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MAIN TO MAIN TRADE DAYS

Rain to Rain

Wet, cold weather highlights Main to Main

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Despite wet and cold weather, city officials said the 16th annual Main to Main Trade days went over well.

"Friday was the better day of the two days," Becky White, downtown director said. "The rain wouldn't have been a problem today (Saturday), but it just got cold too and wasn't a good combination."

White said there were about 50 vendors that set up in downtown Minden.

"There were some real troopers that came out both days," she said. "I think the food vendors did really well."

First time vendor Raymond Thompson of Angel Farms of Louisiana in Keithville says although it was a soggy weekend, he plans on returning next year.

"It's been slow, but that was expected with the rain," he said. "I've done enough business that it was still worth setting up and I'll be back next year."

Heflin resident Denée Simmons of Mama's Little Corner echoed Thompson's thoughts.

"I do this each year and it's been slow, but the rain hasn't stopped people from coming out," she said.

Some vendors on the Main to Main Facebook page have said they plan on extending their sales into the week and next weekend.

Many vendors and shoppers have expressed their wishes of "re-doing" the event next weekend.

White said that will be discussed at the Main Street board meeting Monday.



WHITE



Above, shoppers protect themselves from rain as they walk to each vendor along Main Street in downtown Minden Saturday during the annual Main to Main Trade Days. Right, Raymond Thompson, left, assists customers at his booth in the civic center parking lot. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



CRIME

Sibley woman arrested for CDS by fraud

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A Sibley woman was arrested in connection to a case where a Jonesboro dentist was reportedly illegally prescribing narcotics.

Kimberly A. McCoy, 26, of the 100 block of Buggy Run Road, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 4, by Louisiana State Police Troop F on 14 counts of obtaining CDS by fraud. Five others were arrested on the same charges, ranging from four

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Minden woman killed in crash

A retired Minden High School teacher was killed in a crash Saturday in Bienville Parish.

Bronwyn Smotherman, 56, died in a single-vehicle wreck on Interstate 20, Louisiana State Police



SMOTHERMAN

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ELECTION 2015

Early voting ongoing for Nov. 21 election, ends Saturday

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Early voting kicked off Saturday and ends Saturday, Nov 14 for the Nov. 21 election.

Voters can cast their ballots between 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily except on Sunday at the Webster Parish Courthouse.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 21.

On the ballot:

Governor

John Bel Edwards (D)

David Vitter (R)

Lieutenant Governor

Melvin L. "Kip" Holden (D)

"Billy" Nungesser (R)

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Early voting kicked off Saturday at the Webster Parish Courthouse in downtown Minden. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

TURKEY GIVEAWAY WILDCARD



21 turkeys will be given away this year by area businesses participating in the TURKEY GIVEAWAY. Registration blanks will be printed on Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16. Drawings will be held Nov. 19. Winners will be announced in the Minden Press-Herald on Nov. 20. Participating businesses include: Walmart, Hamburger Happiness, RSB, Spiller's Appliance & Furniture, Bon Temps, Save-A-Lot, Ace Hardware, Possibilities, MBL, A.J. Price (Main Street), A.J. Price (Highway 531), Holcomb's Body Shop, Cone's Farm & Garden Mart, Hebert's Town & Country, Hol-mont Sales & Rental, GBT (Sibley), GBT (Homer Road), Minden Farm & Garden, DD Super Discount Liquor, Mike's Outdoors, and Lamplighter Apartments.

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1. Locate the 23 games and circle the team you think will win.
2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. **BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.**
3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.
4. Complete and cut out the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.
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VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day program set for Wednesday

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Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the living veterans who served in branches of the United States military during combat.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the Wiley Post #74 of the American Legion will host a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at Eagle Park on Turner's Pond. Two awards will be permanently mounted on the newly installed Wall of Honor; the presentation of the plaques is to honor the service of Corporal Bill Ichter and First Lt. George Turner.

Ichter is a well-known World War II veteran and has received the highest honor bestowed by the nation of France – the National Order of the Legion of Honor, first bestowed July 15, 1804. He is a retired mis-



sionary and a member of First Baptist Church in Minden. He lives in Minden with his wife, Geri.

Turner was awarded a Bronze Star from the U.S. Army on June 12, 1944, after he aided in moving forward his infantry unit with little opposition. He has received other accolades including an

Oak Leaf Cluster and a commission as 2nd lieutenant. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Killen Turner and has two brothers, John Killen Turner Jr., and Harold Monzingo.

Turner is a graduate of Minden High School.

Dr. Richard Campbell, First Lt., was a U.S. Army

ranger in Vietnam and will serve as narrator.

The National Anthem will be led by Bruce Lee and has requested that all present accompany him in singing.

Invocation will be conducted by MSGT Robert Whitaker, pastor of Victory Praise and Worship Center. The changing of the colors will be done by the Minden Junior ROTC under the command of Lt. Col. Robert Peden.

Wiley Post #74 of the American Legion, Post 2885 of the VFW, along with members of the Louisiana Army National Guard, stationed at Camp Minden, will host the event.

Final Tapps will be presented by Charles Waters with Echo Tapps by Mike Holloman.

All veterans and the general public are encouraged to attend.

OBITUARIES

Luther Gilbert Jr.

Funeral services for Luther "Cheetah" Gilbert will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2011, at the 14th District Building with the Rev. James Edwards officiating. Interment will follow at Sheppard Street Cemetery.

Luther Gilbert was born Sept. 19, 1943 in Minden to Luther Gilbert Sr. and Jessie Allen Gilbert.

He accepted Christ as his personal saviour at an early age and joined the New Light Baptist Church.

