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Good Morning!

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TS Don moving toward southern Texas

MIAMI – A tropical storm watch has been extended as Tropical Storm Don moves across the Gulf of Mexico toward southeastern Texas, where it's expected to make landfall Friday night or early Saturday morning.

A tropical storm watch is now in effect from the mouth of the Rio Grande northward to west of San Luis Pass.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Don's maximum sustained winds early Thursday were near 40 mph (65 kph) with some strengthening possible.

The storm is centered about 635 miles (1,025 kilometers) east-southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas, and is moving west-northwest near 10 mph (17 kph).

The storm is currently moving at about 10 mph in a west-northwest direction.

It's expected to make landfall as a tropical storm or, at worst, a category one hurricane.

As of now, it appears the storm will not affect Louisiana.

Area Deaths

- Harvey Joseph Hebert, 80
- Willie Louis Melancon, 83
- Betty Jean Young John, 76

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Today's Weather

Scat'd T-storms
High - 91
Low - 76

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Suspect caught in Wed. shooting



Derrick Davis

BY HOWELL DENNIS
NEWS EDITOR

CROWLEY - Crowley Police have arrested a 'person of interest' in the shooting incident which occurred on July 27, 2011 at 3:02 am. The shooting incident occurred in the 200 block of Wilson St.

Upon officer arrival, a white female was discovered to be laying on the ground. As officers

and paramedics rendered medical aid to the victim, it was discovered that the female had been shot in the abdomen and head area. The victim is listed in critical, but stable condition.

Although a motive has not been established, Crowley Police began looking for Derrick Davis as a person of interest.

"I'd like to let it be

known that Davis has yet to be charged with anything related to the shooting incident," said Crowley Chief of Police K.P. Gibson. "I'd like to acknowledge all the officers who worked so diligently to locate Mr. Davis."

Davis is no stranger to law enforcement.

He has outstanding warrants for probation

violation, second degree robbery, simple battery, violation of a protective order, resisting arrest, aggravated assault."

"At this time we are trying to determine what knowledge he has regarding this shooting," said Gibson. "Our investigation is by no means over and we will continue to follow any other leads we acquire."

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Working in the elements



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From the left, Terry Boudreaux and Keith Weekly, of Boudreaux's Construction, repair the roof at a home on the corner of Seventh St. and Avenue H Thursday afternoon. With a steady drizzle coming down, the two were working double time in an effort to beat any potential strong showers.

Rice Theatre to host 75th annual Crowley pageants

Three to be crowned

CROWLEY – A total of 17 poised and vivacious ladies from Crowley will be competing for the title of Miss Crowley 2011 Saturday night.

The three divisions of the Miss Crowley contest are Miss Crowley, Teen Miss Crowley and Junior Miss Crowley.

Annually sponsored by the Crowley Business and Professional Women's Club, the pageant will be held at the Rice Theatre on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 6 p.m. (Pageant doors will open at 5 p.m. and the queen's reception will be held immediately following the pageant.)

Those vying for the Miss Crowley 2011 crown are Caitlin Clayton, Courtney LeJeune, Dorie LeJeune, Michelle Reed, Paige Mire, Sommer LeJeune and Terryn Wirtz.

Brittany Hulin, Gabrielle Heinen and Victoria Ludwig will try to earn the title of Teen Miss Crowley 2011.

Finally, vying for the 2011 Junior Miss Crowley crown will be Brittany Medows, Brooklyn Miller, Caitlyn Fontenot, Lacy Patin, Madison Ebanks, Trinity Hedgcoth and Victoria Callahan.

Tickets are available at Salvador's Jewellers or at the box office on the night of the pageant for \$10.

Compass Health hosts annual nursing home, assisted living appreciation luncheon



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The Cullen Health employees attending the sixth annual Compass Health Nursing Home/Assisted Living Appreciation Luncheon were, seated from left, Mark Cullen, CEO, Emily Hunter, Mark Stanford, presenter; and Kathy Little, presenter. In the back are Lynn Cullen, Jordon Thomas, Anne Dill, Jen Hernandez, Stacy Jabusch, Marcie Wagner, Kylie LaHaye, Leslie Dugas, Danielle David, Sandy Rougeau, Colleen Thomas and Beth Werner.



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The sponsors for the sixth annual Compass Health Nursing Home/Assisted Living Luncheon were, seated from left, Jessica Dupin, Southern Care Hospice; Ava Hebert and Kristi Fredieu, The Therapy Center; and Julie Graff, Gremilions Pharmacy. In the back are Percy Kennedy and Heidi Hensgens, Norvatis; Brad Fife and Paul Waguespack, McNeary; and Jackie Martin, Gremilions Pharmacy

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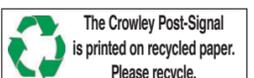
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Obituaries

Harvey Joseph Hebert

IOTA - A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Iota for Harvey Joseph Hebert, who died Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6 a.m. at his residence in Egan.

Fr. Mikel Polson, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, officiated for the services. The family requested visiting hours Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to service time. A rosary was recited Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was held in St. Joseph Cemetery.

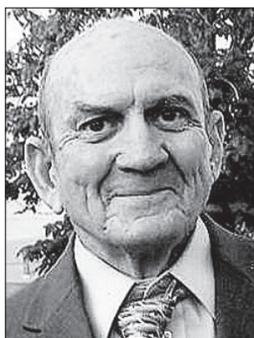
He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anna Belle Richard Hebert; one son, Randy Hebert and his wife, Janese of Moss Bluff; two daughters, Cindy Roy and her husband, Dudley, of Iota, and Sheila Cart of Iota; nine grandchildren, Tiffany Droddy, Danielle Hofmeister, Erin Cuccio, Ryan Cart, Lisa Fontenot, Laci Richard, Jamie Thibodeaux, Hannah Fruge, and Sydney Fruge; fifteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Brenda Gravot of Iota; and one brother, Curney Hebert of Iota.

Mr. Hebert was preceded in death by his parents, Joashin "Dennis" and Beatrice Guidry Hebert; one son-in-law, Stanley Cart; one daughter-in-law, Arlene Vincent Hebert; one brother, Delo Hebert; and one sister Joyce "Tot" Hebert Leger.

