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**ECONOMY**

## Businesses prepare for Black Friday

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Local businesses are preparing for the rush of Christmas shoppers on Black Friday.

For Loye's Pharmacy and Gifts, Mitzi Madden says this is the first year they have had a Black Friday sale.

"We're not sure how it will go," she said. "Considering we put Christmas out early this year, I'm hoping it will draw people in."

Customers who shop at Loye's on Black Friday will be entered into a drawing to win a Christmas wreath, she said.

Mike Spillers, of Spillers Furniture and Appliance, says Black Friday is a big shopping day for them, better than average with the promotions they offer.

"It's probably not like it is for clothes and electronics and that kind of stuff, but it's an event," he said. "We have specials that pertain to that day only. We usually do pretty good on the day after Thanksgiving."

Some of the bigger items they sell are recliners, sofas and dining sets, he said.

Jimmy Williams, of Minden Athletic, says sales are above average on Black Fri-

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**Samantha Kramer, employee at Loye's Pharmacy and Gifts, prepares for Black Friday in the "wrapping room." Customers can have their purchases wrapped and ready to put under the Christmas tree before they leave the store. This is the first year Loye's has offered a Black Friday sale.** Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

**HOLIDAY TRAIL OF LIGHTS**



**Frances Irving, a descendant of Gone with the Wind author Margaret Mitchell, is dressed in Civil War era clothing. She stands inside the foyer at her home, located at 508 Fort Avenue. The historic home is one of the oldest homes in north Louisiana and is on the Tour of Homes set for Saturday, Dec. 4.** Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

# GONE WITH THE WIND

## Descendant of book author to be featured on Tour of Homes

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The book *Gone with the Wind* became a major motion picture that instantly became a classic when it premiered in Atlanta in 1939.

During a tour of the Holiday Trail of Lights, the West Tabernacle Community Senior Citizens group will experience a private tour of the home of Frances Irving, a descendant of Margaret Munneryn Mitchell, author of the book.

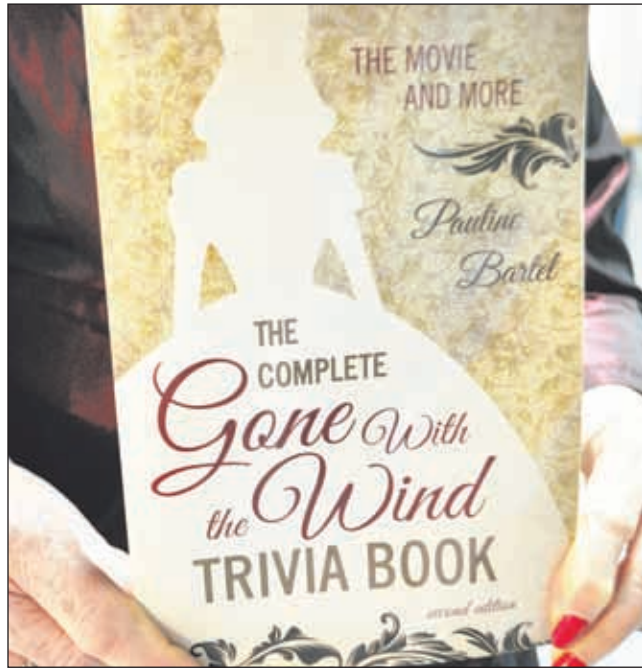
Irving's great-grandmother, Mary Charlotte Munneryn and Mitchell's

grandmother, Helen Ann Munneryn, were first cousins.

"Margaret Mitchell wasn't very tall," Irving said. "She was probably about 5'1" tall. She was a small woman. All my life, my mother talked about Margaret. I never had the pleasure of meeting her because she died so young, but Mother told me some things about her."

Born Nov. 8, 1900, in Atlanta, Mitchell was reared in a family considered high society, a time when women roles were much more narrowly defined. Irving grew

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**The book is one of trivia about the book and major motion picture *Gone with the Wind*. It shares details of its author, Margaret Mitchell as well as other little known facts about the book, movie and author.** Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

**COURT WATCH**

## Erving pleads in drug case

Trial set in Bienville woman's theft case

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One woman entered a guilty plea for four counts of distribution on Monday while another woman charged with theft of assets of an aged or disabled person was arraigned.

Kiedre Erving was arraigned by 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Cox on charges of improper supervision of a minor by a parent or legal guardian. Trial in that case has been set for Jan. 22, 2016.

She also entered pleas of guilty on four counts of distribution of a Schedule II CDS. Sentencing is set for Feb. 22, 2016, with an agreement the sentences will run

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**ERVING**

## MISS MINDEN TICKETS

Tickets for the Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant are going on sale Monday, Nov. 23 and will end Friday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale at Al-N-Way Cleaners, located at 410 Homer Road. Children two years of age and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the pageant.

The Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. The pageant is sponsored by the Young Women's Service Club.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

## Northwestern State develops agreement with BPCC

BOSSIER CITY — Some students at Bossier Parish Community College will soon be able to turn their associate degrees into a bachelor's degree through Northwestern State University.

The leaders of both schools have said they will sign an agreement Monday that enables students to transfer college credit to the university after obtaining their associate degrees at the community college, The Times reports. The agree-

ments were created for business administration programs, engineering technology and computer information systems.

The agreement will help to ensure that students can earn four-year degrees without having to unnecessarily take duplicate classes, BPCC Chancellor Rick Bateman Jr. said.

"Our focus isn't just about the transfer, it's about completion and making sure we create value for our students

with these agreements so they don't lose time, energy and resources," Bateman said.

Northwestern State President Jim Henderson said in a news release that the faculty at both schools worked together so students will be prepared for the university's baccalaureate programs.

The community college's two-year programs are considered a student's freshman and sophomore year. Once they graduate from BPCC,

they can finish their junior and senior year at NSU to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Both campuses said these articulation agreements will address issues in the regional workforce.

"It's very much market driven with the degree programs that are creating transfers for today's job market," said NSU Director of Informational Services Leah Johnson.