"Cheetah" was a graduate of Webster High School Class of 1962.

Angels were dispatched for Luther's earthly departure on Nov. 3. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert Earl Gilbert; and two sisters, Virgie Miller and Ruby Hendon.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Shonda Renee Gilbert Wofford; sister, Maxine Gilbert Fuller (W. C.); granddaughter, Gina Antoinette Gilbert; great-grandchildren, Patience Yvette Gilbert, Damarco Quintel Harris, Dervourious Tyjajuan Gilbert, and Isaiah Demon Gilbert; a very loyal friend, Willie Herman Bennett; and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Monday, Nov. 9 in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary. Email condolences may be sent to kennons-mortuary@suddenlink.net.



GILBERT

Wanda Jean Gillis

Funeral services for Mrs. Wanda Jean Gillis, age 78, will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Springhill with Bro. James Lowe officiating.

Interment will follow in State Line Cemetery in Taylor, Arkansas under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m.: at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gillis was born on May 25, 1937 to James Dennis and Dina Edith Blanton Merritt in Plain Dealing and passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015 in Shreveport. Mrs. Gillis was a lifelong resident of this area; was a member of Kings Corner Assembly of God and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy Lynn of Minden.

Mrs. Gillis was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Joseph "Joe" Lynn Gillis; her parents; brothers, Jimmy Allen Merritt and Lee Arthur Childs; sister, Mary Ruth Hamontree; daughter, Robbie Belt and grandson, Don Stanley Belt, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Mike Allsup and Marshall Martin.

Sign our online guest book at www.baileyfuneralhome.net.

Jack Elbert Morgan Sr.

A graveside service will be held for Jack Elbert Morgan Sr. at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015 at Hill Crest

Memorial Park with Greg Lee officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home.

Jack, 78, was born to Elbert and Bess Morgan in Shreveport. After graduating from high school in Arcadia, he began his pharmaceutical studies at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe. He received a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree and practiced pharmacy until he retired in 2002. He was a member of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Minden.

He is survived by his wife Connie Welch Morgan, children; Jack E. Morgan Jr. and wife Melissa, Samuel Morgan, Denise Reagan, Emily Love and husband G.W. and Riley Griffin, grandchildren; Jack E. Morgan III, Valerie Morgan, Luke Reagan, Levi Reagan, Lyle Reagan and Caleb Love, three sisters, one brother and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Levi Reagan, Lyle Reagan, Johnny Williams, Rickey Daniels, Samuel Weems and Jack E. Morgan III.

The family would like to thank Willis Knighton Pierremont and Riverview Nursing for the care and comfort they have given.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, 9284 Hwy 80, Minden, La. 71055.

Condolences may be shared at www.hillcrestmemorialfh.com.



MORGAN

CRIME TRACKER

Arrests for the week of Nov. 2

MINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Roy Doyle, 22, 100 block of Loop Road in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana).

John Riley Hollingsworth, 29, 700 block of Pine Forest Drive in Minden. Charged with aggravated battery and aggravated criminal damage to property.

Darryl Moore, Jr., 20, charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana), resisting an officer, disturbing the peace by drunkenness.

Neal Moore, 49, 400 block of South Street in Minden. Charged with theft.

Billy Pate, 46. Charged with disturbing the peace by drunkenness and simple assault.

Cardarius Casey, 24, 500 block of S. Middle Landing in Minden. Charged with open container.

Kyle Wiggins, 20, 400 block of Warrens Road in Ringgold. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Glenn Holiday, 51, 1300 block of Sheppard Street in Minden. Charged with peeping tom (12th offense) and resisting an officer.

Jemarco Latham, 18, 200 block of S. Roosevelt St. in Minden. Charged with misdemeanor carnal knowledge.

Michael Born, 46, 4000 block of Highway 371 in Heflin. Charged with no insurance and no driver's license.

SPRINGHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jamrcus Bonapart, 20, 1500 block of Walnut Road/1000 block of Henn White in Cullen. Charged with disturbing the peace

and criminal trespassing.

Louie Williamson, 43, 600 block of Baker Street in Springhill. Charged with disturbing the peace with loud, profane language and obscenity/urinating in public.

Jaylon Wortham, 19, 100 block of Wortham in Shongaloo. Charged with indecent attire.

Harvey Bates, 40, 500 block of 4th SE in Springhill. Charged with domestic abuse battery.

Krystal Townsend, 33, 100 block of Machen Drive in Springhill. Charged with theft of goods.

Mytoshia Merritt, 36, 600 block of Second Street NW in Springhill. Charged with simple battery.

Andre Richmond, 30, 200 block of Second Street NW in Springhill. Charged with possession of synthetic marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dexter Evans, 27, 700 block of Coyle Street in Springhill. Charged with simple possession of marijuana.

Cliffton Lawson, 30, 400 block of Columbia Road in Taylor, Arkansas. Charged with domestic abuse battery and criminal damage to property.

CULLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Linda Wood, 54, 200 block of 3rd Pinehill in Springhill. Charged with driving while intoxicated (second offense), failure to stop at stop sign, failure to use turn signal/expired registration/license tag expired.

WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Stephen Mallow, 25, 200 block of Homer Road in Haughton. Charged with misdemeanor theft.

State Senator – 36th Senatorial District

Henry Burns (R)

Ryan Gatti (R)

Police Juror – District 12

Dustin Moseley (O)

Rebecca Shelley Sherard (R)

School District No. 6 Proposition (Bond)

Yes

No

VOTE

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Tony Davis (R)

Mary Johnson Harris (R)



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Rick Warren

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CRASH

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said.

