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MOORE CROWNED APACHE PRINCESS



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Excited, overwhelmed and blessed – those were the feelings expressed by Kathryn Elizabeth Moore, who was crowned 2015 Apache Princess for Glenbrook School Saturday night at the Minden Civic Center.

"I was speechless," she said after she was crowned. "I didn't expect to win at all. I thought someone who'd been

in this with more experience would have won. I feel like I can make a difference, and I'm excited to represent my school."

Moore, 16, is the daughter of Willard and Jamie Moore. She plans to attend college in Louisiana with a major in education and a minor in theater.

"I would love to teach an English class one day," she writes in the contestants' questionnaire.

She has won several hon-

ors, touting the highest grade point average her freshman and sophomore year, student of the month in April 2014, First English Literary Rally in 2013 and 2014, and most photogenic Miss Teen Minden this year.

She loves swimming, Disney, music, art, Netflix, volunteering, theater, video games and antique shopping.

"I feel like I could be a positive role model to all Apaches, young and old," she writes. "As

Apache Princess, I would strive to make a difference within my school and my community. I understand the responsibility and the honor of being crowned 2015 Apache Princess."

Moore was crowned by outgoing 2014 Apache Princess Madison Lemoine.

Catherine Trawick Willis, 16, was named first runner up. She is the daughter of Sarah and Jason Willis.

Kara Virginia Bryce, 14, was

named Miss Congeniality. She is the daughter of Kary and Sharon Bryce. Other contestants were Gracie Claire Simonton, 15, daughter of John and Amy Simonton and Emily Elizabeth Rhame, 17, daughter of Penny Rhame and Greg Rhame.

Escorts for the five girls were Caden Copeland, Benjamin Downs, Tristan Dye, Graham Lemoine and Sam Marvin.

Madison Lemoine, 2014 Apache Princess, crowns Kathryn Moore, who will represent Glenbrook School as the 2015 Apache Princess. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

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Funding issues cause Public Defenders to cut staff, services

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Thanks to insufficient funding, services in the 26th Judicial District Public Defender Office for Bossier and Webster parishes are being restricted effective immediately. Pamela Smart, chief district defender, says despite efforts to reduce expenditures and increase revenues, her office has been unable to secure the financial resources necessary to provide competent

legal representation for all of its clients. The projected 2015 budget for the Public Defender Office is \$1.6 million. "Now, that's being cut, of course, but that's what we projected," Smart said. A new state law went into effect June 7, 2012, increasing the special court costs for public defense from \$35 to \$45. It was projected that this increase in special court costs would generate additional local revenues. However, local revenues

have actually decreased since the law went into effect. "If a case goes into diversion, there is no fine or court cost being paid," Smart said. "Then we don't get that \$45. It's kind of a 'catch 22' because a client going into diversion is a great thing for the client, but then our funding tanks." Smart said some of the budget comes from a portion of bond fees from the sheriff's offices. "The state public defender board will give us

some money, as well," she said. "That's the other problem. That money's been going down steadily. Revenues are down locally, then the state cuts us, then costs are going up. My poor attorneys. I've taken away mileage, bar dues, continuing education and they've never had a pay raise. But they've stuck it out. They are still doing a good job under adverse conditions." Last year, public defenders in the district office saw between 8,000 and 9,000 cases.

"I think our case loads have held steady," she said. "They may have dipped a little bit, but it hasn't been a huge decrease." To reduce expenditures, the Public Defender Office is restricting services by reducing the number of conflict attorneys on contract from seven to two, and those two remaining attorneys will handle the most serious felony cases. "This should keep us going a while longer," Smart said. "The judges have been really good.

There is a provision in the code where if someone is declared indigent but is able to help offset the cost of representation, we can collect that." She says those assessments could be up to \$300 for misdemeanors and \$500 for felonies. "I hope that will fill in the gap and help bring us out of this," Smart said. The remaining cases will most likely be assigned to private attorneys, who will be handling the cases without compensation.

DREW'S TUNES

Foundation announces March as 'SUDC Awareness Month'

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When Gov. Bobby Jindal declared March Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Month, it was something of a victory for Georgia and Devon Boswell.

Almost one year ago (March 12), the couple lost their 15-month-old son Drew to SUDC, and they had never even heard of the illness.

"This proclamation from Governor Jindal and the state of Louisiana is not only humbling, but it also leaves us filled with a gratitude difficult to convey into words on the behalf of our family and all the other families who have experienced an SUDC loss," Georgia Boswell wrote in a release. "It brings us great pride to know that our governor and thousands across the state will be informed about SUDC and know our work to honor Drew's legacy has not been in vain."

After their son died, the Boswells began a mission to educate the world about SUDC.