## Blue Bell resuming ice cream sales in Louisiana, Mississippi

BRENHAM, Texas — Blue Bell ice cream will be available in Louisiana and Jackson, Mississippi, on Dec. 21 after listeria contamination halted sales and prompted cleanup of production plants.

Blue Bell on Tuesday also announced the return of 115 workers put on paid furlough after the April voluntary recall of all products. The company will have about 1,000 employees, including at plants in Alabama and Oklahoma now supplying consumers in those states,

plus Texas.

The company this month resumed production in its hometown of Brenham, 70 miles northwest of Houston. Sales from that plant have not yet resumed amid continued regulatory scrutiny.

Blue Bell was linked to 10 listeria cases, including three deaths in Kansas. Listeria bacteria can cause serious illness, especially in older adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems.



## WIND

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up hearing tales of Mitchell, who she says was a free spirit in a time when women were fighting for equality and the right to vote.

"She wanted Margaret to go through becoming a debutante, but all Margaret wanted to do was write," she said. "Her mother was very strict on her, and Margaret felt like her mother didn't love her. Margaret was kind of like a free spirit."

Irving says Mitchell began writing at the young age of three.

"She could barely hold a pencil, and she wrote and she loved to tell stories," Irving said. "She would get her brother and the neighbor's children and they would sit under this arbor at her home, and she would tell all these stories."

Irving tells the story of how *Gone with the Wind* came to be, saying it wasn't a story Mitchell wanted published. She began writing the book in 1929.

"She didn't think her material would be good

enough," she said. "She had gone to work as a reporter for one of the newspapers there in Atlanta, and they had some of the authors and reporters come to a dinner. This man from New York, Mr. Harold Latham, was looking for scripts."

He asked each one if they had any manuscripts that might make a good play or book.

"She never said anything," Irving said. "She didn't want anybody to know about her book. All of a sudden, one of her so called friends asked Margaret 'Have you written anything?' One of her friends said, 'That's hard to believe,' and it made Margaret so mad, she went home and got that script together and it weighed a ton. She took it to him, and he picked it up and read it all the way back to New York."

When Latham returned to New York, he contacted Mitchell and asked for the remainder of the script. At the time, she hadn't written the first chapter. Latham reportedly asked her to write the first chapter, and after she gave it to him, she thought about it for a couple of days, called him and told him to send it all back.

"Somehow he talked her out of it, and he was just in love with the book," she said. "Had her friend not made that disparaging remark, we might not have ever had the pleasure of *Gone with the Wind*."

Irving says it is believed *Gone with the Wind* is a story about her life experiences, finding love, experiencing loss, suffering and triumph. She says Mitchell reportedly modeled the men in the book after her own life experiences. For instance, she met a lieutenant in the military, Clifford West Henry, whom she fell in love with but was killed during World War I before they could marry. Scarlett O'Hara's love interest, Ashley Wilkes, is believed to be modeled after Henry. Rhett Butler was reportedly modeled after her second husband, Barrien "Red" Upshaw, who was abusive to Mitchell.

Although Butler's character was not abusive in the story, much of Upshaw's characteristics were written into Butler's character.

Mitchell later married John Marsh, who was a writer himself. He encouraged her to write, and during her research for the book,

she obtained a massive amount of information from many of the old Civil War veterans. The book was set in the Civil War era.

Mitchell went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for her work, and Irving says this book is now printed in 40 languages and the only other book that has sold more copies is the Holy Bible. Overall, it has sold 30 million copies.

She passed away at the age of 48, in August 1949, after she was hit by a reported drunk driver. She is buried in Oakland Cemetery.

The tour group will get a chance to see the Irving home, built in 1845 by Col. William Bates, who came to Minden in 1842. Bates bought the property from Minden's founder Charles Veeder.

Irving and her husband, John, bought the home in the 1980's from Redrick Fogle and renovated it to the beautiful home it is today.

The tour will also include the Webster Parish Film Trail and after dark, a tour of the Christmas lights in Minden's historic downtown district.

## OBITUARIES

### Clarence E. Bourn Sr.

Funeral services for Clarence E. Bourn Sr. will be at Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Josh Beshea officiating. Interment will follow at Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sibbey. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday.

Clarence was born March 10, 1938 in Oakvale, Mississippi and went home to be with Jesus on Nov. 23, 2015 in Pflugerville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Tommie Jean Sikes Bourn of Pflugerville, Texas; sons Eddie Bourn and wife Andrea of Heflin, C.L. Bourn and wife Marla of Greenwood, David Lane Bourn and wife Danielle of Pflugerville, Texas; daughter Debbie Jordan and husband Ronald of Blanchard; sisters Zannia Speights of Columbia, Mississippi and Ginger McEachern of Minden; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family will serve as pallbearers.

### Leroy Dykes

Funeral services for Mr. Leroy Dykes, 76, will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Cotton Valley with the Rev. Kenneth DeHart officiating. Interment will follow in Cotton Valley Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Cotton Valley.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 27, 2015 from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Dykes was born on Oct. 9, 1939 in Henderson, Texas and passed away on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015 at his home in Cotton Valley. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. and was retired from Penrod Drilling Company after 30 years of service. He loved music, playing the trumpet, animals, collecting scrap metal and watching LSU football. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather who dearly loved his children.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pat Dykes; two daughters, Sherry Isherwood and husband, Philip of Shreveport, Amy Phillips and husband, Kerry of Shongaloo; son, Billy Dykes and wife, Devet of Ringgold; three grandchildren, Ryker Phillips, Raiden Phillips, Haley Dykes; one great-granddaughter, Raleigh Franklin; brother, Charles Branton and wife, Janice; two sisters, Mary Owens of Shreveport, Ella Mae Cheatham of Homer; and his beloved dog, Leo.

Mr. Dykes was preceded in death by his parents, Lamar Q. and Alta Branton, brothers, James Dykes, Edward Dykes and George Dykes.