State troopers say the crash happened around 7:30 a.m. on I- 20 just east of La. Hwy. 151.

According to police, a preliminary investigation reveals that a 2006 Toyota Avalon driven by 66-year-old Gregory Smotherman of Minden was traveling east on I-20 when it exited the roadway, went down an embankment and crashed into trees.

Troopers say Gregory

Smotherman was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash and suffered moderate injuries. His passenger, Bronwyn Smotherman, was also wearing her seat belt but did not survive her injuries.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Bienville Parish Coroner.

Troopers say they do not believe impairment was a factor in the crash. However, a toxicology sample was taken from Gregory Smotherman and will be submitted for analysis.

The crash remains under investigation.

FRAUD

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counts to 24.

Jonesboro dentist Dr. Charles Brewer was arrested the same day on 20 counts of illegally prescribing narcotics. State police executed a search warrant at his place of business that day, seizing documents related to case.

Troop F public information officer Michael Reichardt says McCoy turned herself in to police.

"They called and talked to her on the phone and she voluntarily drove herself to

Jackson Parish and was booked in Jackson (parish)," he said.

He says her arrest resulted from an ongoing investigation into Dr. Brewer's office.

"A bunch of documents were taken from his office and they (investigators) are still looking over the files," he said. "It was an investigation we started in September of this year. She was receiving numerous prescriptions over a year's time and they were overlapping, and that's the reason she was charged with obtaining CDS by fraud."

Reichardt says she was Dr. Brewer's patient.



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You are invited to a Camp Minden Superfund Site Environmental Workshop

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and the Louisiana Military Department (LMD), will be holding an environmental workshop. This workshop will be educational in nature.

In the workshop, you will learn about the data results from the air and soil sampling and air monitoring that were taken during the EPA's baseline assessment that was conducted in May 2015. The samples that were taken came from locations on the Camp Minden Facility and six locations in the surrounding community.

The workshop will also include a demonstration of EPA's Camp Minden interactive data website that shows a map of the eight locations. The viewer can zoom in and out, select a location on the map, and see a list of links to the data from that location (air monitoring data, air sampling data, and soil sampling data), which can each be downloaded.



Representatives from the EPA, LDEQ, and LMD will be available to discuss and answer your general monitoring and sampling questions. This is not a formal meeting. You will have the opportunity to learn from and talk directly with agency representatives in an informal setting. We welcome your participation.

This meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. Should you have any specific needs or questions please contact Jason T. McKinney, U.S. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at 1-800-533-3508 (Toll-Free) or 214-665-8132 (direct line).

The workshop will be held:

Thursday, November 19, 2015
6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
9649 HWY 80
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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Nows your chance to get covered

For decades, too many working Americans went without the security of health insurance -- and their financial well-being suffered because of it.

We've begun to change that. As the Affordable Care Act has taken effect, we've covered 17.6 million Americans. Since 2010, the uninsured rate has decreased by 45%. And for the first time, more than 90% of Americans are covered.

If you haven't gotten covered yet, or if you care about someone who hasn't gotten covered yet, now's your chance. It's open enrollment season for the Health Insurance Marketplace.

What that means is, with a few clicks on HealthCare.gov, you'll find private insurance companies competing for your business. You can compare plans and choose the one that's right for your family. In fact, most Americans will find an option that costs less than \$75 a month. Even if you already have insurance through the Marketplace, check it out. Shopping around can save you a lot of money -- last year, consumers who shopped saved almost \$400.

Take the story of a man named Phil Viso, who emailed me earlier this year. Phil's a software developer from my hometown of Chicago. Last winter, he had an idea for a new app and decided to start his own company. And that can be scary when you need to get your own insurance. But Phil logged on to HealthCare.gov, answered a few questions, picked a plan, and even found out he was eligible for a tax credit that saved him money.

Here's what he wrote: "I'm still sort of in shock about how great the experience of signing up for health care was...I will have a lot to worry about over the course of the year as I try to get my app released, but thankfully, good health care will not be one of those worries."

After he sent me that email, Phil ended up getting a new and better job anyway. But that's the whole point of health insurance. Peace of mind. And under the Affordable Care Act, if you want to change jobs, go back to school, or chase that new idea, you can do it without worrying about going broke if you get sick. If you've got a pre-existing condition -- diabetes or cancer or heartburn or a heart attack -- you can no longer be charged more or denied coverage. You can no longer be charged more just for being a woman. And preventive care like checkups and immunizations now come with no additional out-of-pocket costs.

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After all, this country is at its best when we look out for each other. And together, we can help more Americans get the security that they and their families deserve.

President Barack Obama's weekly address is published Mondays in the Minden Press-Herald.