"The loss of a child is the worst loss one can experience and to have no answers why compounded the grief," Boswell, daughter of Harmon and Jean Drew of Minden, said. "When we found out about the SUDC Foundation, we felt comfort in the realization we were not alone and that there was an organization dedicated solely to finding answers for families like ours."

To honor their child's legacy, they began the labor of love that is now known as Drew's Tunes Foundation. One of the primary goals is bring awareness to SUDC and to support the SUDC Foundation's efforts.

"I thought we will honor other children that may not have the opportunity ... the exposure to music and this sort of outlet," she said. "They may not have the home environment that is supporting this form



Drew Boswell, son of Georgia and Devon Boswell and grandson of Harmon and Jean Drew of Minden, died almost one year ago from Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood. He was 15 months old. Gov. Bobby Jindal recently proclaimed March as SUDC Month to bring awareness to the unusual illness in small children. Courtesy Photo

of enrichment." Drew's Tunes continues to raise funds and awareness for music programs, as well as SUDC. The foundation raised \$10,000 to

save Anna's Arts for Kids in New Orleans and since last June, the foundation has raised more than \$75,000. "As we are approaching one year without our son,

we are filled with hope that this proclamation will increase awareness of SUDC for years to come," Boswell said.

Grambling campus police now wearing body cameras

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University police are now wearing body cameras, thanks to a grant the department received last year.

Interim Police Chief Howard Caviness, who began working at GSU last year, said getting the cameras was one of his top priorities. Caviness tells KSLA-TV that he's used to having the devices from his days working undercover. He says the trend is gaining popularity because of some "overzealous police officers around the country."

GSU police received the \$100,000 grant in October to purchase the \$80 cameras and to upgrade the department's communication system and equip-

ment. There are 10 officers on GSU's police force.

Caviness added that students don't have to

worry about officers altering video footage, because he's the only person with access to it.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

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Five contestants vied for the title of 2015 Apache Princess for Glenbrook School. Contestant Elizabeth Rhame, left, first runner up Catherine Willis, 2015 Apache Princess Kathryn Moore, 2015 Miss Congeniality Kara Bryce and contestant Gracie Claire Simonton. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

First Baptist to present 'The Music Man' Friday through Sunday

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First Baptist Church in Minden will host its annual dinner theater, this year as a Broadway musical set in 1912.

The play is set to begin Friday, March 13 and go through Sunday, March 15. Performances will take place at 6:30 p.m., March 13 and 14, with the Sunday performance set for 2 p.m. Doors to the Family Life Center will open at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Tickets are \$25 per person and \$20 for children 12

and under. Alicia DuBose, assistant music director at the church, says daycare will be available for those who have children ages 4 and under. She emphasized when patrons call to reserve their ticket to specify that you have a child under 4 years of age.

Seating is about 248 per show, so for those who don't have tickets yet, now is the time to get them. They are selling fast, DuBose says.

"It's going to be a full scale production," she said. "Sets, costume, a full accompaniment orchestra,

choreography, the whole bit. It's a dinner theater, so you get a meal as well."

"The Music Man" is a production set in 1912's River City, Iowa. It is about a con man that finds redemption and love. He comes to town to start a boys' band, but he doesn't know a single note of music, she says. He's a traveling man, and he goes through different towns to convince them they need to save their youth from corruption.

"What he does is he convinces them to give him money for instruction

books, uniforms, musical instruments and he'll skip town because he doesn't know how to teach them any music," DuBose said.

He meets a music teacher in River City who changes his life and shows him love and compassion.

"It is a tale of redemption," she said, "through the love that he finds with this lady in town."

It is a comedy with a little bit of everything in it, she says. Some of the title songs are "76 Trumbones," "Till There was You," and "You Got Trouble."

"It takes a tremendous

amount of teamwork from so many different people to build the set, paint the set and do the costumes," she said. "Everybody just volunteers their time to do it, and it's just a huge blessing. It's a bonding experience for the kids, and it's also a lesson in faith."

DuBose says 49 students from all over the area are participating in the play.

"There are some students from other churches and the community," she said. "We've tried to open it up to some other kids because they like theater

too." Money raised from the production will go towards a mission trip to Alabama this summer, where youth will spend time ministering and spreading the word of God.

"It's a resort ministry that's affiliated with (another church) where they will do Bible clubs for kids on the beach," she said, which is only one way the students will participate in ministry there.

To get a ticket, call 377-4434 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and ask for Amber Romero.

OBITUARY

Frances Rambo Martin

Graveside services for Frances Rambo Martin will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Gardens of Memory in Minden, under the direction of Rose-Neath

Funeral Home in Minden with the Rev. Bill Crider officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Frances was born Feb. 2, 1931, in Mon-

ticello, Missouri and entered into rest March 8, 2015, in Springhill.