Pallbearers will be Billy Dykes, Philip Isherwood, Kerry Phillips, Dave Phillips, Charles Branton and Chuck Branton.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center and Aime Hospice Care for their care and compassion during Mr. Dykes illness.

Sign our online guest book at [www.baileyfuneralhome.net](http://www.baileyfuneralhome.net).



DYKES

### Martha Ann Wall Reed

Martha Ann Wall Reed went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Nov. 11, 2015. She was born on June 7, 1935 in Dubberly at her grandmother's house and attended and graduated from Dubberly High School where she played and loved basketball. Her parents were J.A. Wall and Ruby Cox Wall who loved her dearly. She is survived by her daughters, Wanda Evans and Beth Viers, and her grandchildren, Jimmy Lester, Annie Stroud, and Dillon Viers. She also was a great-grandmother and a great-great-grandmother. She was an avid collector of antiques and friends. She will be greatly missed by many people, friends and family, especially her faithful friend Latson Souter. As per her wishes, no services to be held.

### Howard Robinson III

Howard Robinson III, Henry Hank, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015. He was 58 years old. Henry was from Minden and lived in Frankston, Texas at the time of his passing.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Howard Robinson Jr. and Labanda Thornton Robinson of Minden.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Robinson of Frankston, Texas; sister Milly Rose and husband Rev. David Frizzelle of Magnolia, Arkansas.

His children are Suzanne Robinson, Ben Wheeler of Texas; Rachel Stevens, Royse City, Texas; Howard Robinson, IV, Royse City, Texas; and Josh and Hailey Gilbert, Montalba, Texas.

Grandchildren include Celeste Robinson, Annah Stevens, Emmah Stevens, Colton Robinson all from Royse City, Texas; Jackson and Jacob Gilbert from Montalba, Texas, and one great-grandchild, Sebastian Stevens from Royse City, Texas.

The funeral will be Saturday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Autry Funeral Home Chapel in Frankston, Texas. Viewing and family hour will be from 10 a.m. until noon at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Old Rock Hill Cemetery in Chandler, Texas.

Henry was a 1975 graduate of Minden High School and was a 1980 graduate of Christ for the Nations Bible College in Dallas, Texas.

In the 70's, Henry was in the United States Air Force. He was also a welder for many, many years in Texas.

He was an amazing Christian singer and songwriter for over 40 years. He was also an accomplished guitarist and auto harpist.

II Timothy 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me that day.

Matthew 25:21

His Lord said unto him, well done thou good and faithful servant: Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter into the joy of the Lord.



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ON THE WATER

## Pesky invasive plant turns up in another East Texas waterway

**DIANA HEIDGERD**  
Associated Press

DALLAS — An invasive plant that can clog boat motors, block sunlight from lakes and affect aquatic life has turned up in another East Texas waterway, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department announced Tuesday.

Confirmation of giant salvinia at Lake Fork Reservoir, 60 miles east of Dallas, has prompted an aggressive effort to remove and kill the fast-growing plants, TPWD spokesman Larry Hodge said. Chemicals are being used on giant salvinia, a floating fern that's native to Brazil and reproduces by budding. The leaves are about the size of a quarter, sometimes larger, the agency said.

Several boat ramps are closed, and a floating boom warns boaters to stay clear of the Chaney Branch of the reservoir and a nearby cove, totaling about 3 acres. "We've found in infestation like this on other reservoirs in East Texas and have gone in and physically removed the plants, all that we can find," Hodge said.

"If you catch it early sometimes you can get rid of it, at least temporarily."

Giant salvinia, which can be transported by boats and trailers, was found earlier on Caddo Lake, Toledo Bend Reservoir and Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Hodge said.

**"THE PROBLEM IS THAT EVERYBODY WHO HAS A BOAT IS A POTENTIAL VECTOR."**

LARRY HODGE, TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Some Louisiana lakes also have infestations of giant salvinia, which can form dense mats on water and also hamper fishing.

"We do everything we can within the limits of manpower and budget that we have to work with," Hodge said. "The problem is that everybody who has a boat is a potential vector."

Giant salvinia was first identified in the Houston area in 1998, but was later discovered at Toledo Bend, the state's largest body of water, the TWPD has said. It's illegal to transport giant salvinia on boat trailers, motors or tanks used on boats for live bait or fish.

Texas Parks & Wildlife officials do not know the source of the infestation at Lake Fork Reservoir, suspecting the plants were likely introduced by a boat trailer.

AROUND THE STATE

## Medicaid expansion timeline under Edwards may be slowed

**MELINDA DESLATTE**  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — While he pledged to expand Louisiana's Medicaid program on "day one" in office, Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards is finding out that might be trickier than he thought.

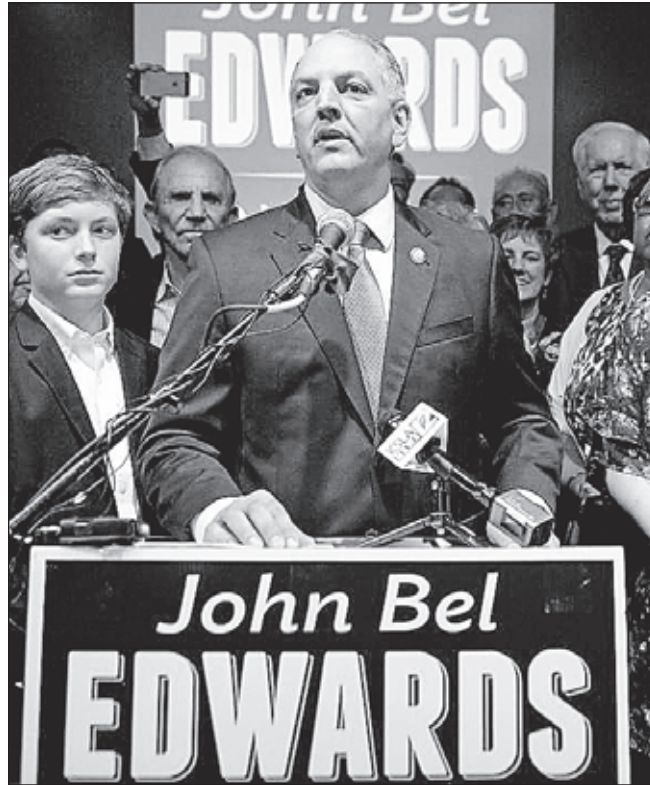
The financing plan enacted by lawmakers is caught up in a swirl of legal questions, and Edwards said after winning the weekend election that it might take a bit longer to expand Medicaid than he promised.