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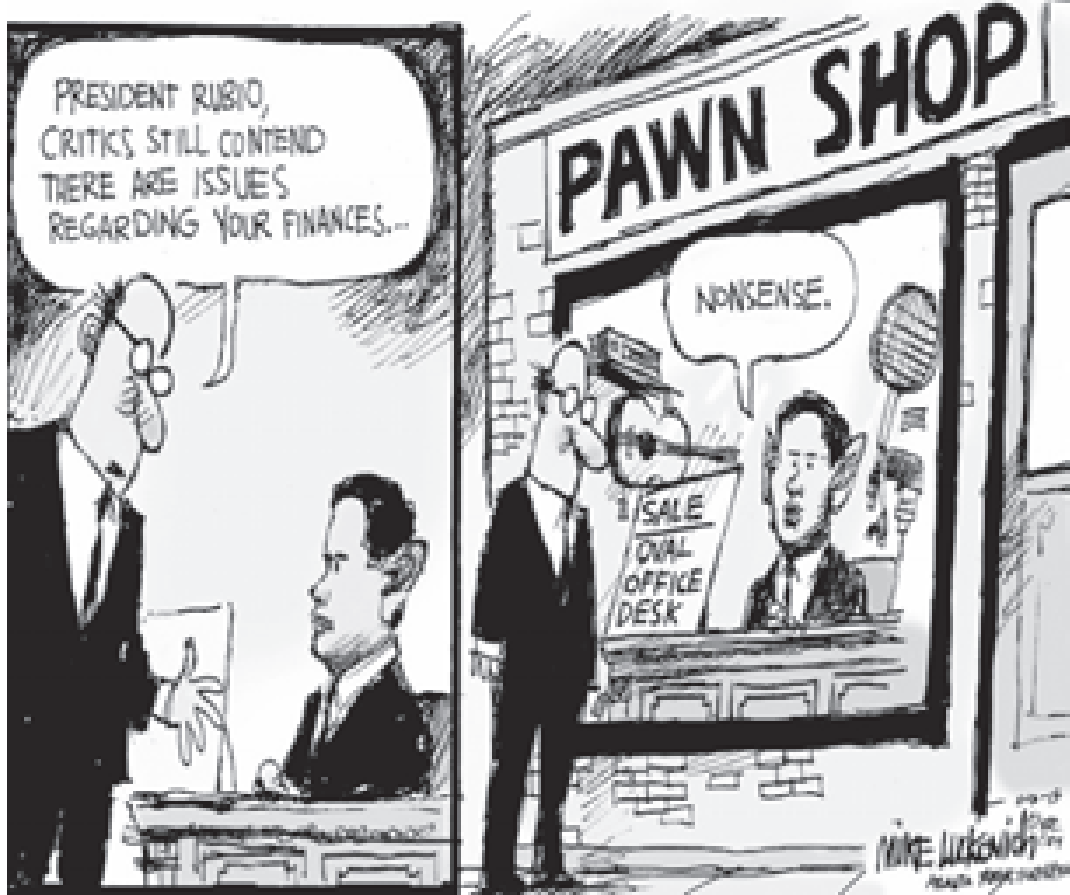
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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Tough style helped Vitter rise, becomes hurdle

Republican candidate for governor David Vitter's aggressive style of rough-and-tumble politics has served him well in Louisiana and helped build the GOP into the dominant party in state politics.

It's also become a stumbling block two weeks ahead of the Nov. 21 runoff election.

Democrats appear to have rallied around their candidate, state Rep. John Bel Edwards, while Vitter, a U.S. senator, is having trouble uniting Republicans on his side. In a significant snub, one major contender in the primary election, GOP Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, crossed parties to endorse Edwards a few days ago, rather than supporting Vitter.

Perhaps it's fallout from the Republican Party's growth and takeover of most leadership positions in the state. The GOP controls all statewide elected jobs, all but one of Louisiana's U.S. House seats and majorities in both the state House and Senate.

With more political power also comes more possibility for fissures amid personality and ideological clashes. As the Republicans gained strength, they have seen the types of internal feuds Democrats had publicly when they were the driving factor in Louisiana politics.

Vitter's scorched-earth campaign approach as he rose from the Louisiana Legislature to Congress has generated complaints from people within the GOP and appears

to have worsened internal party divides. And it may have undermined what once seemed like an easy waltz for Vitter into the governor's mansion.

The difficulty in uniting Republicans for the governor's race runoff was even referenced in a Baton Rouge rally designed to showcase support for Vitter, after the brutal primary fight between Vitter, Dardenne and Republican third-place finisher Scott Angelle.

"I know that there are hard feelings, but this is not about the past," Laura Cassidy, the wife of U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, told the rally audience.

Whatever fractiousness may be happening with the Democrats, they're keeping it out of sight as they push Edwards for governor.

For example, Edwards and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu had a frosty relationship, particularly as Landrieu was thought to be weighing a run for governor earlier in the election cycle. Now, Landrieu is helping to fundraise Sunday for Edwards, along with a who's who of Louisiana Democrats, like James Carville and former Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

Vitter, too, has high-profile support from Republicans in Louisiana, including GOP members of the state's congressional delegation, Treasurer John Kennedy and former Gov. Mike Foster.

But he's also got the baggage of the disagreements among Republicans — which are in open view after the blistering primary fight.

"That's Vitter's challenge, to put all this back together after he's broken it all up," said Baton Rouge pollster Bernie Pinsonat.

Angelle, who sought to attract the same conservative voters as Vitter, notably has

been quiet since the primary, refusing so far to lend support to the Republican runoff contender.

"He's going out of town for a few days to reflect and think about what happened, and he'll address the issue on his own timeline," said state Sen. Fred Mills, R-Parks, a longtime Angelle friend. "He's going to give it a lot of thought with his family, cousins, friends and supporters."

Vitter supporters say the philosophical contrasts between the Republican U.S. senator and Democrat Edwards should be enough to bring traditional GOP supporters to Vitter. They point to Edwards' support from teacher unions, trial lawyers and other Democratic bases at odds with Republican policy positions.

Some voters, however, see the race about personality and character, and they raise concerns about Vitter's 2007 prostitution scandal, allegations he paid a firm to secretly film political opponents and his attack-heavy campaign style.

Edwards sees that area as Vitter's weakness as well. He's run a campaign about integrity, highlighting his West Point background and the school's honor code.