Memorial donations may be sent to Heart of Hospice, 201 W. Vermilion St. Ste. 100, Lafayette, LA 70501.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.geesey-ferguson.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, 509 Duson Ave., Iota 337-779-2669.



Betty Jean Young John

CROWLEY - The Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home is in charge of services for Betty Jean Young John, 76, who died Thursday, July 28, 2011, in Crowley.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Private graveside services will be held on Saturday morning at Woodland Cemetery.

A Crowley native, Betty Jean was co-owner of Ed's Lounge and Steakhouse along with her former husband, Edward John.

Betty's mother Cloia Young and sister Joyce Breaux preceded her in death as did her former husband, Edward John. She is survived by her five children, Wendell John,



Lisa John, Jeffrey John and his wife Flo, Victor John, and Shari Hanks and her husband Kenneth. She is also survived by her grandchildren Amy Grinstein and her husband Joe, Edward John, Shanna John, Gordon John, Victor John, Jr., Christopher Domingue, Nick John and Lauren John. She leaves two cherished great-grandchildren, Max Grinstein and Caden John.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and Joe Grinstein. Honorary pallbearers will be John Rickey Benoit, Dennis Chartier, and Kenneth C. Hanks.

The family sends their deep gratitude to Dr. Cason Delahoussaye for the extraordinary care he and his colleagues provided in Betty Jean's last days and to all of the nurses and staff at American Legion Hospital who provided such courtesy and compassion to her and her family.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.geesey-ferguson.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, 301 N. Ave. F., Crowley, LA 70526, 337-783-3313.

Two juveniles arrested for armed robbery

Attempted to rob elderly man

ABBEVILLE - Two juveniles from Abbeville are now behind bars and charged with armed robbery after trying to rob an elderly man.

According to Abbeville Detective Stan Suire, two males knocked on the front door of a 70-year old man who told them to come in. According to the police report, one of the juveniles began hitting him while the other pointed a pistol at him. They demanded money.

They continued to hit him after the elderly man

said he did not have any money.

They then asked him for his car keys. They did not take the car, but they searched it for money. After finding some change, they took off with the keys.

The elderly man, who lives on Veron Street, called the police and described what the juveniles looked like to the police.

Suire said they were able to locate the males by making phone calls to different people. The mother of one of the juveniles called Suire and said she heard rumors that her son was of the two who committed the crime.

Suire got the names of both juveniles and even located the gun. The robbery occurred at 9 p.m. and by 2 p.m. the next day, the crime was solved and the boys were arrested, Suire said.

16 and both were on probation. They are now in a juvenile detention center in St. Martinville.

The elderly man, Suire said, is doing better. He is, however, without his keys to his house and car.

The ages were 15 and

Sumasar was a victim of bizarre revenge plot

NEW YORK CITY - Pulled over by New York City police and ordered to step out of her car, Seemona Sumasar was in handcuffs before she knew it. The police were shouting: "You know you did it!"

There was just one problem, she says: She had no idea what "it" was. It turned out to be the beginning of an odyssey straight out of a crime thriller or "Law and Order" episode.

Sumasar, 36, served seven months in prison, the victim of what prosecutors say was an elaborate plot by her former boyfriend, Jerry Ramrattan, to frame her for bogus armed robberies. In an exclusive interview with TODAY's Matt Lauer on Thursday, she detailed a revenge scheme that was set in motion after Ramrattan allegedly raped her in March 2009 and she went to the authorities.

When she tried to ex-

plain to police at the time that she had been set up by Ramrattan for the phony robberies because she wouldn't drop the rape charge against him, her pleas fell on deaf ears, she said.

"I think they just thought I was just trying to blame it on [Ramrattan] — that I really did it and that I was just being a drama queen," she said. "It was just totally ignored. They looked at me like I was crazy."

Ramrattan is now in jail while awaiting trial on charges of rape, perjury, conspiracy and tampering with a witness.

As for Sumasar, as a result of her ordeal, she has lost the restaurant she owned, her home was foreclosed on, and the single mother was separated from her teenage daughter during her seven-month stint in prison.

Acadiana Deaths

RAYNE - Willie Louis Melancon, 83, died Thursday, July 27, 2011 at American Legion Hospital in Crowley. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 29, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Duhon Funeral Home in Rayne.

Tour de Life Blood Drive in Crowley Aug. 3

The 13th annual 99.1 KXKC and United Blood Services Tour de Life Blood Drives are under way. United Blood Services and 99.1 KXKC will visit several locations throughout Acadiana in an effort to increase our community blood supply. During the summer months, blood donations dip to dangerous lows as families become involved with vacations, sports, and the children that are home on summer break. One donation can save up to three lives! The promotion will kick off Monday, August 1 - Saturday, August 6

The Blood Mobile will be in Crowley on Wednesday, August 3 in the Wal-

Mart parking lot from 12 p.m. till 6 p.m.

All Tour de Life donors will receive a special "Tour de Life" T-shirt. They will also be automatically registered to win great prizes including: \$250 Rouses gift card, \$250 Visa gift card, \$250 Academy gift card, Keith Urban tickets, \$250 Best Buy gift card, \$250 Ranch Outlet gift card, and a three night condo stay in Gulf Shores!

Donors must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. A pictured ID is required along with a list of any medications you are currently taking. Listen to 99.1 KXKC or call 235-LIFE for more information. Log onto www.bloodhero.com to schedule an appointment.

Kaplan man charged with two murders

LAFAYETTE - Eric Jude Abshire, formerly of Kaplan, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the shooting death of a 67-year-old male and a 39-year-old woman, both of Lafayette.

Abshire, 49, now living in Youngsville, is a 1979 Kaplan High School graduate.

He was also charged with possession of



Eric Jude Abshire

Schedule IV narcotics, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm in the presence of a controlled dangerous substance.

Police reports indicate Abshire is thought to have gone to the victims' residence on Warren Street in Lafayette.

Police say he later produced a gun and shot both victims.

New GMC truck stripped of \$7,000 worth of parts

BY CHRIS ROSA
STAFF WRITER

ABBEVILLE - An unusual crime took place at Courtesy Motors in Abbeville that has the Abbeville Police Department stunned.

Over the weekend, someone or a group of people stripped parts off a 2011 GMC 3/4 ton diesel truck. The truck was on the lot of Courtesy Motors.