Whatever the delay, the Democratic governor-elect said providing the government-funded health insurance to the working poor remains a top priority for his new administration when it takes office in mid-January.

"We are going to expand the Medicaid program in Louisiana. We're going to do it as soon as we possibly can, as responsibly as we possibly can, and it will be part of the early initiatives that you see in my administration," he said.

Term-limited Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican who recently ended his presidential campaign, refused to take the billions in federal health care money to expand Louisiana's Medicaid program. He opposed it as too costly for the state and as an inappropriate expansion of government spending.

Thirty other states have agreed to expand their Medicaid programs as allowed under President Barack



Obama's health law, with the federal government picking up most of the tab.

Medicaid expansion offers government-funded insurance coverage to adults making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level — less than \$33,000 for a family of four. It would pour new money into Louisiana for health care expenses as it struggles with deep financial gaps.

As he campaigned, Edwards, a state lawmaker, said he would immediately expand the program as governor. Expansion supporters praised Edwards' victory over Republican U.S. Sen.

David Vitter in Saturday's election.

"The majority of the nearly 300,000 Louisianans who would gain coverage under Medicaid expansion are working men and women. They all deserve the peace of mind that comes with knowing that in case of a sudden accident or illness, they will get the health care they need," said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, in a statement.

But questions have been raised about the workability of legislation passed earlier this year to help cover the state's cost-share of a Medicaid expansion. Edwards

said he doesn't want to enact the expansion until he's sure the state's financing share, which will grow to 10 percent of the expansion price tag over time, is covered.

"I am not moving away from expanding Medicaid as early as I possibly can. I just know that there may be a hurdle that we have to overcome first with respect to making sure that we do it properly," he said.

Lawmakers approved a financing tool devised by the Louisiana Hospital Association that involves hospitals pooling their money to help pay Louisiana's share of the expansion.

In a recent analysis, however, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Office suggested that legislation doesn't work the way lawmakers anticipated and wouldn't provide the short-term savings expected with a Medicaid expansion.

Instead, the savings would be steered to boost payments to hospitals, according to the fiscal office analysis. In addition, the financing tool doesn't pay for the entire state cost of the Medicaid expansion.

That is prompting reconsideration of whether the hospital association plan is the best approach — or whether the state should look at other options.

Reworking the financing plan could require new legislation. The first legislative session planned by Edwards is a special session expected sometime in February.

## SALES

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day, but they usually don't get a big influx of shoppers.

"Christmas is not a big deal for us," he said. "Everybody used to come out at 5 in

the morning, and nobody hardly does that anymore."

As far as sales, he says they do better than average on the big day, although sales are down during the months of November and December.

"Our Christmas is baseball," he said. "That's when we do the majority of our business."

At Stage Stores, manager David Rico says they will be open two hours earlier on Thanksgiving Day.

"This is our fourth year in a row being open on Thanksgiving Day and we're expecting the biggest one yet," he said. "We're opening at 2 o'clock this year, which is two hours earlier than last year."

## COURT

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concurrent with a 12-year cap.

She was arrested in July following a traffic stop by Minden Police where officers found suspected Schedule II narcotics inside the vehicle. A 10-year-old child was in the backseat of the vehicle, police said. Arrested with her was Keiundra Mosha Erving, 25, who was charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II CDS (amphetamine

salts) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II CDS (hydrocodone) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule IV CDS (tramadol) with intent and open container.

In other court news, trial for Tasha Williams was set for Feb. 19, 2016, in front of 26th Judicial District Judge Michael O. Craig. She is accused of stealing some items from her ex-boyfriend while he was hospitalized at

Minden Medical Center in July. Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Williams reportedly refused to return the items she was supposed to be holding for him during his hospitalization, among them \$900 in cash and medication.

Because they lived in Bienville Parish, the victim contacted authorities there, and they were able to recover most of the items.

The victim is quadriplegic and unable to care for himself. Warrants were obtained for her arrest and sent to Ringgold and Bienville authorities. She was picked up in Bienville Parish and brought to Minden for booking.



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# OPINION

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EDITORIAL  
ROUND UP

## Side effects may include...

Jefferson City News-Tribune

When it comes to health care, who do you trust?

Do you rely on the advice of medical professionals, your own informed research, television advertisements for prescription drugs and medical devices, or some combination of the above?

The American Medical Association (AMA), which represents doctors, recently voted in favor of a ban on what is known as direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising of prescription drugs and medical devices.

You probably have seen the ads; you may be among viewers who are alienated, or amused, by the litany of side effects.

The AMA is not amused. Although only Congress or the federal Food and Drug Administration is authorized to ban pharmaceutical advertising, the association's House of Delegates voted to call for the ban.

AMA board chair-elect Patrice A. Harris said the "vote in support of an advertising ban reflects concerns among physicians about the negative impact of commercially-driven promotions, and the role that marketing costs play in fueling escalating drug prices. Direct-to-consumer advertising also inflates demand for new and more expensive drugs, even when these drugs may not be appropriate."

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America disagrees. The trade group's Tina Stow said the ads offer "scientifically accurate information to patients so that they are better informed about their health care and treatment options." In addition, she said, the ads lead to "important doctor-patient conversations about health that might otherwise not take place."

As a rule, we support efforts to help the public become better informed. The case can be made, however, that the ads are designed primarily to persuade.

