtown Monday in preparation of the Christmas season. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

AROUND THE STATE

## 30-day tax amnesty underway

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana's latest tax amnesty period has started, giving delinquent taxpayers time to pay what they owe with fewer penalties and interest than they would otherwise be charged. The amnesty began Monday and runs through Dec. 15. It's the third and final

year in a row such a period is being offered to people with back-owed taxes. Those who agree to settle their tax debts with the state will have to pay the full amount of delinquent taxes, 83 percent of the interest and 67 percent of the penalties due. Six-month installment plans are available.

State lawmakers hope to raise \$50 million with the latest 30-day amnesty period. People can apply at [www.ldrtaxamnesty.com](http://www.ldrtaxamnesty.com) or by calling 1-866-782-9241. Taxpayers involved in criminal investigations or criminal litigation for state tax issues don't qualify.

AROUND THE STATE

## Reynolds: Fewer refugees than stated

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After rumors over the weekend flew that thousands of Syrian refugees landed in New Orleans, State Rep. Gene Reynolds, is setting the record straight. A flood of refugees migrating from the terror in Syria and Afghanistan has had a small trickle effect in the New Orleans area, despite reports of 10,000 arriving in the Crescent City. Reynolds says only 14 refugees have been accepted into Louisiana so far this year and wants to remind everyone to not believe everything they read online.

"There are considerably fewer refugees in our state than was stated by some of the blogs on Facebook," Reynolds said. "Remember these websites make a lot of money when you share or click on them for the advertisements they have, so they take a little truth and a whole lot of fiction because it is how they make a good living." He went on to say that the Federal Bureau of Investigation



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Breakfast to be served Thursday

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The Farm-City Prayer Breakfast is set to crack eggs Thursday morning at the Minden Civic Center.

Mike Strain, Commissioner of Agriculture will be the guest speaker for the annual breakfast which recognizes agriculture and shows appreciation to the local farm community. Jerri de Pingre', Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce President, says coffee and juice will be served at 6 a.m.; breakfast at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7. The cost is \$5 per person. Pastor Dee Anders of First Assembly of God will lead the

invocation. During the program, awards for Outstanding Conservation Farmer, Recognition of Service Award and Recognition of Certified Master Farmers will be presented.

Pastor Ronnie Osborne of Heflin Baptist Church will lead the benediction.

Several individuals, businesses and elected officials have donated turkeys to be given as door prizes.

For information on the Farm-City Prayer Breakfast, call Stephanie at 377-4240.

Louisiana Egg Commission, Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce and Brookshire's are sponsoring the event.



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AT THE CAPITOL

## More budget cuts coming

New \$370M state deficit emerges

MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — The budget hits keep on coming in Louisiana, with a new \$370 million midyear deficit emerging Monday and more red ink on the horizon.

The state's income forecasting panel, the Revenue Estimating Conference, downgraded its projections for the 2015-16 fiscal year that began July 1, to account for plummeting oil and gas prices and lower-than-expected business tax collections.

Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration says it will close the midyear gap quickly, along with a \$117 million deficit from last year that has yet to be addressed.



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Jindal's top budget architect, Stafford Palmieri, said the administration could release its rebalancing plan for the \$25 billion budget as early as Tuesday. She wouldn't say what might be included.

"We're going to protect critical services and maximize all revenues that we have," Palmieri said. "We're going to solve the problem. Whatever that takes, it's going to be solved."

Senate President John Alario said he didn't think the budget could be rebalanced by tapping into reserve funds and patchwork fixes. He expected Jindal's plan to include cuts to programs and services.

"I don't think you can avoid any cuts," said Alario, R-Westwego. "I don't think there's enough smoke and mirrors around to balance these numbers out."

Alario said he hopes public colleges can be largely shielded from slashing, but he doesn't expect health care services will escape reductions. The joint House and Senate budget committee will discuss Jindal's latest plan Friday.

The term-limited Republican governor, whose tenure ends in January, has had to close midyear budget gaps each of his eight years in office.

Jindal will make these latest cuts as he's running a presidential campaign in which he highlights his management of the state's finances as a selling point.

Louisiana's next governor will be chosen in an election Saturday — and whichever man is selected faces a more than \$1 billion budget gap projected for next year's budget that Jindal won't tackle before he leaves. Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards is in a runoff with Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter to determine who gets the job.

"There won't be a whole lot of time for celebration, Alario said. "It'll be time for them to roll up their sleeves and get busy in trying to help this problem."