State Rep. Tim Burns, R-Mandeville, described his support for Vitter in a post to the conservative political blog The Hayride. Burns said the governor's race shouldn't be decided on personality, but on political philosophy.

"Do we really want a governor who is likable, or do we want one to tell it like it is and do what needs to be done, whether people like it or not?" Burns wrote.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Facing the robot tsunami

Robots make the perfect employee. They don't complain, they don't get sick, and, as of this writing, they don't have babies. When robots can do the job in today's economy, they get the job.

When they can't, a human must suffice. You still need a human to make the perfect latte, ask security questions at the airport and, for the time being, drive a taxi.

That hasn't stopped many employers from trying to robotize the people they can't do without. Many have built business models in which they can, in effect, dust off a human when its labor is required and ignore all its other needs.

This is the famous gig economy. It's app-based cab services insisting that their drivers are private contractors not entitled the traditional benefits of employment. It's national chain stores calling employees to duty at a moment's notice, the heck with any schedule.

Some good people are challenging such employment policies, but there's a more long-term approach: Give up defending a traditional model of employment that's dying and come up with a new one. Any realistic solution would require a lot more government intervention and sharing of the national wealth.

I can already hear my conservative friends blowing their tops, but they should hear out the arguments.

A paper out of Brookings Institution — "What happens if robots take the jobs?" — describes the stakes and offers responses. (I've taken the liberty of shortening the title.)

"We need a way to provide health care, disability and pension benefits outside of employment," author Darrell West writes.

How? For starters, provide a guaranteed income for all. Think of it as an expansion of the earned income tax credit now supporting many low-wage workers and their families.

Isn't there something socially debilitating about living on government "handouts"? Well, that's a good question.

An answer, West told me, could be to attach some kind of work requirement to the checks.

(Many states already do that with welfare benefits.) The work could be an existing job or government programs that pay people to do something useful.

It's been done before. The Works Progress Administration was created during the Great Depression to employ armies of out-of-work Americans. The fruits can be seen today in some of the country's most gorgeous courthouses, zoos and libraries — and great works of art, theater and music.

Some propose paying for volunteer activities having humanitarian value. Examples could include working for the Red Cross, a hospital or a school.

Our Social Security system allocates benefits on the basis of work credits. We could extend credits for certain volunteerism, as is already done in Britain.

Those conservative friends are moaning that the expense would be borne by the most productive Americans. It would "kill" the jobs they create. Well, some of those entrepreneurs did create jobs, but taxes were a lot lower then.

And contrary to ideology, many of our most successful business minds have become unimaginably rich finding ways to get rid of workers, certainly the Americans ones. They've cut pay and benefits and are no longer sharing the profits generated by rising productivity.

Small-government conservatives must ask is whether they have a better way to pull America's working class to safety, out of the path of oncoming tsunami of robotic competition.

They should be mindful that machines don't have the vote yet. Also, a big crowd of jobless humans hanging out on street corners leads to crime and social unrest. "If you have a large number of unemployed people," West said, "the United States starts looking like Egypt."

We Americans have a lot to talk about — things that really matter.

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FROMA HARROP

J.E. Harper Elementary students of the month



J.E. Harper Elementary School announced its October students of the month. Far left are first grade students of the month, from left, back row, Hayden Fuller, Nolan Waller, Caleb Martin, Daija Hill, Tytiana Smith and Ava Trammell and front row Timothy Smith, Emelia Hudson, Ke'Shun Williams and Trinity Ramey.

Left are kindergarten students of the month, from left, back row, Tejahjuan Hampton, Grace Wyatt, Haleigh Bailey, Madilyn Ray, Hayden Allen and Jaden Johnson and front row, Jesse McKeithen, Ethan Thomas and Caeson Youngblood. Courtesy Photos

Around Town

Nov. 8

A Veteran's Day program at New Light Missionary Baptist Church will start at 3 p.m with guest speaker Pastor James Bonner.

Webster Memorial C.M.E. Church's annual "Family and Friends Day" celebration will be at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Victor Carter.

Pleasant Valley Bapist Church's "Parade of States" and annual men's day will be at 2:30 p.m. with Valley Spring Missionary Baptist Church's male chorus as special guest.

New Zion Baptist Church will have its pastor's anniversary program at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor George C. McCain.

Nov. 9

The Webster Parish School Board will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. at J.A. Phillips Middle School to inform the public about the renovation and construction that will take place at the school to house kindergarten and first grade students.

Nov. 10

The Webster Parish School Board will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. at Webster Junior High School to inform the public about the renovation and construction that will take place at the school to house the sixth grade students.

The Hwy 80 Alliance will host a meet and greet with James Graham, Economic Development Director for Minden, in the B.F. Martin Community Life Center at 5:30 p.m. and the November business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Immediately following the meet and greet, Graham will share his new economic development agenda during the business meeting. For more information contact Stephanie Winzer at slwinzer@hotmail.com or 318-453-0559.

Nov. 15

Rocky Mount Baptist Church's 111 year anniversary will be at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. Devince Taylor of Galilee Baptist Church.

The family of Freddie Gavin is asking for your prayers and donations to help with medical expenses. Freddie is a resident of the Couchwood community in the Cotton Valley area. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 congestive heart failure and is in desperate need of a heart transplant. In an effort to raise funds to provide medical treatment at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, a Matters of the Heart Benefit for Gavin will be at 5 p.m. November 9 at Dock Masters. T-shirts will also be sold for \$10-15 to benefit Gavin.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Minden gets muddy

CRIMSON TIDE WIN SLOPPY SHOWDOWN WITH KNIGHTS



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Crimson Tide players were visibly nervous as they watched their defense try to keep the Woodlawn Knights out of the end zone from the 10-yard line with time dwindling away.