And persuasion on health care choices prior to, or in the absence of, a conversation with a physician is not healthy or wise.

The rising costs of prescription drugs also supports the AMA's proposed ban.

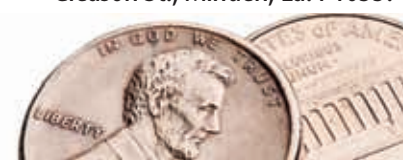
Justin Wm. Moyer reported Thursday in the Washington Post: "Though some forms of DTC drug advertising has been permitted for decades, regulatory changes the FDA made to guidelines in 1997 made such spots ubiquitous. Within a decade, the industry's budget for DTC ads ballooned from little more than \$300 million to more than \$3 billion."

That steep rise in costs is making it difficult, or prohibitive, for some patients to afford the drugs their doctors prescribe.

DTC advertising may be healthy for the pharmaceutical industry, but its value to patients is questionable and a known side effect is higher prices.

## Give us your two cents!

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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

## Reject fear-based arguments, support useful refugee programs

The Kansas City Star

The casualties from the horrific Nov. 13 terrorist attack on Paris were still being counted when U.S. politicians and others honed in on what they consider an immediate threat to national security: Syrian refugees.

More than 30 governors, including Sam Brownback of Kansas, quickly announced that these individuals were not welcome in the states.

From there, the chatter escalated into disgraceful attacks against the Muslim religion and its followers that hearkened to some of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history.

The mayor of Roanoke, Va., cited the use of internment camps for Americans of Japanese descent during World War II to justify his opposition to resettling Syrian refugees in his city — as though that profound act of injustice had been a good move.

On the GOP campaign trail, Donald Trump issued an un-American call for a registry of all Muslims living in the United States. Ben Carson made comments that seemed to equate refugees seeking to enter the U.S. with "a rabid dog running around your neighborhood."

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul tied up progress on crucial spending bills with an amendment that would ban the use of taxpayer dollars for assistance for newly resettled refugees from 34 troubled nations.

These faith-based bouts of hysteria are surely heartening to the Islamic State and other terrorist movements, whose recruiting efforts rely on young Muslims feeling alienated and disenfranchised.

Concerns about safety in the wake of the Paris attacks are understandable and warranted. A successful attack on

U.S. shores would be a prize for any terrorist group, and we depend on U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies to prevent that from happening.

But the focus on the refugee resettlement program is misguided.

For one thing, all of the Paris attackers identified so far were European Union nationals. One carried a fake Syrian passport, but authorities do not know whether the man had recently come from that country. There is no indication that he was a refugee.

And unlike many European nations, the U.S. isn't being swamped by migrants fleeing Syria, Iraq and other war-torn countries. The ocean separating us from those conflicts allows for an exceptionally deliberative selection process.

If the Islamic State wanted to slip an operative into America, posing as a refugee would be the slowest and lowest-percentage way to go about it.

Applicants for resettlement must first pass a United Nations screening process that includes face-to-face interviews, background checks, fingerprinting and other biometric data. Applicants who fall into one of about 45 "categories of concern" regarding their associations and work history in Syria are disqualified.

Those who clear the U.N. screening enter the U.S. vetting process, which involves more interviews, background checks and databases. The process takes at least 18 months and usually longer. Those who finally make it here are screened again upon arrival and after their first year in the country.

For politicians to demand "meaningful security checks," as Brownback did this week, is like asking for the postal service to deliver the mail. It's

already happening.

People intent on reducing the possibility of terrorists entering the United States would more logically zero in on travelers with student, tourist and work visas. If the Paris attacks are the measure, then people with European Union passports should be suspect.

But let's not do that. The world is too open and interconnected to allow paranoia about every traveler of a certain nationality.

The best defense against terrorism is not to keep whole groups of people out but to work to make sure that people who are here appreciate and cherish the opportunities and values that come with being in America.

That means we don't stigmatize people of certain nationalities or religions. We create a pipeline of jobs and education for new arrivals so that we limit the prospects of resentment and radicalization. We give refugees and immigrants a hand up so they can fully engage in American life, not set themselves apart.

We participate in the world community by taking in our share of people fleeing war and oppression. And we benefit from their willingness to work hard and create a better life for their children and grandchildren.

The politicians and commentators who are ginning up this unfounded fear of perhaps the least likely group of people to cause harm to America are ignoring history and current realities. They are allying themselves with the nation's meanest instinct — to shut out people who are different.

Their unprincipled ambitions and actions are what is to be feared, not legitimate refugees from any land.

PERSPECTIVE

## Anti-liberty politicians

After a terrorist attack, it's natural to ask: What can politicians do to keep us safe?

One thing they could do is actually focus on keeping us safe rather than devoting so much time, energy and hot air to the many things government does instead of protecting lives and property.

My state's politicians are particularly bad. New York's legislators regularly go to jail for taking bribes to pass, or not pass, special regulations.

One recent governor, Eliot Spitzer, perhaps because his rich father gave him money, didn't take bribes (to my knowledge). Instead, he had sex with prostitutes, meanwhile publicly declaring that sex work was "modern-day slavery." He then signed a law that increased penalties for people caught doing it. When Spitzer was caught, he resigned. He's a felon, but he managed to avoid jail.

Today, New Yorkers suffer under a new anti-liberty politician, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. He hasn't been jailed yet, but the public would be better served if he were. Schneiderman pushes "pro-consumer" laws that win media attention while depriving consumers of good choices.

Schneiderman has sought to limit wonderful "sharing economy" innovations like Uber and Airbnb. Home-sharing companies let people rent out their apartments while they're away. Ride-hailing companies efficiently bring together customers and products that might have just sat around unused.

But to Schneiderman (and economically clueless autocrats in some other states), these innovations are dangerous "unregulated" services. Politicians want politicians to decide what you use your property for.

After Airbnb delighted tourists by giving them better and cheaper vacation experiences, Schneiderman issued a press release announcing that he was "aggressively tackling this growing problem."