The shortfall for the 2016-17 fiscal year that begins July 1 had been pegged at \$713 million, but it was boosted by another \$324 million when the Revenue Estimating Conference lowered next year's forecast.

Corporate income, severance, sales and individual income taxes all are coming in below projections, Jindal administration economist Manfred Dix told the four-member Revenue Estimating Conference.

"Very depressing," Dix said to sum up.

Nose-diving oil prices and falling gas prices have hit the state's severance tax revenue and mineral royalties. The Legislature's chief economist, Greg Albrecht, said the impact also is spilling into industries tied to oil and gas, causing a ripple effect of declines in corporate tax and sales tax collections for the state.

Meanwhile, lawmakers' efforts to scale back corporate tax breaks to drum up more money for the treasury appear to have generated less cash than expected, according to Albrecht and Dix. Businesses cashed in tax credits and rebates early and reworked the use of those tax break programs to try to lessen the blow to their bottom line.

"It appears there was a rush on tax credits," Alario said.

The four-member Revenue Estimating Conference includes Palmieri, Alario, House Speaker Chuck Kleckley and LSU economist Jim Richardson.

DOWNTOWN MINDEN



## SPRUCING UP DOWNTOWN

The Minden Main Street Board recently began changing up downtown decorations along Main Street. Downtown Director Becky White said the group recently decided to take the current pots downtown and group them into sets of threes for a new look. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

HOT ISSUE

## Syrian refugees an issue in the Louisiana governor's race

MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Republicans used a national debate about resettling Syrian refugees as a point of attack Monday against Democratic candidate John Bel Edwards in the Louisiana governor's race, even though states appear to have little control over the flow of refugees.

Both GOP contender David Vitter and Edwards have said Louisiana should block Syrian refugees from entering the state, agreeing with term-limited Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal.

But Vitter and the Republican Governors Association pointed to a Facebook post they say shows Edwards actually wants to help President Barack Obama settle more Syrian refugees in Louisiana.

In the Facebook entry Sunday, Edwards wrote of working with the federal government "so that we can be partners in the effort to both assist refugees who are flee-

ing from religious persecution and ensure that all our people are safe."

Vitter sent a copy of the post to supporters in an email, saying Edwards "has pledged to work with Obama to bring Syrian refugees to Louisiana. This is a dangerous policy and exactly why we need to defeat Edwards." The RGA echoed the comments in its own email.

Edwards said Vitter was lying about his position to gain traction in Saturday's election.

"I have clearly and openly called for a complete stop to the entry of refugees to Louisiana. This is a shameful and desperate attempt by David to distort my position," Edwards said in a statement.

American Bridge PAC, a pro-Democrat group supporting Edwards, said Vitter should skip talk of foreign affairs, releasing congres-

sional documents it said showed Vitter had repeatedly missed Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on Syria. Edwards' campaign said Vitter didn't attend a hearing on the Obama administration's refugee resettlement program.

Governors around the country have said they want to stop allowing Syrian refugees into their states after the recent attacks in Paris, amid concerns that terrorists might use refugees to sneak across borders.

The U.S. State Department says 14 refugees from Syria have been resettled in Louisiana this year: seven in Kenner, six in New Orleans and one in Baton Rouge, according to data from the department's Refugee Processing Center.

Though Louisiana has few Syrian refugees, both Edwards and Vitter have ref-

erenced the resettlement effort in their campaigns since the Paris attacks.

As he talked about needing more information before allowing refugees into Louisiana, Edwards sought to bolster his law enforcement credentials, pointing to endorsements from the state sheriffs' association and state troopers association.

Vitter talked of Syrian refugees as he repeated his pledge to crack down on "sanctuary cities," jurisdictions that don't share immigration information or honor federal detention requests.

Jindal, who is running for the GOP presidential nomination, ordered state agencies Monday to use "all lawful means to prevent the resettlement of Syrian refugees" in Louisiana.

Lavinia Limon, president of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration, said that, under the Refugee Act of 1980, states don't have legal authority to block refugees from being resettled in their communities.



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ELECTION 2015

## Final governor's race debate marked by exchange of attacks

MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Democrat John Bel Edwards and Republican David Vitter did little to mask their distaste for each other Monday night in the final statewide TV debate of the governor's race ahead of this weekend's runoff election.

Edwards, a state representative, at one point described Vitter as lacking a "moral compass" and in another moment called his Republican rival a "hypocrite."