The thieves took certain parts, worth a total of \$7,000, off the truck. Taken were the hood, the front grill, a driver's door and parts of the engine.

Stan Suire of the police department predicts the parts were taken because someone needed them because of an accident to a truck of the same make, model, color and year.

"We are hoping some-



LSN PHOTO

A truck parked in the for sale lot at Courtesy Motors in Abbeville was stripped of several parts this past weekend. The total of the parts that need replacement is \$7,000.

one saw something," said Suire. "If you were passing on Hwy. 167 and saw someone doing work on a white truck, call me."

Fingerprints were lo-

calated on the truck but the police are still searching for a match.

The police are checking the Acadiana area to see if there were any accidents re-

ported that involved a white GMC diesel truck.

If anyone has information about the crime, call Suire at 893-2511.

Boustany holds hearing on IRS initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD, R-La., chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Ways and Means, today held a subcommittee hearing to examine the new IRS paid tax return preparer program. In 2010, the IRS launched a paid return preparer initiative to stop abusive returns at the source rather than through the lengthy and expensive audit process.

"It is crucial for Congress to understand the new requirements and continue its oversight to judge whether the new program improves tax compliance," Chairman Boustany said at the hearing. "The increasing complexity of the Internal Revenue Code has led more and more Americans to rely on paid tax return preparers to fulfill their tax return filing obligations. Paid tax return preparers prepared an estimated 60 percent of all federal re-

turns filed. Taxpayers, paid preparers, and the IRS are best served if this initiative is successful."

Since becoming chair of the Oversight Subcommittee in January, Congressman Boustany has held seven hearings. These hearings have investigated a range of topics including improper payments to Social Security programs and other refundable credits, AARP's organizational structure and finances, and Medicare fraud.

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Trusted teen feels entitled to parent-free concert trip



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl. I have good grades, participate in sports and activities, and I'm involved in my church. My parents have always trusted me and given me freedom because they know I can handle it.

I want to attend a concert in a bigger town with a friend. However, my par-

ents insist I must have an adult with me. I feel I'm responsible enough to go to the concert without one. How can I convince my parents? (A parent would be driving us to and from the concert.) -- CAN HANDLE IT IN OREGON

DEAR CAN HANDLE IT: Your parents want to be sure you are safe. Although they trust you to act responsibly, they may not be so confident about other fans in the audience. When large numbers of people gather for sports events and concerts, there is always the chance that a few troublemakers may cause a commotion or even a stampede. That's why the performers usually have heavy security around them. Please don't take your parents' stance on this personally. They are trying to protect you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are hosting our daughter's wedding and reception. We had to limit the number of guests due to space and budgetary considerations. Some of the RSVPs have come back with a larger number of people accepting than were listed on the invitation envelope as being invited.

How should we handle this? We expect others may do the same, and we cannot accommodate extra guests. It's a touchy situation because my daughter and her fiancé interact with these folks at the church where she works. She feels bad enough that we had to limit the number of guests -- and now this situation. -- FEELING AWKWARD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FEELING

AWKWARD: If this is strictly a matter of money and what you can afford, sit down with your daughter and her fiancé, explain the situation and ask if they would like to pay for the "uninvited" guests. If they say yes -- fine. If they say no, call the people who indicated they plan to bring extra guests and tell them that because of space and budgetary considerations, you are unable to accommodate them. Please don't feel embarrassed to do so, because the people who should feel embarrassed are the ones who committed this breach of etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: If I tell my wife I'm going to clean the bathroom today, but I don't manage to get it done because I was busy with other things, is that considered breaking a promise

even though I didn't use the word "promise"? My wife says that if you say you're going to do something, then that is a promise. Is she right? -- A MATTER OF SEMANTICS

DEAR SEMANTICS: Not exactly. If you tell your wife you are going to clean the bathroom today and don't get around to it, that is frustrating, aggravating and irresponsible. But if she responds to your statement, "Is that a promise?" and you say yes -- THAT'S a promise.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a grown-up Southern girl who has had "honesty is the best policy" pounded into my head ever since I can remember. My family had a falling out when I spoke my mind about some family members because

I was tired of them saying things behind other people's backs. I felt the truth should be expressed, but now I am to blame for the family issues when I was just being honest.

Where is the line in the sand where the honesty policy becomes brutal and unfeasible? -- TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

DEAR TELLING IT: The line is crossed when the truth is used like a sledgehammer and the words are spoken in anger or retaliation.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Crowley Women's Club host sponsors' social at City Hall



THE POST-SIGNAL / Danette Bourque

The Crowley Women's Club hosted a sponsors' social at City Hall, catered by Fezzo's on Tuesday, July 26. Among those club members present were, front row from left, Delores Nutt (Let's Drive), Janice Hulin (JCB Services), Pat Derbos (Bank of Commerce), Norma Weekly (LaGrange Food Mart), Chastity Miller (Spa Maison), Jim Petitjean (Mayor of Rayne) and Amber Stewart (Fezzo's); back row, Mike Goss (Acadia Parish tax assessor), Joey Foreman (Ambassadors for Christ Trucking), Steve Mire (Home Bank), Robby Barousse (Acadia Parish clerk of courts office), Mike Libby (Crowley town Club), Romona Credeur (Iberia Bank), Delphine LeJeune (Evangeline Bank), Suzy Webb (Farm Bureau) and Shontize Brown (Acadiana Smiles.)