She is survived by her husband, Rodney Martin of Shongaloo; daughters, Ronda Kendrick and husband, Mike of Houghton and Joyce Tarter and husband,

Randy of Bella Vista, Arkansas; grandchildren, Laurie and Tal Morgan, Brian and Alisa Kendrick, Amber and Justin Beatty; five great-grandchildren; stepson, Mike Martin of Longview, Texas; a loving niece, Suzi Wall; and a loving care giver, Connie Vaughn.

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PERSPECTIVE

Lower fares no substitute for higher wages

THE IDEA OF helping low-income people by subsidizing their fares on public transportation sounds noble. It truly does. But as a means of confronting the national problem of meager paychecks, it's rather misdirected.

All eyes are now on Seattle, which has started offering discount fares to riders whose household income does not exceed twice the federal poverty level. The growing gap in wealth between the affluent and the working poor is a national woe — especially in boom cities like Seattle, where rising real estate values are forcing lower-paid workers to commute from the suburbs.

"It's people doing really well and people making espresso for people who are doing really well" is how King County Executive Dow Constantine, also head of Sound Transit, described the situation.

But one might then ask, Why aren't the people making espresso doing better?

Public transportation is typically funded through the fares users pay and considerable government subsidies. So the Seattle area's reduced-fare ORCA Lift program is being supported by the taxpayers and the better-off passengers.

On one level, that sounds reasonable. But on another, it amounts to an accommodation of inadequate pay. The public is easing the market pressure on the employers to boost pay.

Walmart has never been shy about connecting its low-paid workers with Medicaid or food stamps — in effect asking the taxpayers to subsidize its labor force and its bottom line. Four of Sam Walton's heirs currently sit in the top 10 on the Forbes list of wealthiest Americans, with a combined net worth of close to \$160 billion.

There's been much heralding of Walmart's recent decision to raise its entry-level wage to \$10 an hour (because of a tightening labor market).

That's still less than the federal minimum wage in 1968, which would be \$10.58 in today's dollars.

Back in Seattle, Basro Jama, a Somali immigrant supporting two children, earns less than \$25,000 a year after taxes working a full-time job, according to The New York Times. She commutes from her home in Tukwila to her assignment in downtown Seattle cleaning offices. Thanks to her new reduced-fare card, she saves \$10 a week, or nearly 2.5 percent of her paycheck.

Why in heaven's name is a full-time worker in an expensive part of the country taking home only \$25,000? The real estate barons charging sky-high rents to top-paid professionals can darn well hand their workers another \$10 a week so they can travel to the job. They're the ones who should be giving Jama a 2.5 percent raise.

Or perhaps they'd like to vacuum and clean the office tower toilets themselves.

San Francisco has long run a reduced-fare program for the poor, but few people have signed up for it. That's largely because the means-testing adds a messy layer of bureaucracy to what should be a simple transaction of buying a ticket or fare card.

Obviously, the applicants must provide documentation of their low income. The ORCA Lift program requires different income verification documents — if you are in certain benefits programs, if you have no income, if you are employed — plus basic identification. And other people must be hired to oversee the process of issuing the cards.

A higher minimum wage makes so much more sense than means-testing for certain public services. Seattle has been a national leader in raising its minimum, currently \$15 an hour. That way, the beneficiaries of the workers' labor are paying for it.

There's been an unfortunate mindset across the land that employers of low-skilled workers have a right to labor at a fixed low price. Let's not validate it.

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FROMA HARROP

PERSPECTIVE

Let girls learn

SUNDAY IS (WAS) International Women's Day -- a day to celebrate remarkable women and girls worldwide, and to re-dedicate ourselves to defending the fundamental rights and dignity of all people.

That's why, this week, Michelle and I launched a new initiative on a topic that's close to both our hearts: girls' education.

It's called "Let Girls Learn." And its goal is to help more girls around the world go to school and stay in school. Right now, 62 million girls who should be in school, are not. And that's not an accident. It's the direct result of barriers, large and small, that stand in the way of girls who want to learn.

Maybe their families can't afford the school fees. Maybe the risk of being hurt or kidnapped or even killed by men who will do anything to stop girls from learning is just too great. Or maybe they aren't in school because they're expected to get married and become mothers while they're still teenagers -- or even earlier. In too many parts of the world, girls are still valued more for their bodies than for

their minds. That's just plain wrong. And we all have to do more to stop it.

That's the idea behind "Let Girls Learn." We're making it clear to any country that's our partner -- or that wants to be our partner -- that they need to get serious about increasing the number of girls in school. Our diplomats and development experts are already hard at work. Our Peace Corps volunteers will play a big role, too. And we're putting our partnerships with NGOs, businesses and foundations to work on behalf of girls everywhere.