Vitter, a U.S. senator, said Edwards can't be trusted. At different times in the debate, Vitter tied Edwards to both President Barack Obama and term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal, two men with high unfavorable ratings in Louisiana. The runoff is Saturday.

Before a raucous, often cat-calling studio audience at a Baton Rouge school, the two men bickered in response to questions.

On efforts to block the resettlement of Syrian refugees in Louisiana, Vitter said Edwards continued to change his stance on whether he wanted to prevent refugees from entering the state.

"He's now had four different positions in 48 hours. I don't know where he is, but I know we can't trust where he'll end up," Vitter said.

Edwards said he supported Jindal's decision to try to keep new Syrian refugees from being relocated, because of concerns of public safety after the Paris attacks.

Of Vitter's claims of switched positions, Edwards said: "David Vitter's desperate. He will lie. He will distort. That's what he does. It's



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who he is because he lacks a moral compass."

Vitter accused Edwards of claiming he opposes abortion, but not voting in line with those beliefs. Edwards brought up Vitter's prostitution scandal, while Vitter suggested Edwards held a fundraiser at "a very adult night club" in New Orleans.

Both candidates said they wouldn't raise tax rates on businesses or individuals, despite the state's deep financial shortfalls. They talked of very similar plans to make government more efficient, remove protections that keep some areas of the budget off-limits to cuts and scale back tax break programs that aren't deemed to provide a good return on investment for the state.

Vitter said his Democratic rival was simply mimicking the approach Vitter has outlined since the start of his campaign.

"It's another classic example of Johnny Bel come lately," Vitter said.

He accused Edwards of voting to raise an array of taxes in the most recent legislative session. But the package of tax changes approved by Edwards and other state lawmakers was similar to the approach Vitter said he would take to help address the state's financial woes, largely by reducing spending on state tax breaks.

"You make everything up, senator. Your numbers aren't the same this week as they

were last week," Edwards said.

The race is tighter than was expected months ago, when Vitter was widely expected to coast to an easy victory. Now, Edwards leads the runoff campaign in fundraising and polling, hoping to become the first Democrat to win statewide election in Louisiana since 2008.

Vitter has been under fire for his 2007 prostitution scandal, his attack-heavy campaign style in the primary election and allegations his campaign hired someone to secretly record the Jefferson Parish sheriff and others. In recent weeks, Vitter has tried to pivot to policy distinctions, suggesting Edwards is more liberal than he claims.

Asked to answer claims in an Edwards ad that he missed a vote to honor soldiers because of a phone call from the prostitution service, Vitter dodged and instead said he has apologized to the people of Louisiana and committed to re-earn their trust. He said voters don't ask about the issue when he talks to them.

"If that's not good enough for you, I'm sorry," he said.

Though Vitter suggested people should move on from the scandal, he then referenced it himself in his final closing pitch to voters at the debate, describing the forgiveness he received from his family as "the most powerful motivator of my life."

Edwards has built a campaign on his West Point degree, his military resume and pledges of bipartisanship.

The debate, sponsored by WVLA-TV, was the second of the runoff.



MAR-C Industries had a raffle drawing for a 65 qt Yeti cooler. The winner is LaVada Nelson of Bossier City. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the MAR-C van fund. MAR-C continues to seek donations for the purchase of newer vans to transport workers. Courtesy Photo

### AROUND THE STATE

## Deadline near for drivers to respond to collection letters

BATON ROUGE—Another round of 700,000 collection letters have gone out to Louisiana drivers, notifying them they have 30 days to pay fines for lapsed insurance coverage before their cases get turned over to a state collection agency.

In an update Monday, the Office of Motor Vehicles said 55,000 cases of drivers

flagged for violating state insurance coverage requirements have been cleared. In one-third of those resolved cases, the agency said, drivers didn't pay anything after showing they shouldn't have been fined.

The OMV received complaints after mailing 1.1 million collection letters to drivers last month. Some drivers

said they were being improperly accused of lapsed insurance.

The agency added phone lines and lengthened hours to help people clear improper penalties. More information for drivers who received collection letters is at <http://www.expresslane.org>.

## REYNOLDS

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tions as well as other federal departments is vetting the refugees.

In the wake of terror attacks that killed 129 people in Paris, France on Friday night, Gov. Bobby Jindal, sent a letter to the White House demanding to know how many Syrian refugees would be allowed into the state.

The White House has announced plans to take in 10,000 Syrian refugees in 2016, but they would not all be in Louisiana.

On Monday, Jindal issued an executive order to halt the

influx of Syrian refugees into the state.