When Treveion Youngblood's fourth down pass fell incomplete and the Tide took over on downs, Minden players celebrated their 20-14 win the only way you can in a quagmire. Sliding through the mud. Inside a rain-soaked Pit, the Tide (8-2, 6-1) earned their eighth win of the season, a mark that hasn't been reached since 2006.

For head coach Spencer Heard, it was the perfect way to wrap up a regular season full of nail-biters.

"I think being in those big games early in the year, like Haughton, North Webster a n d Benton, it helped u s , " H e a r d said. "We don't get tensed up in those crazy situations like that at the end.



HEARD

We've been in so many ball games like this. It's second nature to our guys so it's good for them. It's not good for coaches, because you age about 50 years over the season."

The rain fell hard and heavy during warmups, leaving massive mud puddles on the playing surface of W.W. Williams stadium. The conditions were a factor all night, as Minden and Woodlawn each fumbled twice, including fumbles on consecutive plays in the second quarter.

Woodlawn put the game's first points on the board when Youngblood

scored on a 3-yard quarterback keeper. The drive was keyed by a couple of long runs by sophomore running back Trivensky Mosley.

Minden struck back in the second quarter following a Woodlawn turnover, when Antonio Rivette hit L'Jarius Sneed with a pass in the flats. Sneed got to the sideline, cut back inside to make a man miss and raced 74 yards to the end zone, putting a would-be Woodlawn tackler on his back for good measure near the end of the run.

Trailing 8-6, Minden got the ball back courtesy of the Crimson Swarm defense. Following a couple of Rivette runs that moved the Tide into the red zone, Sneed took a handoff going left, hurdled a defender near the 10-yard line and walked in for an 18-yard touchdown run, putting the Tide on top, 12-8, at the half.

The two teams traded jabs the entire third quarter with neither able to land any blows.

Youngblood sparked the Knights with some good throws and runs, moving his team down to the Minden three yard line. Youngblood would finish the drive with his second rushing score to put Woodlawn back ahead, 14-12.

Minden only trailed 76 seconds of game time though, as Rivette found Tavarius Edwards on a deep pattern for an 80-yard touchdown pass. Rivette and Edwards got together again for the two-point conversion to make the score 20-14.

On Woodlawn's final drive of the game, Youngblood moved his team to the 10-yard line with a 23-yard pass and an 11-yard run.

A pair of Youngblood runs went for no gain on first and second down, and his third down pass fell incomplete with 10 seconds left, setting up fourth down. On the game's most pivotal play, Youngblood threw to the left corner of the end zone, but the play was broken up by a pair of Crimson Tiders.

A wet and wild victory celebration ensued and the Tide will now enter the Class 4A playoffs with a



full head of steam.

"Our guys came up big in some crucial moments," Heard said. "Kelcey (Miller) made a huge first down catch, and for Tony (Rivette) to make that throw under pressure to Tavarius wasn't easy. This season is a testament to these kids and the hard work they, and also our coaching staff, have put in. I'm really proud of the player and coaches for the progress this program has made."

Rivette finished with 194 yards and two touchdowns to go with 38 rushing yards. Sneed led all receivers with 85 yards on two catches, Edwards had the one catch for an 80-yard score and Miller finished with 20 yards and two catches.

Class 4A playoffs

The Crimson Tide will play at home Friday in the first round of the playoffs against the Tioga Indians. The Tide are the No. 7 seed, while Tioga (4-6) comes in seeded No. 26.

Special thanks to Mark Chreene at KASO/KBEF radio for game notes and statistics



Top, Minden's Tavarius Edwards makes a catch in the end zone for a two-point conversion. Bottom, Minden's L'Jarius Sneed fights through mud and a couple of Woodlawn tacklers for extra yardage. Douglas Blow and Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

North Webster survives against Southwood, 16-7



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SHREVEPORT - The North Webster Knights got a scare from the Southwood Cowboys in their regular season finale, but did enough to win in the end, 16-7.

North Webster trailed, 7-2, early in the game as Southwood played with grit and determination in

an effort to get their first win.

"We didn't play too well," Knights head coach John Ware said. "The conditions weren't bad at all, we just came out and had a couple turnovers early. In the end, we got the win. That's the main thing."

On a night where they desperately needed a spark, North Webster got one from their 250-pound tailback, Devin White.

White finished with 150 yards rushing and scored both of the Knights' touchdowns Friday night inside Lee Hedges Stadium.

Those two scores would be enough to hold off a Southwood offense that has struggled might-

ily this season.

"They weren't very good on offense to be honest with you," Ware said. "Defensively, they were very good. I knew that going into it and we tried to relay that to the kids all week. With the playoffs and district already wrapped up I think we took them lightly. That being said it was a good test and we played four quarters last night."

The second of White's touchdowns didn't come until the fourth quarter, when he plunged in for the game sealing touchdown, allowing Knights' fans and coaches to breathe a sigh of relief.

Now, North Webster can put this game behind them and focus on their

goal of winning a state championship.

"I feel pretty good about our team," Ware said. "In the playoffs, every one of them is going to be tough. It's the start of a new season and all 32 teams have a shot at it."

The Knights were led by White with 150 yards and two touchdowns, followed by Jalen Smith with 28 yards and T.J. Hawthorne with nine yards.

Cameron Huff completed one pass to Hawthorne for six yards.