I suspect his real motive was tackling campaign contributions from hotels and their Democrat-supporting unions. Politicians are also eager to collect hotel taxes, which in New York City, add 15 percent to your bill.

Schneiderman launched his lawyers at Uber, claiming that the company's "surge" pricing violates price-gouging laws.

Calling price increases "gouging" is a way politicians mislead consumers into thinking that government must protect us. But competition protects us from unfair prices better than government ever can.

Uber's ever-changing prices ensure cars are available when consumers most want them. No one is tricked into paying a higher price. It's clearly marked on your phone and passengers are given every chance to decline it.

Attorney General Schneiderman also continued his predecessors' ban on "mixed martial arts" contests. When MMA first became visible, some politicians called it "barbaric" and "unregulated." Several states banned it, a move some politicians make against most anything new and different.

But while states were busy banning it, it became one of the most popular and lucrative sports in America. Smarter states got rid of their bans, but not New York. MMA supporters and the Ultimate Fighting Championship are fighting the ban. May the best man win — and the regulators lose.

And now, after taking campaign contributions from the casino industry, my ambitious attorney general has ordered fantasy football betting companies DraftKings and FanDuel to stop taking bets from New Yorkers. He pompously announced, "Today we have sent a clear message: not in New York and not on my watch."

Schneiderman says that fantasy football involves no skill and thus is gambling — illegal under New York law. His argument is nonsense. The games obviously involve skill — people constantly argue about how wise their picks were.

Either way, who cares? Let people take chances if they want to. New York's own government runs a much worse gambling operation — a state lottery. It clearly involves no skill, preys on poor people and has odds worse than illegal bookies offer.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie got it right when he yelled at an unctuous CNBC moderator during the second Republican presidential debate: "We have ISIS and al-Qaida attacking us, and we're talking about fantasy football?" Exactly.

I dream of a world with fewer regulators.

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



JIM HIGHTOWER



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## Around Town

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.

The 33rd annual united traditional Thanksgiving gathering will be hosted by St. John Divine B.C. where the Rev. Herbert Rhone is pastor. Gathering time is 9 a.m. A Thanksgiving message will be delivered by the Rev. Rodney Williams, pastor of the King Solomon Baptist Church.

Nov. 29

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church will be hosting its Deacon and Deaconess program 11 a.m.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will be hosting its Women's Day observance 9:30 a.m. Magaline Quarles will serve as guest speaker.

NANCY'S KITCHEN

## Texas squash dressing

My dear friend from Bridge City, Texas sent me this recipe. Ironically it is also similar to Ava's my sister-in-law's Squash Dressing which she often prepares for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. Although similarity, there are a few differences. Whichever method is used, it would be an appealing KEEPER dressing for a holiday meal.



NANCY MCWHORTER

### TEXAS SQUASH DRESSING

(Combined recipe from the recipe files of Audrey Lawson & Ava McWhorter)

- 5 yellow squash
- 2 boxes cornbread Mix (Ava uses

- 1 regular cornbread box & 1 Mexican pkg. cornbread)
  - 4 eggs
  - ½ cup chopped onion (Ava uses 2 cups chopped green onions or 1 white onion, chopped)
  - ½ cup chopped bell pepper (Audrey only)
  - 2 cups chopped celery (Ava only)
  - 2 tsp. minced garlic (Ava only)
  - 1 lb. Jimmy Dean sausage, fried & drained (Audrey only) or shredded cooked chicken, reserving broth (Ava only)
  - 1 (10 ½ oz.) can cream of mushroom soup or Ava uses 1 (10 ½ oz.) canned cream of chicken soup
  - Chicken broth (homemade or canned chicken broth)
  - Desired seasonings to taste
  - ½ lb. cheese of choice, grated (Audrey only)
- Cook squash until well done, drain and mash; set aside. Prepare

the two cornbread mixes together following directions on the boxes using four eggs. Do not overbake, just until lightly brown on top; crumble and set aside. Sauté the vegetables until tender. In a large bowl mix squash, crumbled cornbread, cooked vegetables, sausage (or chicken), canned soup and desired seasonings. Audrey stirs in grated cheese. Add chicken broth being sure it is enough for desired moisture. Place into a lightly greased 9 X 13 inch pan or baking dish. Bake at 400° for 20 – 30 minutes. Dressing is best served with giblet gravy and cranberry sauce.

NOTE: Ava maintains since all ingredients are precooked, be sure not to overcook as it will cause the dressing to be dry. Moist dressing (but not runny) is preferred. She sometimes prepares her dressing without the chicken.

May you always know God's many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving.