The order instructs the Louisiana State Police and all executive branch agencies to "monitor and avert threats within the State of

Louisiana" possibly posed by refugees already in the state.

Reynolds says he is staying on top of the situation and will update the public as the information comes to him.

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# OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

## Don't bet on it

The cool temperature this morning was a refreshing change.

The rains are gone, for now, and the pleasant fall weather has made its way into our world.

It was a perfect day for being outdoors. Hubby took advantage to do some work in the yard and also in the woods near his deer stand.

One would have thought I would have been out there too, but I only made it for short breaks.

It seems as if there is always something that must be done, and the first of the week is usually the time I tackle those indoor chores. A bit of laundry had accumulated over the weekend, so that had to be taken care of.

There was also the task of cooking a good meal for lunch. It wasn't nearly as appealing though since I'm trying to cut back on desserts.

Horrors, how can I say that? Baking is

one of my favorite things to do. (And eating the finished products is a close second.)

With the holidays looming and the tendency to overindulge in sweets during that time, I'm trying to cut back a bit now, so the aftereffects won't be quite as dire.

Hubby agreed to do without so that I would be more apt to stick to the plan. Therefore, I'm suffering in two ways. I can't bake, and so I have nothing sweet to eat.

But, today, we did well without the sweets. (How can I say such a thing?)

We had butter beans, parmesan crusted baked chicken breasts, creamed corn (from our daughter's freezer) corn bread and tea. It was a tasty meal, but I've been battling withdrawal symptoms all afternoon. The nearest thing to something sweet - a few grapes.

Later in the day, we took a coffee break on the porch, a favorite place for having coffee.

As I tried to watch a bit of TV, I could conjure up all the different sweet items I wanted to be in the kitchen baking.

Foremost on my mind was sweet potato bread. This is usually baked in coffee cans, however my cans rusted and I haven't been able to find metal cans, only plastic. So this year I will be baking it in small loaf pans. It is a delicious sweet bread, almost like cake, with raisins and pecans in it.

The recipe came from one of Hubby's co-workers at IP many years ago. (Thank you, Wray Allen.)

The guy brought some to work and shared with Hubby. When he asked if he would bring the recipe, the guy shocked him by getting a piece of paper and quickly writing it down, from memory.

That's a great memory and a great friend and we've enjoyed the bread for many years. As I sit here and write about it, I can almost taste it.

Another one high on my list is the Fresh Apple Cake baked in layers with coconut and pecan frosting. One of Hubby's favorites and I usually make it for his birthday.

Well, that's coming up soon, so we'll have to see what happens.

Do we make the cake, or do we stick our good intentions?

Does anyone want to wager?

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## EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

# The Advocate on reforming the state tax system

A former state senator, Troy Hebert, recently suggested that two numbers ought to always be in the next governor's mind: 53 and 20.

Those are the majorities in House and Senate, and his larger point was that the support of the Legislature is critical to anything a new governor wants to do in office.

We think that it behooves the runoff candidates for governor, who are obviously obsessed right now with turnout and poll numbers, to think about two other numbers: 70 and 26.

Because it is with 70 votes in the House and 26 votes in the Senate that one achieves a two-thirds majority, vital to passing new taxes and, perhaps, depending on a legal challenge to some actions of the 2015 Legislature, even ending tax breaks previously granted.

It is those two-thirds votes that are more elusive both mathematically and politically.

And if there are big numbers that ought to worry the lawmakers and the new governor, it is the massive shortfalls in the budget, both in the

current year and in the new budget that must be crafted by a new administration in early 2016.

It is the problem that candidates can easily identify and decry but have been unwilling to be as specific about what they're going to do about shortfalls of \$1 billion or more.

Most of the legislators seeking re-election have been returned to office, so they are not newbies. But they and the governor's candidates can benefit from a major report on Louisiana's out-of-date tax system.

The Committee of 100 for Economic Development, a business group, commissioned experts from the non-partisan Tax Foundation and drew in Louisiana experts to talk about ways to fix the tax system.

It's a reasonable list of options for streamlining tax collection and generating money for state government in an economically responsible way. For conservatives, it has the benefit of showing how a broadened tax base in the income tax, for example, could allow a significant cut

in the tax rate.

"We must recognize that there are no easy or quick fixes," Committee of 100 Chairman Tom Clark said. "Success will require a comprehensive review and correction of the causes of our structural budget deficit problems and not simply reducing spending or increasing taxes."