I come to this issue as the leader of the world's largest economy, and Commander-in-Chief of the world's most powerful military, and I'm convinced that a world in which girls are educated is a safer, more stable, more prosperous place. When girls are edu-



BARACK OBAMA

cated, their future children are healthier and better nourished. Their future wages increase, which in turn strengthens their families' security. National growth gets a boost, too. And places where women and girls are treated as full and equal citizens tend to be more stable and more democratic.

But I also come to this issue as the father of two wonderful young women. And I know that there are lots of girls just like Malia and Sasha out there -- girls who are funny and caring and inquisitive and strong, and have so much to offer the world.

It's a privilege to be the parent of girls. And we want to make sure that no girl out there is denied her chance to learn -- that no girl is prevented from making her unique contributions to the world. Because every girl -- every girl -- deserves our respect. And every girl deserves an education.

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

PERSPECTIVE

The News-Star, Monroe on the Keystone XL pipeline:

The president's veto of the Keystone XL pipeline project was as predictable as it is nettlesome.

The project, which would have added about 1,000 miles to the nation's existing network of 330,000 miles of pipelines, would have made it easier to move oil from the Midwest to Gulf Coast refineries. What made the project so extraordinary as the basis for an enduring partisan brouhaha was the fact that, in itself, it is so very ordinary.

You'd have to be committed to being angry to let this pipeline get under your skin.

Completed, the pipeline would have given the U.S. more ready access to oil from Canada, an ally, and perhaps less need for oil from the likes of Venezuela, whose leadership disdains this country and whose currency is in tatters, a situation that undermines its transactions with oil businesses in the U.S.

It would have created jobs, perhaps 30,000 and maybe 42,000 depending on whose estimates you

accept. It would have provided a ready supply of oil for coastal refineries, including Louisiana's, if the Canadian oil moved on the "Ho-Ho," the Houston-to-Houma pipeline, and on to Louisiana's many refineries.

Obama's veto will not stop the extraction of oil from Alberta sands, not one bit. That will continue unabated. It will not stop Canadian oil from reaching the Gulf Coast — eventually — because it will likely come by rail, which may present greater safety risks than pipelines. Nowadays, about 1 million barrels of oil a day move by rail, and trains almost always reach their destination. But sometimes — and only sometimes — they end up in derailments or fiery crashes.

Those risks will continue because the president wills it.

"I hope we don't have any issues with those thousands of rail cars," said Louisiana Oil & Gas President Don Briggs. "Some of them come through Lafayette."

More pointedly, the president's veto will exacerbate and widen the gulf between his office and Congress. In that regard, it may be a harbinger of two more difficult political years.

Briggs said the veto was a sad reflection on a "broken" political system. Indeed it was: Congress approved it by vote, the public

approved it in polls and even the president's reliable friends in labor approved of it for the jobs it would have provided. That wasn't enough for the president, who said that, somehow, the vote had "earned" his veto.

"Today, the president has made clear that Congress is for job creation, growth, energy security and economic resurgence while he is not," said U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany, R-Lafayette.

Boustany said one thing stands between the wishes of the American people and the needs of the oil and gas industry and this pipeline: The president, an annoying obstructionist. That obstructionism was not evident when the Democrats ruled the Senate, and buried bills that met with his approval. But that obstructionism may become more evident now.

The Keystone XL is not dead, not by any stretch. The pipeline plan is probably sound enough and its pieces enough in place that it will endure another two years until another president takes office.

As time goes, that's chump change; the pipeline has already been under this administration's "review" for six years.

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EDUCATION

J.L. Jones honors January Students of the Month



J.L. Jones Elementary names Porter Neal, above, Overall Student of the Month for January.



Second graders receiving Student of the Month certificates are Kanon Reeves, front row from left, Zoie Salsburg, Andrew Roberts, Porter Neal and Kylie Guthrie; Kevin Berry, back row from left, Aniya Shyne, Cesar Hernandez, Nicholas Hill and Jaxon Davis.



At right, third graders receiving Student of the Month certificates at J.L. Jones Elementary School are Sheleyah George, front row from left, Ka'Lisha Green, Jalia Burdette, Raelyn Miller and Blake Gibson; S'Miya Ferrell, back row from left, Kayleigh Brazzle, Ja'Donavon Gillins, Brenan Smith, Sriyah Hardy and Alec Simpson. Submitted photos

Around Town

Tuesday, March 10

Susan G. Komen of Northwest Louisiana, Martin Luther King Health Center, St. Luke's Episcopal Ministry and Partners in Wellness will host Pink Ribbon Pop Up from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Walmart in Springhill. There will be free breast health screenings and mammograms, as well as other health screenings.