Class 3A playoffs

The Knights enter the playoffs as the No. 6 seed and will play at home Friday against the No. 27 seed, Port Allen Pelicans.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Alabama shuts down LSU, Fournette, 30-16

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Leonard Fournette couldn't find any room to run, and No. 4 LSU was equally unsuccessful in slowing down Alabama's Derrick Henry.

The Tigers couldn't overcome that troublesome combination Saturday night in a 30-16 loss to the seventh-ranked Crimson Tide.

"This is a kind of game we don't expect," LSU coach Les Miles said.

Nor did most college football observers.

Henry ran for 210 yards and three touchdowns, and Fournette finally ran smack into a defense that was his team's match.

The Tide (8-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) physically dismantled the previously unbeaten Tigers (7-1, 4-1). It was a physical, no-frills performance days after some questioned the team's No. 4 College Football Playoff ranking. LSU came in at No. 2 in the CFP ranking and in control of its own fate.

Henry led the way with 38 carries in a game where he took second billing only until game time. The nation's leading rusher, Fournette gained only 31 yards on 19 carries. His previous season low was 154 yards against Western Kentucky.

It's a comparison that didn't interest Henry.

"Too much talk about Fournette and me," he said. "I'm just trying to win with the Crimson Tide."

Alabama's SEC title chances got a boost about an hour before kickoff when Arkansas beat No. 19 Mississippi 53-52 in overtime. The Rebels are the only team to have beaten the Tide, which got an even bigger jolt from its performance.

Fournette didn't get much help from the rest of the offense and the Tigers were outgained 434-182 in total yards. LSU came in averaging 309 rushing yards and finished with 54.

"We didn't play perfectly but I thought it was really important that we could control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, and we did a really good job of that," Tide coach Nick Saban said.

LSU quarterback Brandon Harris, fresh from a third straight 200-yard game, made a few big plays but couldn't sustain anything. He was 6 of 19 for 128 yards with a touchdown and his first interception of the season.

"Our defense was on the field for the whole second half virtually," Miles said. "We have to improve. We can't take those kinds of events. This football team is much better than they showed tonight."

By comparison, Alabama's own first-year starter turned in a mostly pristine performance. Jake Coker was 18 of 24 for 184 yards.

Henry tracked down Fournette on the field



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afterward, giving him a brief hug before heading to the locker room after a performance the presumed Heisman Trophy front-runner would have been

proud of. Henry has scored touchdowns in 14 consecutive games, the longest current FBS streak.

"We missed a lot of tackles," LSU safety Jamal

Adams said. "As a defense, we have to get better. That's no excuse. He's a big back (and) a great back as we see. We have to rally."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cowboys fall in overtime to Eagles, 33-27



ARLINGTON, Texas — DeMarco Murray put Philadelphia in position to win in his return to Dallas. Sam Bradford and Jordan Matthews finished off the Cowboys.

Bradford threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Matthews in overtime and the Eagles sent the Cowboys to their longest losing streak in 26 years with a 33-27 victory Sunday night.

Matthews broke away from rookie defensive

back Byron Jones and ran past safety J.J. Wilcox on the first possession of overtime to hand Dallas (2-6) its sixth straight loss. The last time Dallas lost that many in a row was in 1989 when it dropped eight straight and finished 1-15.

"Me and Byron had been competing all game," said Matthews, who had nine catches for 133 yards. "He doesn't play like a rookie, and he's so aggressive. We said let's try and go with a double move. Sam threw it right on the money."

Jordan Hicks had a 67-yard interception return for a touchdown for the Eagles (4-4) in just the second overtime game for teams that have met 114 times.

The Cowboys have

lost every game without quarterback Tony Romo, who will miss at least one more with a broken left collarbone.

Murray had 161 total yards — 83 rushing and 78 receiving — in his first game on his old home field after winning the NFL rushing title with the Cowboys last season.

"They're a tough opponent. They're like family to me," said Murray, who broke Emmitt Smith's Dallas franchise record with 1,845 yards last season and is starting to churn out yardage after a slow start this year. "This one's special. A lot of emotion."

Dallas All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant had his first touchdown catch of the season in his second game back after missing

five with a broken right foot.

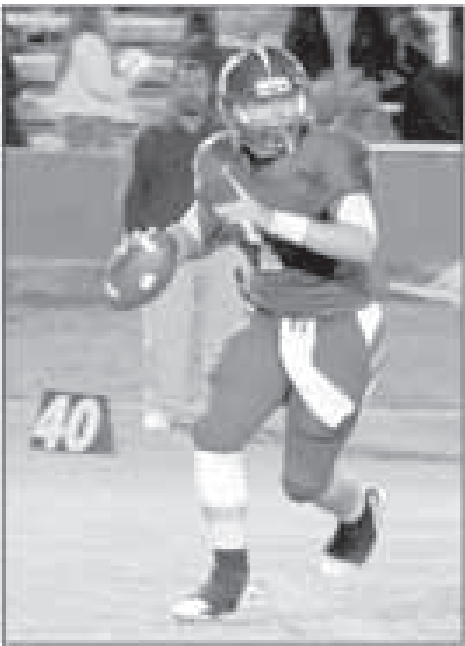
Dallas defensive lineman Greg Hardy had a sack and two penalties, including an unsportsmanlike conduct call, a day after he tweeted "regret" in response to the release of pictures of his bruised ex-girlfriend from his domestic violence case.

"Greg has a commitment to us," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "He has a commitment to do the right thing. We expect him to do the right thing."

It was the second time during the skid that Dallas lost by giving up a touchdown to start overtime. New Orleans' Drew Brees threw an 80-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the extra period in Week 4.