Some of the proposals might require changes in the bloated, overwritten Louisiana Constitution, where we've added tax breaks or basic provisions that are less flexible than in ordinary law. That means that the significant numbers are often going to be 70 and 26, because the first big hurdle to constitutional changes is a two-thirds vote of House and Senate.

Then, the new governor and lawmakers have to sell the changes to a vote of the people.

Such big changes are going to be challenging in the State Capitol. But they don't get rolling without a credible set of options priced out for consideration. The Committee of 100 has given a solid start to real changes in the tax system.

PERSPECTIVE

## My Trump problem

Sometimes I like Donald Trump. He makes me laugh when he mocks reporters' stupid questions.

Sometimes he's smart. When Maryland's lefty governor said a tax on rich people would "raise revenue," Trump told me why it wouldn't. The taxpayers would just flee. "I know these people! They're international people! Whether they live here or in a place like Switzerland, it doesn't really matter to them!"

Perfect TV sound bite. And accurate. Maryland's tax on the rich brought in less revenue.

When Trump makes billions by giving people things they want in voluntary exchanges — via casinos or real estate or the chance to watch him "fire" people on TV shows — I applaud him. Free trade is mutually beneficial. Everybody wins.

That's why it's appalling when Trump calls trade agreements a "disaster" and says he'd "punish" Mexico with higher tariffs (tariffs really punish Americans).

And it's appalling when Trump uses connections with government to take things from others. I confronted him about that once.

In Atlantic City, an elderly woman named Vera Coking owned a home near Trump's casino. Trump wanted to take down her house so he could expand his casino parking lot.

People had offered to buy Vera's house, but she said no. In America, property rights mean you get to tell people, "You can't use my things without my permission."

But Trump wouldn't take no for an answer. He got some New Jersey politicians to grant him the right to take Vera's house. Politicians can do that under a law called "eminent domain." Trump recently called eminent domain "wonderful!"

Eminent domain can be wonderful if it's put to important public use, say, claiming land for highways, railroads or a pipeline. But Trump got New Jersey pols to use it so he'd have a better space for limousines to park.

Also, under eminent domain, the state is supposed to pay the property owner "just compensation." But Vera had turned down a million-dollar offer. Instead of raising the bid, Trump got politicians to force Vera to sell for even less.

Trump would have to pay just \$251,000, a fourth what she'd been offered.

That made Trump a manipulative bully. So I told him that.

"In the old days, developers came in with thugs with clubs. Now you use lawyers!"

"Excuse me! Other people maybe use thugs today. I don't!" was Trump's angry answer. "For you to use the word 'bully,' John, is very unfair. ... It's a pretty sick assumption, and I think it's pretty jaded for you to make it."

Vintage Trump. He is right. I'm pretty jaded. Watching big shots violate people's property rights tends to do that.

Fortunately, after a long legal battle, an appeals court ruled that Trump could not take Vera's property. That worked best for everyone since it turned out that Trump didn't need a bigger parking lot. Trump and New Jersey pols hadn't predicted the future. His casino, like others in Atlantic City, went bankrupt.

Bankruptcy happens in business all the time, and only investors lose. But when business "partners" with government, innocent people get trampled.

Trump also tried to use his "get politicians to grab someone's land" scheme in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he promised a "world-class" development that never happened.

This is "a powerful, politically influential person using his power to steal, essentially, somebody else's private property for his own private profit," says Tim Sandefur of the Pacific Legal Foundation.

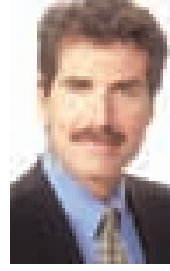
But Trump said that his development might bring the city extra tax money, making it "public" use.

"By that logic," says Sandefur, "you can use the power of eminent domain to kick all poor people out of your city. ... The whole purpose of protections against eminent domain in our Constitution — in fact, the very purpose of a Constitution — is to protect people who don't have political influence and can't persuade politicians to do their bidding."

I wish Trump understood that. He isn't the only one whose ego is huge. So is government's — always thinking it knows best.

Let property owners decide, not the bullies.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No, They Can't! Why Government Fails — But Individuals Succeed."