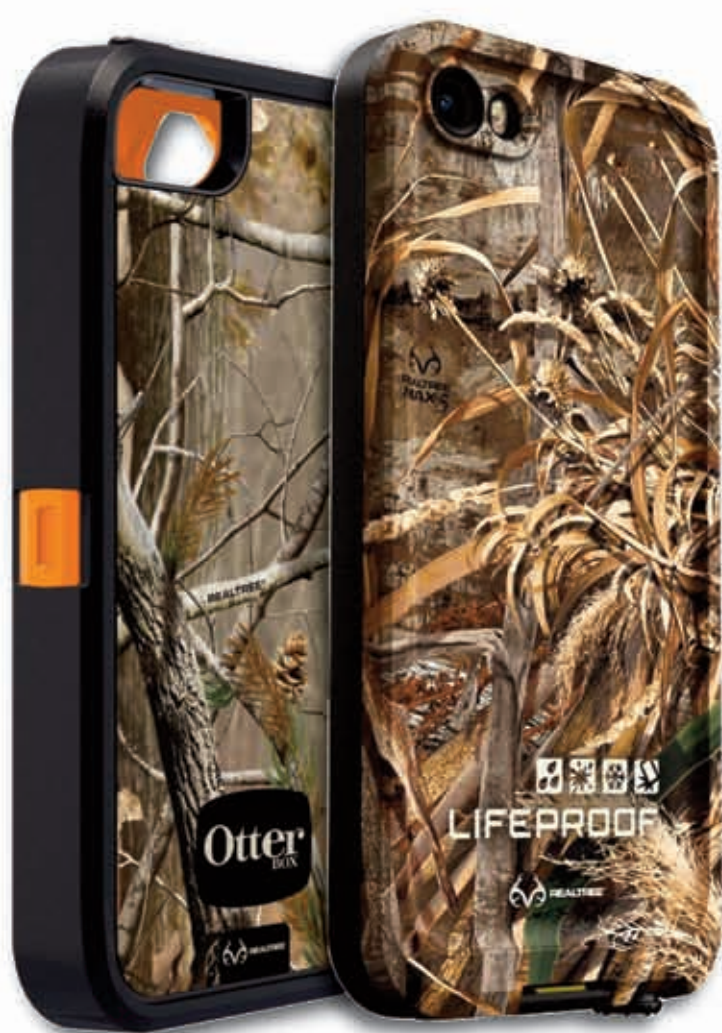
## Lions Club donates to food pantry



Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry Director Jessica Lewis, right, is presented a check by Ashley Buffington, President of Minden Evening Lions Club. The funds were donated to the Feed A Family Sponsorship program at the JLFP. The Evening Lions Club sponsored a full Thanksgiving meal for 30 families in our community. Courtesy Photo

### Meet Santa

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Farewell, football season

It seems like yesterday, I was walking through the gates of Red Franklin Memorial Stadium to watch North Webster and Haynesville kick off the 2015 season.

Boy, how time flies. Friday night, the Minden Crimson Tide and North Webster Knights fell in heartbreaking fashion, ending hopes of a Webster Parish takeover of the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The Tide and Knights each finished with nine wins, while Glenbrook and Lakeside endured tough times, with the Apaches winning just one game and the Warriors finishing winless.

This was my second season as Sports Editor at the Minden Press-Herald and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to cover the teams I did, meet the faces behind the helmets of our favorite schools and be able to bring their stories to you, our readers.

With that said, in no particular order, here are some of the more memorable moments of a season that was anything but ordinary.

**1. Glenbrook gets a W**  
In the last week of the season, 22-year-old head coach of the Apaches, Caleb Carmikle, gets his first win and sends his seniors out on top. The Apaches have better days ahead.

**2. Devin White defeats Haynesville**  
I'm well aware Devin White didn't do it on his own, but you can certainly argue North Webster couldn't have done it without him. The senior put on a clinic, rushing for 147 yards and three TD's while icing the game with an 86-yard kick-return touchdown.



**3. L'Jarius Sneed's magical night**

I have never seen a player in the zone like Sneed was against Benton. Although the Tide lost, Sneed was the best player on the field and showed he was one of the best north Louisiana has to offer. His final stat-line showed eight catches for 278 yards and four TD's. Sneed added 29 rushing yards and a 71-yard kick return, bringing his total to 378 total yards and four TD's.

**4. Rivette runs past North DeSoto**

North DeSoto came into the game with a stout defense known for punishing opponents into submission.

No one told Antonio Rivette.

The junior ran for 166 yards and three touchdowns and threw for 148

yards and two more scores as Minden prevailed, 43-40 on the road.

**5. Webster Parish Superbowl**

The game I was looking forward to most when schedules were announced lived up to the hype.

Minden outlasted a determined North Webster bunch, led by White with 225 yard and two TD's.

North Webster had the ball at the Minden two-yard line with less than three minutes to play and the Tide stuffed Devin White three times and sacked Cameron Huff to hold on for a thrilling win.

**Replacing Playmakers**

Webster Parish may look back at this season and wonder if a better duo has ever shared the spotlight.

L'Jarius Sneed and Devin White played for different schools, but will be forever

linked in my mind and the minds of many others for putting the star-power back in place for the parish.

In an area like Shreveport/Bossier City, it's not hard to find two elite athletes bound for college ball, but to have two players of that caliber in our backyard was special, and a lot of fun to watch.

White, a four-star prospect according to all major recruiting outlets, has offers from 11 SEC schools and 29 other Division-I schools.

Sneed currently has offers from LA Tech, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Arkansas State University and Nicholls State. Sneed is on his way to becoming Minden's first DI football player since Jared Johnson inked with the Ragin' Cajuns in 2012.

Congratulations to both

seniors on outstanding seasons.

**Last one out, turn off the lights**

What a wonderful season it was.

A giant thank you goes out to everyone who helped me escape it alive.

Mark Chreene, thanks for being the man that makes Minden football go. Your hard work and dedication to the Tide never goes unnoticed.

Lori Hughes of North Webster and Christine Lee of Lakeside, your pictures and constant keeping in contact with me on Friday nights was essential to coverage of the Knights and Warriors. I hope I didn't ask too much of you, but neither of you ever complained and it is a testament to the love you have for your schools.

To the coaches of our four Webster Parish schools, thank

you for your patience in dealing with constant phone calls, text messages and interviews. I'm sure you often didn't want to give.

Your cooperation was imperative to coverage of the high-character student-athletes you coached and it never wavered. I know you all can't wait to get the call from me, hassling you about your all-district players.

Last, but certainly not least, the fans.

You are what makes all of this worthwhile.

Minden High, Glenbrook, North Webster and Lakeside are home to some special kids, and those kids love nothing more than laying it on the line each Friday night for you.

No matter where I went this season, the support was over the top.

In week one, I swear North Webster fans outnumbered Haynesville in their own house. You can't tell me that didn't mean the world to those Knight's players.

In the Webster Parish game of the year between Minden and North Webster, the support on both sides was evident as an overflow crowd filled not just the stands, but the track as well.

At Glenbrook, in the face of a winless season, attendance only got stronger as the year went on. Once again, it never went unnoticed.

Continue to support your local athletes, they are the heartbeat of this small town.

So with this, we put a nice, pretty bow on a season that gave us record-breaking performances, last-minute wins, a controversial sex scandal and heartbreaking losses.