THE POST-SIGNAL / Danette Bourque

A sponsors' social was hosted by the Crowley Professional Women's Club on July 26, prior to the pageant this Saturday, July 30 at 6 p.m. The Junior contestants present at the social were, front row from left, Caitlyn Fontenot, Victoria Callahan, Brooklyn Miller, Lacy Patin, Madison Ebanks, Trinity Hedgcoth and Brittany Medows. The Teen Miss and Miss contestants present were, back row, Brittany Hulin, Gabrielle Heinen, Victoria Ludwig, Caitlin Clayton, Courtney LeJeune, Terryn Wirtz, Sommer LeJeune, Paige Mire, Michelle Reed and Dorie LeJeune.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 29

- Clark Hoffpauir
- Dan Beggs
- Lucille Villejoin
- Mary Ann Citizen
- Darla Thibodeaux
- Dana Gatte
- Adee Corumia
- Bryant Gielen
- Aaron Vice
- Tina Marie Cormier
- Cynthia Oliver
- Eula "Marsha" Francis
- Carl J. Meche
- Mamie L. Trahan
- Travis Roy
- Elizabeth Vincent
- John Royer
- Matt Greenwald
- Louis Saab, Jr.
- Emily Thevis
- Kelly Marie Smith
- Verdie Miller
- Sharina Comeaux
- Mark Dugas
- Donald LeDoux
- Laura Medus
- Dianna Istre
- Jillian Denise Guidry
- Adam Reggie
- Hazel Phillips
- Derek Fontenot
- Linda Cormier

- Nikisha Charles
- Tiara Dugar
- Linda Richard
- Vivian McFarlain
- Fayette and Garry Primeaux
- Eveline and Lovelace Leger
- Joyce Alleman

July 30

- Kim Boudreaux
- Marie Walker
- Kristin Perry
- Ace Marceaux
- Mary Breaux
- Leroy Cain, Jr.
- Brandy E. Hebert
- Betsy Breaux
- Darlene Hebert
- Bobbie Lee Chambers
- Sharon Breaux
- Ray Romero
- Jerry Green
- Destinee Abshire
- Bradley Trahan
- Marty Mangrum
- David Arabie, II
- Jimmy Iglinsky
- Clinton Trahan
- Mike LeJeune
- Justin Elfert
- De'lasya Chapman

- Kristen Dugas
- Jamie Wingate
- Vicky Abshire
- Gwen Sensat
- Heather M. Schexnayder
- Teddy Boulet
- Robert Sarver
- Mark Petry
- Betsy Austin
- Matthew Rogers
- Monica Gautreaux
- Elicie Besse
- Marie Walker
- Donna and Dean Wright
- EulaMae and Robert Doucet
- Marie and Howard Maynard
- Bryce and Melinda Burleigh
- Quincey and Mallory Schexnayder

How Cute Is Your Pet?



Think that you have the cutest pet! You should enter the Crowley Post-Signal's Cutest Pet Contest. Any pets are eligible.

Here are the rules:

1. Entry fee is \$15.00 per entry for your living pet. Each pet entered will receive a bag of pet food.
2. Photographs may be dropped off at the Crowley Post-Signal, 602 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, or mailed to: **Attention: Cutest Pet, P.O. Box 1589, Crowley, LA 70527.** Include the name of your living pet on your photograph and the completed form. Payment must be attached to the completed entry form (Check, Visa, Master Card and Discover accepted).
3. Current photographs of your living pets can be e-mailed to advertising@crowleytoday.com or kathy.duncan@crowleytoday.com, accompanied by complete information on the form (and credit card payment). Photographs need to be e-mailed as a jpg, with a resolution of 200 or more. Please no people in the photograph. Only one pet per photograph.
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Crowley Post-Signal's Cutest Pet Contest

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Today in History

Friday, July 29, 2011

Today is the 210th day of 2011 and the 39th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1907, Robert Baden-Powell formed the Boy Scouts in England.

In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed legislation creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

In 1981, Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benito Mussolini (1883-1945), Italian dictator; Elizabeth Dole (1936-), U.S. senator; Peter Jennings (1938-2005), TV news anchor; Ken Burns (1953-), documentary filmmaker; Tim Gunn (1953-), TV personality; Martina McBride (1966-), singer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2003, Bill Mueller of the Boston Red Sox became the first major league batter in history to hit grand slams from both sides of the plate in a single game.

TODAY'S FACT: The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and the American Girl Guides (later changed to Girl Scouts) was founded two years later.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In order to enjoy the inestimable benefits that the liberty of the press ensures, it is necessary to submit to the inevitable evils it creates." -- Alexis de Tocqueville

TODAY'S NUMBER: 700 million -- estimated number of people worldwide who watched the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana Spencer on television.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 23) and new moon (July 30).

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Obama could be comeback kid if he heeds Clinton's lessons

Here's a scary exercise for Republicans. First, make a graph of Bill Clinton's job approval ratings for the nine months following November 1994, when Republicans dealt him a crushing defeat in midterm elections. Then superimpose Barack Obama's job approval ratings for the nine months following November 2010, when Republicans dealt him a crushing defeat in midterm elections. The lines look pretty similar.

For one, they start out at almost exactly the same point. Clinton's job approval rating in the Gallup poll was 46 percent in the first week of November 1994. Obama's job approval rating was 45 percent in the first week of November 2010.

The lines then follow a comparable course. Clinton had a bumpy ride in the months after defeat, but his rating never fell below 40 percent and never rose above 51 percent. Obama has been doing much the same thing; in the latest Gallup survey, he is at 42 percent.

A turning point for Clinton came in late 1995 and early 1996, when he faced off against then-Speaker Newt Gingrich and congressional Republicans in a budget fight that resulted in two government shutdowns. Clinton's ratings were in the low 40s when the fight began. When he emerged victorious -- at least in the press and in some public opinion polls -- his numbers began a slow climb. In March 1996, Clinton was at 52 percent approval. In June '96 he was at 58 percent. In August he hit 60 percent. And in November he was re-elected.

Of course, Gingrich and the Republicans were re-elected, too; pundits who describe the '95-'96 shutdowns as a disaster for the GOP often neglect to mention that. So in a narrowly political sense, both Clinton and



Byron York

the GOP won the shutdowns. The question now is whether Obama and his Republican adversaries might do the same after their current fight over the debt ceiling.

In his drive for re-election, Clinton needed Republican help, not just as a foil but as a source of policy initiatives. For a man who announced "the era of big government is over," Clinton had to be dragged kicking and screaming toward both balanced budget legislation and welfare reform -- now seen as key accomplishments of his presidency. Republicans did the dragging, and when Clinton moved the GOP's way, his prospects improved.

The public also found that it liked divided government. Republicans were elected in 1994 because voters wanted to place a check on Clinton. Republicans were elected in 2010 because voters wanted to place a check on Obama. With that check in place, Obama might find that if he, like Clinton, were to move the GOP's way, his prospects might improve.

Of course, there are plenty of reasons why it might not work. In November 1996, unemployment was 5.4 percent. It's 9.2 percent now and is predicted to be at 8 percent or above in November '12. "The economic situation is so dramatically different," says a Republican strategist who is skeptical of the Obama-GOP win-win scenario.