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## 'The Beauty and The Breast' pageant



Winners of the Breast Cancer Awareness pageant hosted by the More Than Conquerors Breast Cancer Support Group, Grambling Chapter, pose with their trophies. Winners are, from left, Conquista Bell, second Place (age 30-59); Annie Staten, first runner-up (age 60 & up); Sandra Cooper, overall winner (age 60+); Gloria Phillips, overall winner (age 30-59); Dewanna Bryan, first runner-up (age 30-59); Angie Hadnot, second Place, (age 60+). Courtesy Photo

### SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, on Saturday, Oct. 17 the More Than Conquerors Breast Cancer Support Group, Grambling Chapter, hosted a Pageant for breast cancer survivors entitled "The Beauty and the Breast" at the American Legion Hall in Minden.

Special thanks to the twelve contestants ranging from the age of 30 - 78 who competed in the pageant for the title and crown of "Miss Beauty and The Breast".

Many compliments were given to all of the beautiful contestants: Wilma Allums of Minden, Conquista Smith Bell of Minden, Dewanna Bryan of Grambling, Sandra Cooper of Ruston, Angie Hadnot of Sibley, Barbara Johnson of Monroe, Alma Lennear of Minden, Dorothy Lewis

of Minden, Dorothy Nelson of Shreveport, Joann Perry of Arcadia, Gloria Phillips of Shreveport, and Annie Staten of Monroe. Congratulations to the winners. The 30 - 59 age category winners are: Gloria Phillips - Winner; Dewanna Bryan - 1st Runner-up; and Conquista Bell - 2nd Place. The 60 and over age category winners are: Sandra Cooper - Winner; Annie Staten - 1st Runner-up; and Angie Hadnot - 2nd Place.

The winners received a crown, bouquet of roses, theme sash, trophy, and one hundred cash prize.

The More Than Conquerors Breast Cancer Support Group gives special thanks to Pink Pratique Boutique for serving as their Title Sponsor for this event. "This pageant was dedicated to God for his grace granted to all survivors for their many years of survivorship," MTC president Rixie Thompson said.

### Around Town

Nov. 17 - 19

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will have its Fall Revival at 7 p.m. nightly.

Nov. 22

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church's Usher's Day program will be at 8 a.m. Minister Richard Walker will serve as guest speaker.

Nov. 26

St. Rest Baptist Church will host its a Thanksgiving dinner at 1 p.m. at the BF Martin Community Life Center, located at 611 E. Union Street. All are welcome to attend and bring covered dishes.

### J.A. Phillips student of the month



J.A. Phillips Middle School student Kathleen Hudson was named October student of the month. Courtesy Photo

### UCAP Needs

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## SPORTS briefs

### BASKETBALL Minden, Lakeside begin new season

Tuesday marks the beginning of basketball season for Minden High School and Lakeside High School.

The Tide, under the direction of head coach Alan Shaw, will be at home tonight to take on Southwood. The Lady Tiders will play at 6 p.m. with the Crimson Tide to follow. All Mindenites are encouraged to come out and support the Tide in their season opener.

Lakeside will be at home too, with Doyline coming to town for the Battle for the Paddle.

No team has kept the paddle for back-to-back years in what has proven to be an entertaining rivalry between the two schools. The Lady Warriors tip-off at 6 p.m. as well, with the Warriors and Panthers in the nightcap.

### FOOTBALL MPH Football Contest results

This week's winners for the MPH football contest are in, and in first place it's Dean Williams with 16 correct picks.

Finishing in second place was Tina Taylor McLaughlin with 15 correct picks and a tiebreaker score of 44. Third place went to Charles Hoenke with 15 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 50.

### NFL Texans pull off upset of Bengals

CINCINNATI — Texans cornerback Charles James stopped in a corner of the tiger-striped end zone and cupped a hand to his right ear, seeing what the crowd had to say about this outcome.

Not much. They'd seen it before.

T.J. Yates came off the bench in the second half and rallied Houston to a 10-6 victory on Monday night that knocked the Bengals from the ranks of unbeaten and added to the Texans' legacy of tormenting the team from Cincinnati.

"Yes, it was a little nostalgic," said Yates, who threw a 22-yard pass to DeAndre Hopkins in the fourth quarter for the game's only touchdown.

Nostalgic for the Texans (4-6). Miserable for the Bengals (8-1), who struggled on offense all game and then let a chance to pull it out slip away in the end.

Andy Dalton had another subpar game against J.J. Watt and a Texans defense that has often made him look bad. He completed 22 of 38 for 197 yards with an interception and three sacks, including one by Watt.

"We'll be all right," Bengals receiver A.J. Green said. "It's tough to lose. Not everything is going to be pretty."