Here's hoping for an even longer, heart-felt goodbye in 2016.

*Blake Branch is the Sports Editor of the Minden Press-Herald*

## FOOTBALL EXPERTS PICK 'EM

This week's games	Louis Mitchell	Blake Branch	Zach Specht	Gregg Parks	Curtis Mays	Pete Covington
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Houston vs. Navy	Houston	Houston	Houston	Navy	Navy	Houston
Baylor vs. TCU	TCU	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
Michigan vs. Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Michigan	Ohio State	Michigan	Michigan	Ohio State
USC vs. UCLA	USC	UCLA	USC	UCLA	UCLA	USC
Miss St. vs. Ole Miss	Miss St.	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
Stanford vs. Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Florida vs. Florida St.	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida St.	Florida	Florida
Ok St. vs. Oklahoma	OK State	Oklahoma	OK State	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Falcons vs. Vikings	Falcons	Vikings	Vikings	Falcons	Falcons	Vikings
Colts vs. Bucs	Bucs	Colts	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Colts
Jaguars vs. Chargers	Chargers	Jaguars	Jaguars	Chargers	Jaguars	Chargers
Chiefs vs. Bills	Chiefs	Chiefs	Bills	Chiefs	Bills	Bills
Broncos vs. Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Texans vs. Saints	Saints	Texans	Saints	Saints	Texans	Saints
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Interested persons are advised that they may request that a public hearing be conducted to provide a means for the public to express their views relative to the proposed project on the probable social, economic and environments effects involved. In lieu of requesting a public hearing, interest persons may submit their comments in writing.

Written requests for a public hearing and/or submission of comments must be postmarked on or before December 11, 2015 and should be addressed to: Mary E. Whitaker, Executive director, Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services, Post Office Box 876, Minden, LA 71058-0876.

Should a public hearing be required, a public notice will be published stating the date, time and location of the hearing.

Mary E. Whitaker Executive Director Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services

November 25, 2015  
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | <b>38</b> Low-battery warning | <b>3</b> Sgt. Friday's force        | <b>22</b> In — (dazed)                      |
| <b>1</b> Lean to one side              | <b>39</b> Henpeck             | <b>4</b> Renaissance painter        | <b>23</b> Station                           |
| <b>5</b> City, in slang                | <b>41</b> Tubby the —         | <b>5</b> "Prime" star               | <b>25</b> Nov. honoree                      |
| <b>8</b> Pulverize potatoes            | <b>43</b> Pops, to a beatnik  | <b>6</b> Cam-corder abbr.           | <b>26</b> Noah's vessel                     |
| <b>12</b> "Super-food" berry           | <b>46</b> Speechify           | <b>7</b> "Sacre —!"                 | <b>27</b> Wellington's nickname, with "The" |
| <b>13</b> Zany Brooks                  | <b>50</b> Grad                | <b>8</b> Beethoven's "— Solemnis"   | <b>29</b> Prego rival                       |
| <b>14</b> Old Peruvian                 | <b>51</b> UPS nickname        | <b>9</b> "The Witching Hour" author | <b>31</b> Lincoln center?                   |
| <b>15</b> Stayed with the front runner | <b>54</b> Two-wheeler         | <b>10</b> Emulate Ella              | <b>32</b> Keystone —                        |
| <b>17</b> Hitch                        | <b>55</b> Form                | <b>11</b> Witchy women              | <b>34</b> Shrewd                            |
| <b>18</b> "Frasier" dog                | <b>56</b> Oklahoma city       | <b>16</b> Favorite choice           | <b>38</b> Pickle store?                     |
| <b>19</b> Underdog victories           | <b>57</b> British gun         | <b>20</b> Runtish                   | <b>40</b> Marketing pros                    |
| <b>21</b> Wee bit                      | <b>58</b> Actress Longoria    |                                     | <b>42</b> Short haircut                     |
| <b>24</b> Old Mid-east org.            | <b>59</b> Piano supports      |                                     | <b>43</b> Small amounts of moisturizer      |
| <b>25</b> Futile                       |                               |                                     | <b>44</b> Landed                            |
| <b>28</b> Rain forest plant            |                               |                                     | <b>45</b> Tony's kin                        |
| <b>30</b> "Nasty!"                     |                               |                                     | <b>47</b> Tip-top                           |
| <b>33</b> Flub                         |                               |                                     | <b>48</b> Tiny branch                       |
| <b>34</b> Patient's share              |                               |                                     | <b>49</b> Goals                             |
| <b>35</b> Forbes forfee, for short     |                               |                                     | <b>52</b> Composer Berlin, to pals          |
| <b>36</b> Ring victory (Abbr.)         |                               |                                     | <b>53</b> Fed. property manager             |
| <b>37</b> Highly eager                 |                               |                                     |   |

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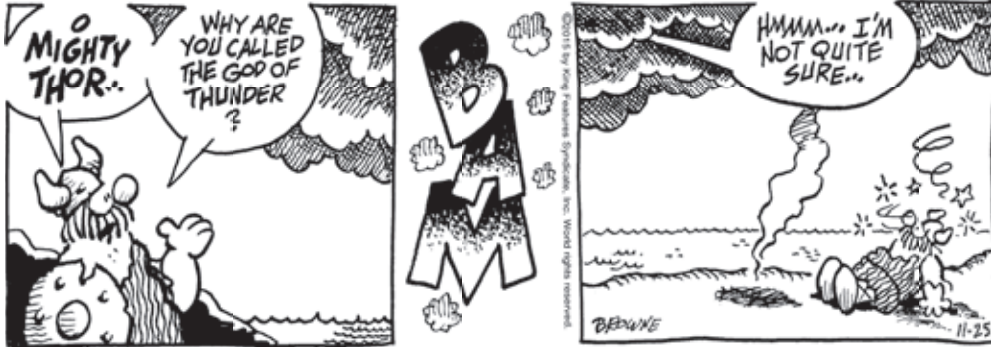
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