"You have anemic economic growth, you have unemployment that has been above 8 percent for more than 20 months, and you have a deficit that is more than a trillion dollars. Clinton had an economic strength that Obama doesn't have."

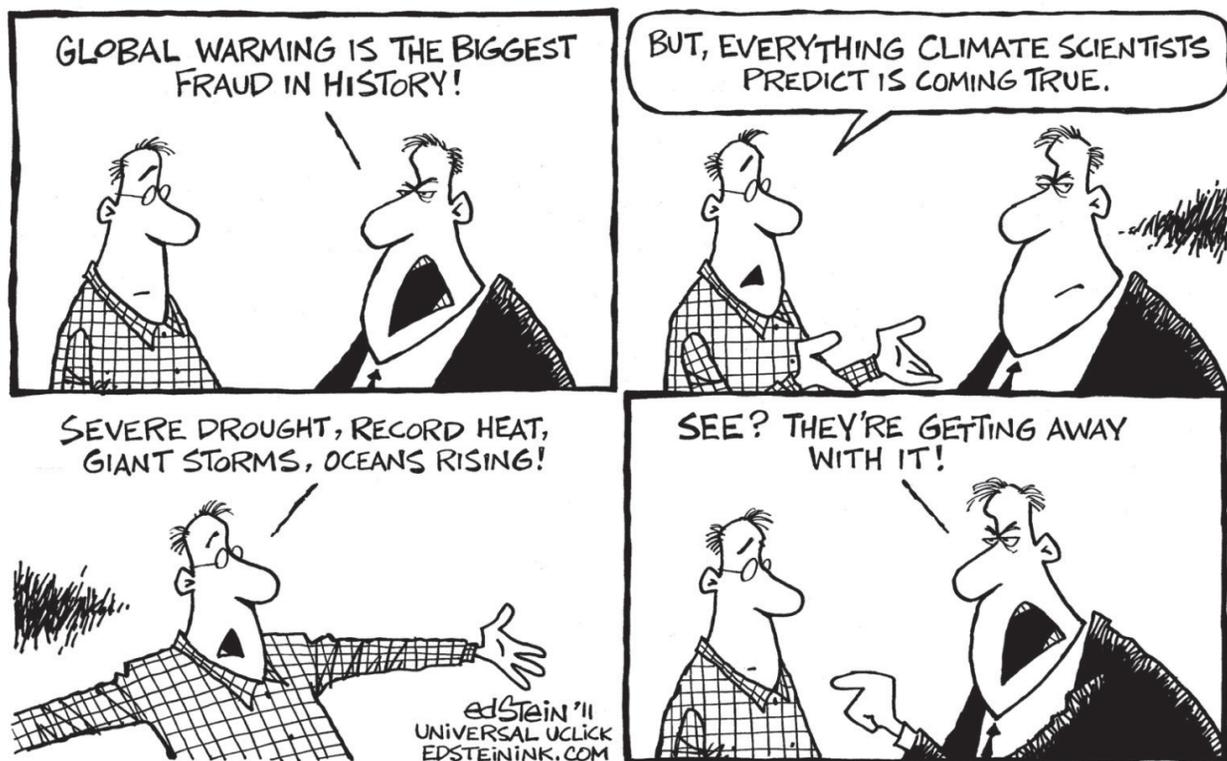
In the end, Obama might be doomed whatever he does. But as his campaign aides have pointed out, he's betting that voters will judge him on whether they feel he's taking the economy in the right direction, not whether he has reached any particular point. It's a pretty thin hope, but it might be a little more realistic if voters perceive him working with Republicans to go in that right direction.

To many Republicans these days, Obama resembles Jimmy Carter more than Bill Clinton. Certainly Obama's dour, eat-your-peas lecturing evokes the worst of Carter's sanctimoniousness. But Obama's popularity is nowhere near as low as Carter's was at the same point in their presidencies.

According to newly compiled figures from the Gallup organization, Obama's average job approval in the most recent quarter -- his 10th quarter in office -- was 46.8 percent. Carter's was an astonishing 31 percent. Obama is more in the range of Ronald Reagan (44.4 percent) and Clinton (49.3 percent) at that point in their presidencies.

Both won re-election. As they seek to win the White House themselves, Republicans can only hope that Obama is not as savvy -- or as flexible -- as his predecessors.

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Guest Editorial

Unnecessary regulation should go

Louisiana's regulatory bureaucracy has found an unlikely foe, the monks at St. Joseph Abbey in St. Tammany Parish.

Monks are not known to be particularly litigious, but this group has put up a tenacious fight in its effort to keep selling its handmade coffins in defiance of a questionable state regulation prohibiting that activity.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled in favor of the monks, saying "there is no rational basis" for the regulations imposed by the state.

The abbey ran into trouble with the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, which claimed the monks were in violation of state law requiring a funeral director or funeral home license for those selling coffins.

Duval, though, sided with common sense, calling the regulation an unfair and unnecessary protection of the funeral business. "The sole reason for these laws is the economic protection of the funeral industry."

In that sense, the debate is similar to one the state only partially settled last year in the florist industry.

In that case, the state requires florists to be licensed, a process that required a fee and an exam. The state Legislature

last year removed a requirement that perspective florists also undergo an examination.

The free market is more than capable of discovering which florists are skilled at their profession and which are not. It is not an industry that -- outside of protectionism -- should require a rigorous impediment to keep out the unskilled.

Similarly, the selling of coffins is an activity that can be adequately performed by those who are licensed or unlicensed by the state. There is no good reason to keep the monks out of the business except that existing funeral homes do not want the competition.

And that just is not good enough to justify the state meddling in a private industry.

Unfortunately, the Funeral Board is not just agreeing with the judgment and moving on. It has said it plans to appeal Duval's ruling.

The profit motive is powerful indeed. It is the incentive that fuels our capitalist system and rewards those who are good at their work. When there is a powerful reason for doing so, the government has the duty to step in to regulate industry for the good of the people as a whole.

In the question of selling caskets

— just as in the case of selling flower arrangements — the state has no legitimate role in the process.

The abbey should keep up the good fight if the state insists on carrying forward an unnecessary interference with the powers of the free market.