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Apaches fall at the buzzer



Glenbrook's Joseph Windham goes up for 2 of his high-20 points. The Apaches fell 43-42 on a last second shot. Blake Branch/Press-Herald



### BLAKE BRANCH

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In their home opener, the Glenbrook Apaches lost a heartbreaker to Westside Christian, 43-42.

Both teams struggled to generate much offense in the early going, with Westside Christian holding a slim half-time lead. They would extend that lead to nine points before Glenbrook made a push in the late minutes of the third quarter to cut the lead to 29-28.

In the game's final moments, the Apaches trailed 41-39. Some good ball movement helped get Joseph Windham open for a 3-point try which he nailed to give Glenbrook a 43-42 lead with just over a minute to play.

Glenbrook's Garrett Sanders came up with a big-time block to give the Apaches possession, but an unforced turnover while trying to run out the clock gave

Westside one final chance.

They would make the most of it, as a 15-foot jumper went in with 2.8 seconds remaining, handing Glenbrook a loss.

"We have got to be better under pressure and finish games," Glenbrook head coach Jeff Dalton said. "We have to find a way to score more points. I tell the guys all the time this is a process, and we will work hard to get it figured out."

Joseph Windham led the Apaches with 20 points, followed by Cade Conterez with 12.

### Lady Apaches

The Lady Apaches jumped out to an early lead and never checked up, doubling up the Westside girls, 48-24.

"I am proud of the girls effort so far," Lady Apache head coach Rendi Dillard said. "We're taking steps in the right direction every game."

Olivia Dalton led the Lady Apaches with 12 points and 14 rebounds, followed by Carsin Spurlock with 10 points and Kate Marvin with 8 points.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Don Stahl Tournament begins Wednesday

### BLAKE BRANCH

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SIBLEY - The 22nd annual Don Stahl Memorial Tournament tips-off Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Lakeside.

Don Stahl was the legendary coach of Sibley High School, claiming 824 wins from 1975-1991. Stahl led Sibley to 100 consecutive wins from 1978-1980 and won two state championships.

Stahl passed away in the early 90s, prompting Lakeside to begin a tournament in his memory.

The tournament features both a boys and girls bracket with teams from Webster Parish, Bossier, Claiborne, Caddo, Natchitoches and Morehouse Parish making the trip to Sibley to start the season.

Lakeside, Doyline, Minden, Haynesville, Bastrop, Evangel, Byrd and Haughton make up the boys bracket.

Lakeside, Doyline, Minden, Haynesville, North Webster, St. Mary's, Evangel and Haughton will compete on the girls side.

"There should be some good, tough games," Lakeside boys head coach Jason Gould said. "On the girls side, Minden has a chance to make a run. Coach Brown and his girls looked good the other night, but Evangel is the three-time defending champions."

"On the boys side, Minden and Doyline ought to be a good Webster Parish matchup, then you've got Evangel and Byrd down their. Bastrop is a new team that's in. There's going to be some good competition and great games."

Gould said the tournament will be played Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday due to the number of schools with teams in the football playoffs.



Blake Branch/Press-Herald

## LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

# Mother Nature a good weather prognosticator

It all started this year back in the spring. We had an unusually mild and wet spring that turned everything green and made it bloom and we loved it. Then came July and somebody turned the spigot off and the thermostat up. For over 3 months, we had virtually no rain and excessive heat. Then came late October and here we are back into a rain/moderate temperature situation.

Perhaps we could have saved ourselves time and frustration by devoting more attention to a list of ancient weather indicators I found.

Here are some of what the old timey prognosticators came up with.

1. If the sun sets behind a bank of clouds on Thursday, it will rain before Sunday.

2. Lightening in the south means dry weather.

3. A red sunset means clearing weather; a yellow sunset indicates rain.

4. When a chicken's tail feathers spread on in the wind, rain is on

the way.  
5. If it thunders in the morning before 7:00, it'll rain before 11:00; if it rains before 7:00, it will be clear by 11:00.

6. Heavy fur on a squirrel means a hard winter ahead; thin fur foretells a mild winter.

7. Three months after you hear the first katydid, there'll be a killing front.

8. For every fog in August, there will be a snow in winter.

9. If it frosts before November 23, it will be a bad winter.

10. The hotter the summer, the colder the following winter.

11. If smoke settles toward the ground, bad weather is on the way. If it rises, look for clearing skies.

12. A tilted moon with the points facing downward smacks of

rain.  
13. Rain is also indicated when leaves show their backs, when a herd of cows lie down, when birds fly low, and when earthworms come to the top of the ground.