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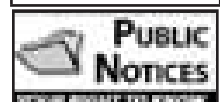
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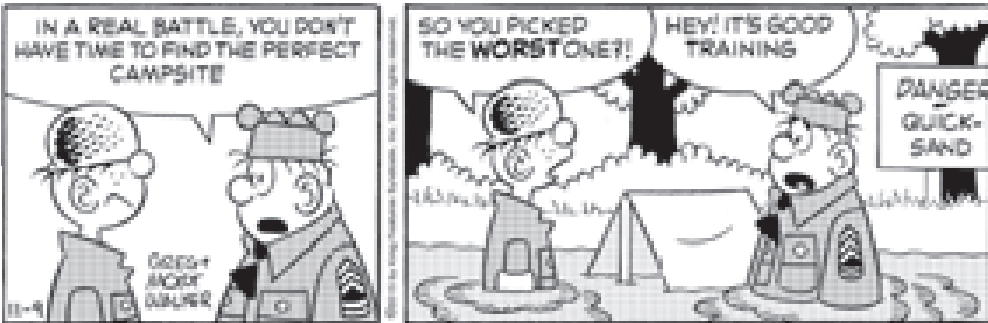
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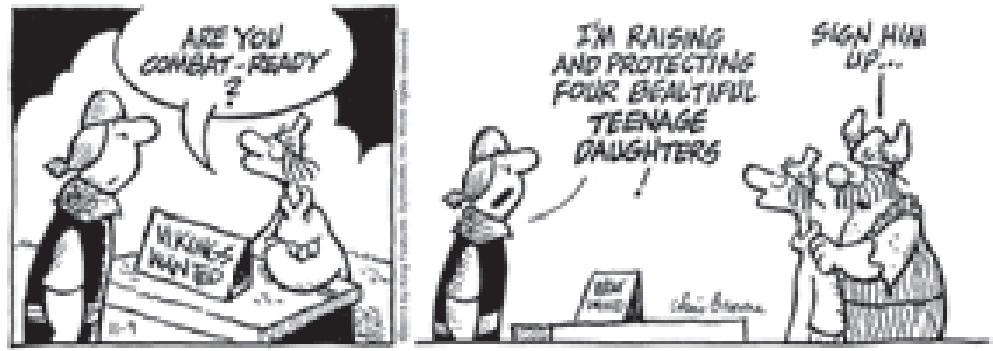
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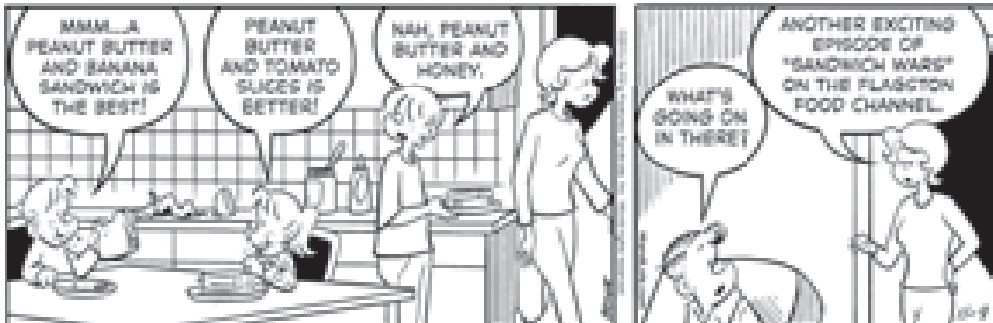
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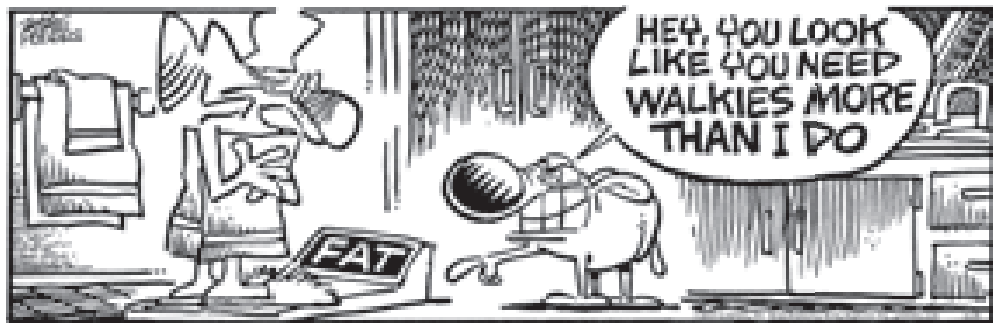
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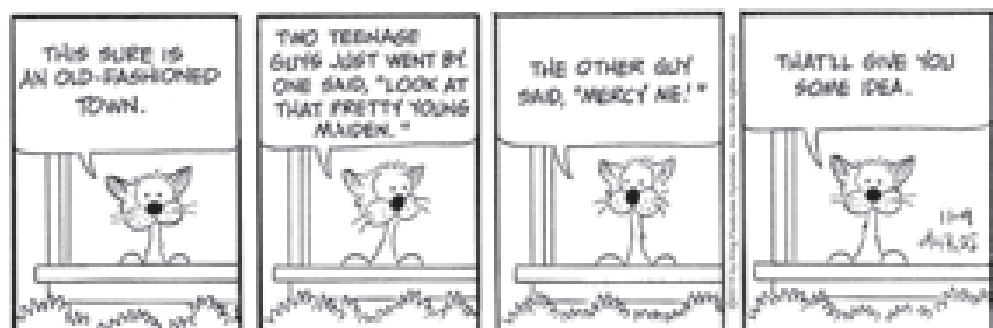
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