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Saints agree to terms with seventh rounders

NEW ORLEANS – Saints Executive Vice President/General Manager Mickey Loomis announced Thursday that the club has agreed to terms with rookie LB Nate Bussey, the Saints' second selection in the seventh round of 2011 NFL Draft (243rd overall). The Saints obtained the pick as a compensatory draft pick in 2011.

The 6-2, 220-pound Bussey joins Martez Wilson as the second Illini linebacker selected by the Saints in the 2011 NFL

Draft. He moved into the starting lineup midway through his junior year and excelled as a senior, when he finished with 83 tackles and tied for the Big Ten Conference lead with three fumble recoveries. He posted 156 stops (96 solo), 1.5 sacks, one interception, five pass defenses, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one blocked punt in four years, starting the final 18 games of his career.

Bussey played QB and S at Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C., as

well as serving as a primary return man on special teams. He earned first-team All-Met by The Washington Post in 2006 and honorable mention in 2005. As a signal-caller he totaled over 8,000 passing yards for his career and 102.7 passer rating. Defensively he recorded six interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Bussey was high school teammate of former Illini teammates and current NFL players Arrelious Benn (WR, Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

and Vontae Davis (CB, Miami Dolphins). Bussey majored in communications while at Illinois.

Loomis also announced that the club has agreed to terms with rookie defensive end Greg Romeus, the Saints' first selection in the seventh round of 2011 NFL Draft (226th overall).

The 6-5, 267-pound product of the University of Pittsburgh, was one of the Big East Conference's top defensive playmakers his sophomore and junior seasons before back and knee injuries derailed his senior campaign. He played in 40 games with 28 starts for Pittsburgh and finished with 142 tackles (77 solo), 19.5 sacks for -129 yards, 38.5 stops for losses, five forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, one interception, 12 passes defended and four blocked kicks.

Romeus is a native of

Coral Springs, Florida, where he attended Coral Glades High School. On the prep level Romeus lettered four times in basketball before playing football as a senior at tight end and defensive end.

New Orleans adds 20 undrafted free agents

On Wednesday, the New Orleans Saints agreed to terms with 20 undrafted free agents, giving them close to 70 players under contract two days before the first practice of training camp.

The Saints needed to load up on undrafted rookies because they had only 47 players under contract when the lock-out ended Monday. Any veteran free agents they sign are not expected to be able to practice until Aug. 4, after the NFL Players Association has recertified as a union and ratified the NFL's new collective bargaining agreement.

The new Saints' rookies include Fordham safety Isa Abdulqudus, Marian University tackle Harold Beilby, Texas receiver John Chiles, Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn, Illinois receiver Jarred Fayson, Princeton tight end Harry Flaherty, USC running back C.J. Gable, Millsaps receiver Michael Galatas, North Dakota State corner back Josh Gatlin, Nebraska-Omaha tight end Michael Higgins, Iowa linebacker Jeremiha Hunter, Missouri State fullback Kolby Hurt, Florida guard Carl Johnson, Ohio State defensive tackle Dexter Larimore, Clemson safety DeAndre McDaniel, Walsh receiver Joseph Morgan, New Mexico State long snapper Kyle Nelson, Oregon State linebacker Dwight Roberson, UCLA center Ryan Taylor and Nebraska offensive lineman Mike Smith.

Pryor inks with Pearl River

RAYNE – During a ceremony on Tuesday, June 13, 2011, local athlete Dusty L. Pryor signed a scholarship with Pearl River Community College Wildcats where he will continue his pitching career in baseball.

Dusty attended Rayne High School during his freshman year but after moving to Lafayette Parish, he transferred to

Acadiana High School in Scott where he played for the District 3-5A Acadiana Rams varsity baseball team as a pitcher since his sophomore year.

Pryor has been selected to the 3-5A All-District team the past two years prior to his graduation in May. He attended a try-out for Pearl River in May and easily impressed the Wildcats coaches with his

pitching style and skills to become a member of the squad.

Pryor is looking forward to be a contributing factor in the Wildcats' continued excellence in baseball and future championships.

Dusty is the grandson of Louis and Dorothy Pryor of Rayne, Nalton Credeur, Jr. of Rayne and the late Agnes Credeur.

Pinto Stars fall short in Zone opener

SCHERTZ, Texas – The Crowley Americans had not played in nearly two weeks prior to Wednesday – and it showed.

The Americans, trying to shake off the rust, dropped a 14-4 decision to the Texas Regulators Wednesday in the opening round of the 2011 Pinto Zone Tournament.

"We didn't play like we are capable of playing but they (Regulators) are a really good team," said Crowley coach Brant Lamm.

The Regulators jumped out to an early 12-0 lead before the Americans fi-

nally got on the board in the fourth inning.

Crowley logged five hits in the fourth frame and scored four runs to extend the game.

Unfortunately, the Regulators added a pair of runs in the fifth to end the game by virtue of the mercy rule.

"We had one good inning," said Lamm of the four-run fourth inning. "But they hit the ball every inning."

Zachary Lamm and Alex Stevens each had a triple in the fourth inning while Andrew Mouton, Parker Link and Cameron Spell each

had a single.

"It took us a while to get going," said Lamm. "If we would have hit like that the whole game, we would have had a chance."

"But I think we will swing the bats much better from here on out."

The Americans took on Aledo Black from Fort Worth, Texas last night in a loser's bracket contest.

A victory against Aledo would have Crowley playing again tonight at 6 p.m.

The Americans would have to win twice tonight in order to reach Saturday's championship game.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Rayne native Dusty Pryor recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Pearl River Community College. Family members on hand for the signing were, from left, father Randal Pryor, Dusty Pryor; standing, stepmother Gemmalyn Pryor, Pearl River coach Josh Hoffpauir, sister Tisha Pryor Boudreaux and brother-in-law Blake Boudreaux.

LDWF Boating Safety Class set

CROWLEY – The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will host a Boating Safety Class at the LSU Ag Center on July 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

State Law requires all persons born on or after January 1, 1984 to take this class in order to drive any boat of 10 HP or more. If you are 10 years old or older, this class will count and you will be issued a boating safety card. If you are under 10 years old, you may come and learn but you will not receive a boating safety card and will not be able to drive any boat over 10 HP without an adult on board.

The class is free to all who attend and will include a one-hour break for lunch.