Linda Clarke will present a workshop teaching ways to write books, get them edited and published, as well as how to search and write about family legacies and heritages from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Webster Parish Library Stewart Center. For more information, call 371-3080, ext. 123.

Thursday, March 12

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for fourth week: Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem (Mark 8:22-10:52).

Friday, March 13

Entry forms and fees are due for Lakeside's Elementary Beauty Pageant for ages 12 months to 12 years. Call Abby Reynolds at 318-464-5084 or Lakeside High School for information and forms. Make checks payable to Lakeside High School Yearbook and mail with completed forms to Lakeside High School, 9090 Hwy. 371, Sibley, La. 71073.

Saturday, March 14

Men and women are invited to attend a special tea party with the "first lady" of Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Sister Ora Lee Gladney Rice, at 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, The Rev. Roy Glenn Edwards, pastor, will celebrate its 147th church anniversary beginning at 3 p.m. Special guests will be Mt. Superior Baptist Church of Homer. The Rev. Willie Johnson is featured speaker. Everyone is invited.

Ninth anniversary honoring Pastor and Mrs. John L. Cole at 2:30 pm. The Rev. Sheldon Birdsong of New Zion Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

Local banquet is NWTF fundraiser

The National Wild Turkey Federation Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquet is guaranteed to provide food, fun and fellowship while raising funds for wildlife conservation.

The banquet, hosted by the Dorcheat Bayou Gobblers and Squawkin Hen's Chapter of NWTF, will be at 6 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Minden Civic Center.

Lifetime hunting/fishing licenses (13 and under) or lifetime hunting license (ages 14-17) will be given away. Winners must be present.

In addition, deputies with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office will do identification fingerprinting and Kelly Haydel with Haydel Game Calls will do call demonstrations for the

kids. Banquet coordinators say they will be collecting canned goods for Hunters for the Hungry that will be delivered to Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry. For every five cans donated, an entry will go into a door prize drawing.

NWTF's Hunting Heritage banquets raise funds for wild turkey conservation while combining a great meal with a chance to swap stories with other sportsmen and women. By placing the highest bid or winning raffle games, attendees can go home with sporting art, unique hunting firearms, knives, wildlife calls, outdoor equipment and much more.

Banquet tickets are \$60

for couples or \$50 for singles and are limited. Tickets for kids ages 14 to 17 are \$15; kids 13-under get in free. Attendees receive a NWTF membership while doing great things for wild turkey conservation and the preservation of hunting traditions.

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For banquet information, call Ronda Johnson at 318-349-4829.

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 LSU AgCenter Nutrition

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States. Scientific evidence suggests the majority of cancers are due to preventable causes such as poor nutrition and other lifestyle factors, cigarette smoking and tobacco use, and exposure to sunlight.

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GOLF

Dustin Johnson completes comeback with win

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — Dustin Johnson might never escape the whispers about what led him to take a six-month leave of absence from golf that caused him to miss the final major of the year, the lucrative FedEx Cup playoffs and the Ryder Cup.

No one ever questioned his game.

He provided all the answers Sunday when he won the Cadillac Championship.

The power was evident on the monster tee shot he hit on the daunting 18th hole at Trump National Doral, so bold and pure that Johnson might have been the only one who never doubted it would clear the corner of the water and land safely in the fairway, setting up a routine par.

"I absolutely smashed it," he said.

The putting comes and goes, but it arrived when he needed it: The 20-foot par putt from the fringe on the 11th hole to stay one shot behind. The 10-foot par save on the 14th hole that gave him his first lead of the tournament. The 15-foot birdie on the next hole to seize control.

Also back was the swagger.

Johnson made up a five-shot deficit against J.B. Holmes, stayed in the game when Masters champion Bubba Watson looked as though he might run away, and powered his way to a 69-69 weekend and a one-shot victory for his second World Golf Championship title.

"I knew I was really good," Johnson said. "I knew there was something I was missing that could make me great. I was working hard on that, and I think it's showing right now. I'm so excited right now, I can't hardly talk. It feels great. This one definitely, by far, is the best one."

That much was clear when he walked off the green holding 7-week-old son Tatum and fiancée Paulina Gretzky, the daughter of hockey great Wayne Gretzky, at his side.

"Obviously, it's one of my biggest wins, and especially after a long layoff, to come back out and win in my fifth start, means a lot," Johnson said. "I've been working hard on my game and been working hard on me, and so it means a great deal to have some success right out of the gate. It gives me a lot of confidence, too."

He handled the inquiries into his personal life with just as much ease, even if he didn't have much to say.