14. When there is a ring around the moon, it is bound to rain, and if you count the visible stars within that ring, you can tell how many days before it rains.

15. If it rains on Easter, look for rain the next seven Sundays.

16. If it rains on the full of the moon, you can expect rainy weather until the moon quarters.

17. When you hear a screech owl, you can bet fair weather is on the way.

18. The twelve days after Christmas indicate what each month of the year will be like.

19. If it thunders in February, it will frost on that day in April.

20. When you see the first purple martin, the crappie will be starting to spawn.

21. When the pine pollen covers everything, bass are spawning in

the shallows.  
22. Crimson clover in full bloom means blue gills are bedded and will bite.

I have not put all these old predictions to the test but I grew up believing some of them because my mama believed them and if mama said so, you could take as the Gospel. For example, mama firmly believed in the "thunder in February; frost in April" (number 19 above) theory and this has proven to be true more times than not. The same has proven to be dead on for number 5 above "thunder before 7:00; rain before 11:00."

The sun is shining brightly as I write this on Monday but I saw a herd of cows lying down in the pasture across the road. What does the weatherman predict for the week? Rain on Wednesday. I'm keeping my slicker suit handy, just in case.

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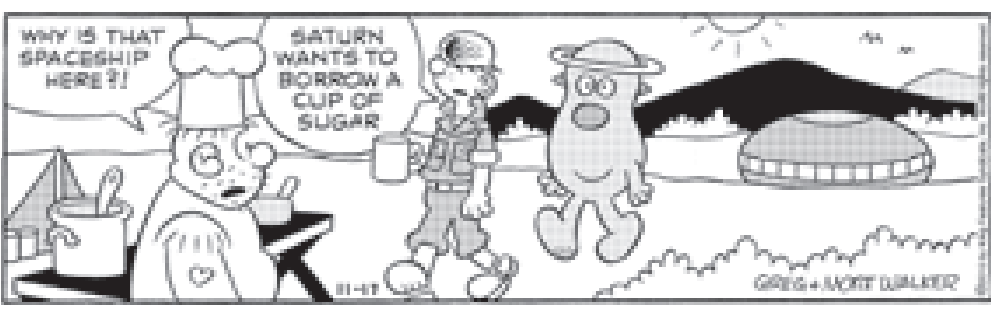
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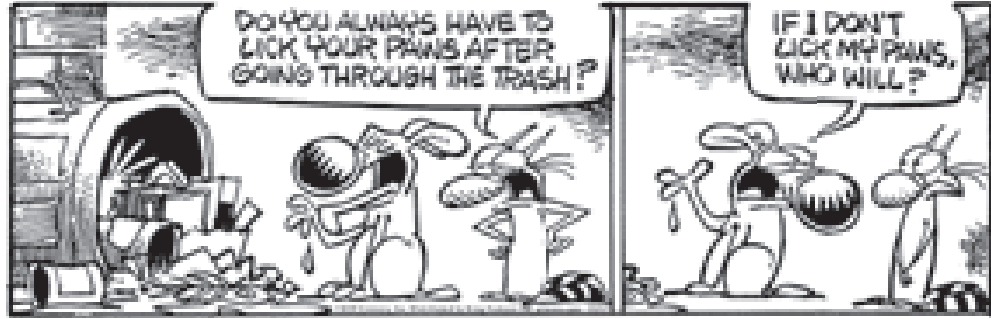
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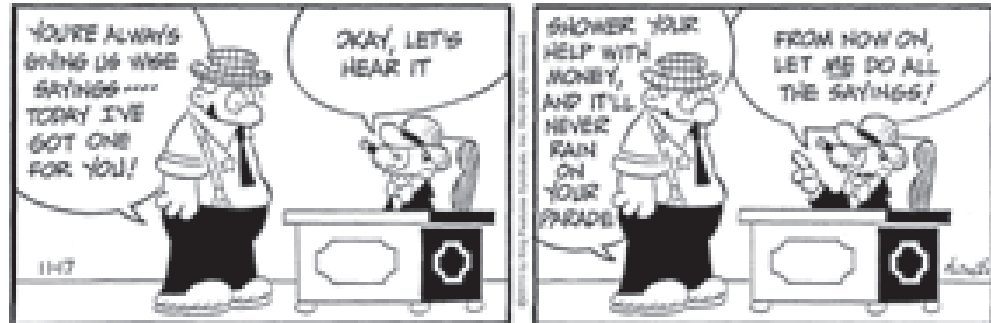
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