For more information or to register, call 491-2588 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

CHS to hold annual Alumni Tournament

CROWLEY – The Crowley High School Athletic Backers are sponsoring their annual Alumni Tournament Aug. 5-6 at the CRD. All CHS graduates and their spouses are welcome to participate.

See the CHS website (www.chs.acadia.k12.la.us) for entry forms and additional information.

To speak to tournament directors directly, interested persons can contact Ed Guidry at 789-6213, Polite Bertrand at 250-6272 or Elizabeth Trahan at 315-0330.

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Crowley-Post Signal Weather

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Scat'd T-storms 91°	Isolated T-storms 76°	Partly Cloudy 91° 75°	Mostly Sunny 95° 77°	Scat'd T-storms 96° 77°	Isolated T-storms 95° 78°

Today's State Forecast

Bastrop 91/75
Shreveport 92/76
Monroe 92/75
Alexandria 93/75
Lake Charles 90/77
CROWLEY 91/76
Lafayette 92/77
Bogalusa 94/75
New Orleans 92/81
Houma 92/79

Temperatures shown are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Parish Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 91°, humidity of 70%. East wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1987. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 76°. Southeast wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 68° set in 1994. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Almanac

Wednesday's Temperatures & Precipitation

High Temperature	85
Low Temperature	75
Normal High	91
Normal Low	74
Record High	100 in 1930
Record Low	56 in 1924
Precipitation	0.34"
Precipitation Month to Date	4.79"
Precipitation Year to Date	21.16"
Precipitation Normal Year to Date	36.95"

Data as reported from Lafayette

UV Index

UV Index for 3 periods of the day

8 a.m.	6
Noon	9
4 p.m.	8

0-2: Minimal The higher the UV index, the higher the need for eye and skin protection.
3-4: Low
5-6: Moderate
7-9: High
10+: Very High

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:26 a.m.
Sunset	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise	5:13 a.m.
Moonset	7:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:26 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow	8:05 p.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	6:18 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	7:58 p.m.

Moon Phases

New 7/30 First 8/6 Full 8/13 Last 8/21

For weather updates, please visit: www.WhatsOurWeather.com

River Stages

River levels are in feet. Change is over the past 24 hrs.

ATCHAFALAYA RIVER	Flood Stage	Today	Change
Simmersport	47	16.2	-2.2
Butte La Rose	25	8.7	-0.9
Morgan City	4	3.9	-0.2
Krotz Springs	37	10.6	-1.5

CALCASIEU RIVER	Flood Stage	Today	Change
Port of L. Charles	6	3.20	+0.10
Salt Water Bar	4	2.61	+0.04

MERMENTAU RIVER	Flood Stage	Today	Change
Mermentau	4	2.04	+0.18

MISSISSIPPI RIVER	Flood Stage	Today	Change
Cairo	40	27.9	-0.3
Baton Rouge	35	22.4	-0.4
Vicksburg	43	26.9	-0.6
Reserve	22	10.6	-0.4

VERMILION RIVER	Flood Stage	Today	Change
Lafayette	10	7.35	+1.40
Lake Martin	13	5.08	+1.71

Tides

Atchafalaya Bay at Eugene Island	High	Low	Et.
Today	5:31 am 2.0	7:40 am 1.7	
	12:54 pm 1.8	7:58 pm -0.6	

Atchafalaya Bay at Lighthouse Point	High	Low	Et.
Today	4:40 am 2.0	7:26 am 1.7	
	12:03 pm 1.8	7:44 pm -0.6	

Atchafalaya Bay at Shell Island	High	Low	Et.
Today	6:50 am 1.5	9:04 am 1.3	
	2:13 pm 1.4	9:22 pm -0.4	

Calcasieu Pass	High	Low	Et.
Today	3:42 am 2.0	8:19 am 1.7	
	11:05 am 1.9	8:37 pm -0.6	

East Point on Grand Isle	High	Low	Et.
Today	9:24 am 1.4	8:23 pm -0.1	
	None NA	None NA	

Galveston	High	Low	Et.
Today	5:17 am 2.0	8:38 am 1.7	
	12:40 pm 1.9	8:56 pm -0.6	

Vermilion Bay at Southwest Pass	High	Low	Et.
Today	5:24 am 1.6	9:10 am 1.4	
	12:47 pm 1.5	9:28 pm -0.5	

Around Our State

City	Saturday			Today			Saturday					
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx			
Alexandria	93	75	t	94	75	pc	93	75	t	94	75	pc
Baton Rouge	95	77	t	96	74	pc	95	77	t	96	74	pc
Bossier City	92	76	t	97	77	pc	92	76	t	97	77	pc
Hammond	95	76	t	95	75	pc	95	76	t	95	75	pc
Houma	92	79	t	93	76	pc	92	79	t	93	76	pc
Kenner	92	79	t	94	77	pc	92	79	t	94	77	pc
Lafayette	92	77	t	91	76	pc	92	77	t	91	76	pc
Lake Charles	90	77	t	91	76	pc	90	77	t	91	76	pc
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Metairie	92	80	t	93	77	pc	92	80	t	93	77	pc

Weather (Wx): cldy; cloudy; flurries; partly cloudy; rain; rsn; rain & snow; stnry; shw; showers; sn; snow; th; thunderstorms; tr; windy

National Map

This map shows high temperatures, type of precipitation expected and location of frontal systems at noon.

Legend: Cold Front, Stationary Front, Warm Front, Low Pressure, High Pressure

National Forecast

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms, with the highest temperature of 100° in Frederick, Md. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies and a few thunderstorms, with the highest temperature of 102° in Mecklenburg, Va. The central United States will see widespread thunderstorms, with the highest temperature of 105° in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest, there will be mostly clear skies, with the highest temperature of 97° in Medford, Ore. The South will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies and a few thunderstorms, with the highest temperature of 109° in Yuma, Ariz.

Police searching for man who tried to steal ATM

Tried to use back-hoe to dislodge machine

PINE PRAIRIE – Crash and carry was the objective, but it failed when a bandit was unable to wrest an ATM machine from a bait stand Tuesday.

The early morning robbery attempt left Sam's Bait and Tackle Shop heavily damaged.

Police Chief Todd Ortis said he received a call at approximately 3:30 a.m.