Johnson announced in early August he was taking an indefinite leave to seek professional help for "personal challenges." Golf.com reported that day he had failed a second cocaine test — the first one was in 2012, the year he missed the Masters and was out for nearly three months for what he called a back injury from lifting a jet ski from the water. Johnson again said in his press conference Sunday evening that he has never failed a drug test.

When pressed why he had not been more forthcoming with answers, Johnson replied: "Because it's personal and, frankly, it's not really anybody's business."



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The Minden High Invitational Tournament was played over the weekend with Minden and Lakeside both in action.

Minden Crimson Tide

The Crimson Tide got the weekend started with a 9-8 win over the St. Mary's Tigers.

Trace Francis led the Tide at the plate going 2-3 with a double and an RBI, followed by Matt Eskew who doubled and drove in a run as well.

Gavin Smith, Peyton Gray and Gunner Stephens all drove in runs for the Tide on base hits.

Gunner Stephens got the win on the mound, going 6 2/3 innings while giving up five earned runs and striking out six.

In game two, Minden fell to Natchitoches Central 7-4.

The Crimson Tide struggled to get the bats going versus the Chiefs, but Gunner Stephens led the way going 2-2 with an RBI single. Trace Francis went



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1-4 driving in a run and Jordan Lyday finished 1-3 with an RBI on a base hit.

In the Tide's third and final game, they defeated the Lakeside Warriors 3-0.

The Tide and Warriors both had a tough time at the plate, with pitching dominating the night.

Minden High's Austin

Keough turned in a spectacular performance, going all seven innings, striking out four batters and giving up five hits.

Jordan Lyday and Jay Beene had the only RBI's for the Tide.

Lakeside Warriors

The Lakeside Warriors had a busy weekend, playing

four games and getting the win in two of them.

In the Warrior's first game, they defeated the North DeSoto Griffins 5-2.

Logan Clark went 2-2 with a double and an RBI, Josh Prince went 1-2 with a

2-RBI double, Jake Gray and Cameron Gray finished 1-3 with an RBI, Coulson White



had a trio of singles and Thomas Lambert finished 2-3 with a pair of hits.

Cameron Gray also starred on the mound, pitching six innings and striking out 10 while giving up no hits.

In game two, Lakeside fell to Parkway 9-6.

Luke Griffith went 2-4 at the plate with a triple and an RBI. Logan Clark went 2-3 with an RBI, Josh Prince went 1-3 with an RBI and Jake Gray, Cameron Gray and Frankie Chanler all added base hits.

Trent Geis took the loss for the Warriors.

Game three pitted the Warriors against St. Mary's, with the Warriors coming out on top 11-5.

Logan Clark went 3-3 with 2 RBI to lead the Warriors. Luke Griffith had a big day as well going 2-4 at the plate with a double and an RBI. Griffith was also the winning pitcher, throwing all seven innings, striking out 9 and giving up six hits.

Thomas Lambert finished 2-3 at the plate and Jake Gray and Coulson White added RBI's.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Panthers score at will in home sweep



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The Doyline Panthers are off to a fast start in their 2015 baseball campaign.

After a strong showing in the Bossier Tournament, the Panthers were at home on Friday to host a doubleheader with the Plain Dealing Bulldogs.

In the first game, the Panthers dominated on their way to a 17-3 win.

Nick Burge was the star of the game, going 3-3 at the dish with 4 RBI. Burge also was the winning pitcher, throwing three innings of one hit baseball, striking out five.

Cameron Smith went 3-3 with 2 RBI for the Panthers, Jax Gaynor went 2-3 with 3 RBI and a double and Hunter Carter and Brett Thornhill both added a pair of RBI's.

Game two was more of the same as the Panthers defeated Plain Dealing 16-5.

Brock Cheshire took the win on the mound for Doyline.

Chris Inocencio went 2-2 with 2 RBI, as did Nick Burge. Brett Thornhill finished 1-1 with a pair of RBI to round out the Panthers hits.

The story of this game was the Plain Dealing pitching staff, or lack there of. The Bulldogs couldn't seem to get the ball across the plate, walking 16 batters in this game.

The Panthers will be back in action Monday when they travel to take on Negreet.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Glenbrook competes in Texas tournament



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HENDERSON, TEXAS - The Glenbrook Apaches traveled to Texas over the weekend to take on some stiff competition.

The Apaches played three games total, coming up short in two, but pulling out the win in their weekend finale.

In game one, Glenbrook fell to Center, Texas, 9-2.

Caleb Wilson led the Apaches at the plate, going 2-3 with a pair of base knocks. Sutton Jones had a solid day as well, going 2-2.

Cameron Mathews and Tyler Perryman added hits to round out

the Apache effort.

In game two, the Apaches took it on the chin from Henderson, falling 9-1.

Caleb Wilson went 1-4, Spencer White finished 1-3 and Tyler Perryman went 1-3 as Glenbrook struggled to score.

Spencer White took the loss on the mound finishing with three innings pitched, giving four earned runs and six hits.

The Apaches salvaged the weekend with a 8-2 victory over Henderson.

In this game the Apaches got some clutch hits when they needed them.

Tyler Perryman went 1-3 with 3 RBI to lead Glenbrook. Caleb Wilson and Spencer White both added 2 RBI on base hits, while Colt Wilson went 2-3 with 1 RBI. Cameron Mathews added a base hit for the Apaches.

"We got off to a slow start in this tournament," Glenbrook head coach Jonathan Hardy said. "Towards the end of the tournament, we stepped it up and started playing better. Defensively, in the third game we were much better. We got five runs in the sixth inning on some real clutch hits. We still have to clean up some mistakes. In the first two games we got in a hole early and could never get out."

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Sean Penn has 'no apologies' for his green card joke

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Sean Penn opened up about the green card joke heard 'round the world on Saturday in Beverly Hills during a promotional tour for his new film "The Gunman," saying that he has "absolutely no apologies" for his comment. The actor-director also offered up choice words for those who didn't recognize the irony in his remarks.

On Feb. 22 at the 87th Academy Awards, Penn, tasked with presenting the best picture award, made waves when he opened the envelope and first asked "Who gave this son of a bitch his green card?" before announcing the winner as "Birdman."

Directed by the Mexican-born Alejandro Iñárritu, many wondered whether the joke was distasteful. The term "green card" refers to a document that confers permanent residency on immigrants in the United States.

"I found it hilarious," Iñárritu said after the ceremony. "Sean and I have that kind of brutal (relationship) where only true friendship can survive."

Iñárritu directed Penn in the 2003 film "21 Grams" and the two remain close to this date.

"I make on him a lot of very tough jokes that I will not tell



you," Iñárritu added.

While Iñárritu's casual dismissal of any perceived offense

helped to temper the public response to the comment, Penn has remained largely silent on

the topic. "I'm always surprised by flagrant stupidity. I keep having

more hope," said Penn of the widespread outrage that followed the moment.

"The fact is that I understand it. I see it all the time. When somebody sees the opportunity to frame something in the comfort that it will be common, that they can do that and they can get a group to look at them and that they will take on those positions and never really think about what it was," he added.

"I have absolutely no apologies," Penn said with calm resolve.

"In fact, I have a big (expletive) you for every...anybody who is so stupid not to have gotten the irony when you've got a country that is so xenophobic," he said. "If they had their way, you wouldn't have great filmmakers like Alejandro working in this country. Thank god we do."

Penn also clarified that the order of his comments were intentional.

"There's a little inside humor with me and I where I know, and wanted to know, that he would be the first person in that room to know that his film won," he said.

Comedian Jay Leno makes comeback in Israel for award show

JERUSALEM — Jay Leno is making a comeback — in Israel.

The late-night legend says he will return to Israel in June to host the award ceremony for the second annual "Genesis Prize." Leno also hosted the inaugural ceremony last year for what is billed as "the Jewish Nobel Prize." The \$1 million prize is being awarded to Oscar-winning actor Michael Douglas in recognition of his "passion" for his Jewish heritage and Israel.

Leno said he was thrilled to be invited back, comparing the warm wel-

come he received last year to a raucous Italian wedding.

"People seem to be genuinely happy to see you," he told The Associated Press. "There you kind of get swarmed. People run over, and the grandmas pinch your cheeks. So that was kind of fun."

He said he felt that people seemed especially appreciative of his decision to visit at a time when entertainers are under pressure to boycott Israel over its policies toward the Palestinians. "Israelis are thrilled when you actually show up," he said.

Leno, who is not Jewish, described himself as a big supporter of Israel, and said he disagreed with critics who portray the country as an aggressor.

"It seems like they (Israel) have the worst PR in the world," he said. "I don't understand how Israel is the bad guy here. It doesn't make any sense to me."

The Genesis Prize Foundation said the June 18 ceremony will include a tribute to Douglas, a celebration of the contribution of Jews to Hollywood and Broadway and a segment on diversity and tolerance.

Douglas, whose father, actor Kirk Douglas, is Jewish, has said he will donate his prize money to projects that promote inclusiveness in the Jewish community.

"Michael Douglas has chosen to invest the prize award into initiatives which will resonate with Jews like himself — those who come from parents of mixed heritage who wish to be part of the Jewish community," said Stan Polovets, co-founder and chairman of the foundation.

Leno said he is already gathering material to make

fun of Douglas, a longtime acquaintance, as well as the country's politicians. Hundreds of VIPs, including the prime minister, are expected to attend.

"After 22 years of hearing Jay poke fun of my movies on 'The Tonight Show,' it'll be a nice change to be there when he does it in person," Douglas said in a statement released by the foundation.

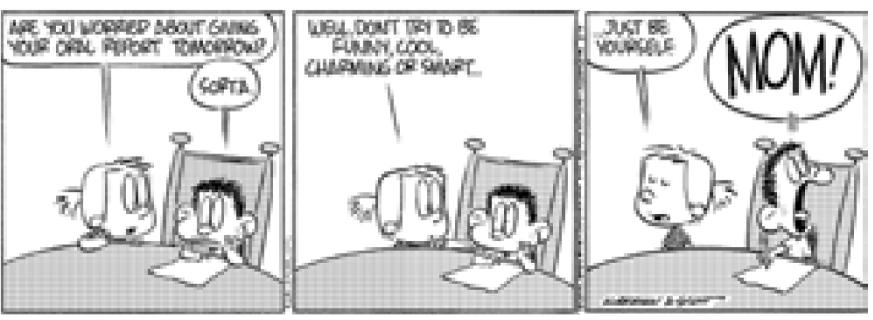
One person who does not have to worry is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife, Sara. Often portrayed as petty and demanding by Israeli comedians, Mrs.

Netanyahu will be off limits, Leno said.

"I tend to use the mafia model," he said. "You don't go after the wives and children."

The Genesis Prize was founded by the prime minister's office, the Jewish Agency and the Genesis Philanthropy Group, a nonprofit organization that promotes Jewish education for Russian-speaking Jews worldwide. Last year's recipient was Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire philanthropist and former mayor of New York.

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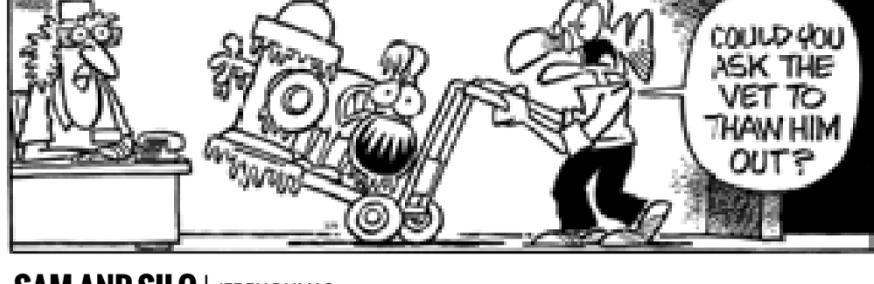
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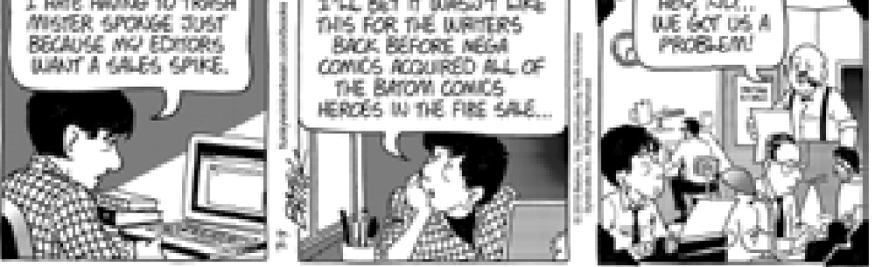
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Friday's Answer: IF I'VE YELLED "YOU ARE BEING FAR TOO OBSERVANT," THAT COULD BE THE CENSURE OF ATTENTION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals O

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| ACROSS | 35 Denomination | 3 Listener | 22 Gaucho's weapon |
| 1 Im-presses greatly | 36 Flavor | 4 "Quiet!" | 23 Young hog |
| 5 Youngster in a cave | 37 Current measure | 6 Can. neighbor | 25 Cut into slivers |
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| 15 Lima bein'? | 47 Misfortunes | 10 Metal refuse | 31 — out a living |
| 16 Paper quantity | 48 As one | 11 Big book | 33 Dangerous fly |
| 17 Vat | 49 Lotion additive | 12 Egg | 34 Chiseled |
| 18 Heavy hammer | 50 Baby food | 13 Egg | 36 Racetrack adviser |
| 20 Photo book | 51 Cowgirl Evans | 19 Volcano's outflow | 37 Met melody |
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| 25 G.B.S. devotee | | | 40 Buy, renovate and sell quickly |
| 28 Right angle | | | 43 — pinch |
| 29 Island farewell | | | 44 Greek mountain |
| 30 Shelter from the storm | | | 45 Every last bit |
| 32 Riga resident | | | 46 "Science Guy" Bill |
| 34 Barrel | | | |

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Friday's Answers

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