Tuesday. When he arrived on the scene, Ortis said it appeared the suspect used a back-hoe to rip apart the doorway to the store in an attempt to dislodge the ATM machine inside. However, Ortis said the attempt failed and the suspect eventually fled the scene.

The back-hoe was stolen from the water district on the other side of Pine Prai-

rie. Ortis said the machinery was stolen, driven through a fence at the water district and then across the Village of Pine Prairie.

Ortis and other officers reviewed the store's surveillance tapes and said it appeared the suspect was a white male.

They are currently working on enhancing the video in an attempt to better make out facial features and clothing the suspect was wearing.

"We have developed persons of inter-

est and are questioning them," Ortis said. "We're currently in the process of identifying the suspect."

Ortis added the estimate of damages is unknown at this time, but the damage to both the fence at the water district and the store are extensive.

Anyone who has information regarding the attempted theft is asked to call the Pine Prairie Police Department at 599-2904.



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Southwind Assisted Living and Southwind Nursing and Rehab Center, in conjunction with Elder Outreach, recently donated \$1,000 to the Crowley Fire Department, Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and Crowley Police Department. The funds came from a barbecue hamburger sale Southwind had several weeks back and Elder Outreach matched each donation. On hand for the donation to the fire department were, seated from left, Southwind residents Barbara Geesey, Mary Trahan, Gertrude Thibodeaux, Elvie Hayes, Grace Landry, Dolly Angel and Margaret Schlessenger. Standing, Michele Veillon, Elder Outreach; Angelique Credeur, Southwind; Ricky Spell, acting DC; John Christman, EMC; Chief Jody Viator; Jude Sittig, Southwind; Jill Signorelli, Southwind; Jill Villejoin, Southwind; Rose Schexnider, Southwind; and Jennabeth Comeaux, MedSource Home Health. Not pictured is Brett Hoffpauir, Southwind.



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Police: Pilot beaten in fracas with passengers

While trying to escort two belligerent brothers, Jonathan and Luis Baez, off of a flight from Miami to San Francisco, an American Airlines pilot was beaten Wednesday night.

According to the arrest report obtained by NBC News, the altercation began when the flight was taxiing on the runway and a flight attendant noticed that 27-year-old Jonathan Baez was asleep and not wearing a seat belt. The attendant attempted to wake him up, but he was unresponsive and appeared to be intoxicated or medicated.

The pilot was alerted of the situation and turned the plane around, heading back to the gate. Baez finally awoke and was told that he would not be permitted to continue on the overnight flight given his condition.

"As we always do with these things, we'd much rather deal with it on the ground than in the air," American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said Thursday.

"He was apparently barely compliant at that point,"

Smith said. "He was exhibiting symptoms of intoxication. He was not walking well when he went up the aisle."

As Jonathan was being escorted from the plane by the flight attendant and pilot, his 29-year-old brother Luis, who was also on the flight, decided to disembark as well. Luis then threatened the pilot, reportedly saying, "When you fly to San Juan, I will have you killed." The brothers are from Las Piedras, Puerto Rico.

The pilot stayed behind as both men were escorted off the plane, but Jonathan returned, striking the pilot in the face with his fist. Another flight attendant tried to intervene, but was hit in the shoulder. Then, both men began beating the pilot with their fists, striking his chest and chasing him into the terminal where they continued to assault him.

The men were eventually detained by flight crew members and some passengers on the flight.

"There was a scuffle that took place, so about three or

four of us went out there and tackled the guys. There were two of them and I guess the pilot ended up with some contusions on his face. So we just did what we needed to do to help out," Ken Venting of Scotts Valley, California, told KGO-TV in San Francisco.

The pilot sustained facial bruising and lacerations as well as blurred vision to his left eye. He was replaced and the flight left at 11:30 p.m., about two hours after its originally scheduled departure time.

Jonathan Baez was held Thursday on \$9,000 bond on charges of battery and aggravated battery. Luis Baez was held on \$12,500 bond on charges of aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

Miami-Dade County jail records did not show if either brother was represented by an attorney.

"I think it's fair to say that both these gentlemen won't be flying with us again," Smith said.

Winnfield Chief of Police to serve time for obstruction

ALEXANDRIA - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Johnnie Ray Carpenter, the Chief of Police of Winnfield was sentenced today to six months in federal prison, a \$4,000 fine, and one year of supervised release for obstructing Deputy United States Marshal as he attempted to serve a federal arrest warrant. The sentenced was handed down by United States Magistrate Judge James D. Kirk.

Carpenter was convicted at trial on April 21, 2011. Trial tes-

timony showed that on August 27, 2009, officers and agents of the U. S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force, the FBI Violent Gang Task Force, and Winn Parish Sheriff's Office traveled to Winnfield to make the arrest of a woman wanted on a federal arrest warrant for bank fraud out of the Western District of Washington. The woman was also the subject of an investigation by the Seattle

Police Department for two homicides and two shootings, and she was affiliated with a violent

gang in Seattle. FBI Task Force agents from Seattle traveled to Winnfield to assist the USMS.

The officers converged on the subject's apartment and knocked on the door. The subject answered the door and was arrested. Thereafter, a large crowd began to gather outside. Several males shouted to "get the chief."

A male later identified as Carpenter emerged from the crowd and demanded to know "why are these folks being arrested." He never identified himself, nor

did he have any badge or markings of any type on his person. He yelled for the crowd to follow him, and the crowd pushed forward around the arrest team.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Belgard approached Carpenter and advised him that the investigation was still in progress and that he was now inciting the crowd. Belgard ordered Carpenter to get on the sidewalk away from the officers and the arrestees. Belgard repeated his command to Carpenter at least 10 times, but

Carpenter refused, and he continued to yell over Belgard's commands. The deputy then advised Carpenter that he was obstructing a federal investigation, and if he continued, he would be removed and possibly arrested.

Carpenter disregarded Belgard's orders and continued to attempt to prevent the arrest. Later on that same day, Carpenter showed up at the station and argued loudly with the deputy about the arrest and activities related to their earlier exchange.

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Intelligence Report: We Still Love Lucy

Lucille Ball would have turned 100 this month. Learn more about the highlights of her life and where to buy the new 60th anniversary commemorative DVD *The Best of I Love Lucy*.

Sunday with ... Denis Leary

The star of *Rescue Me* reflects on heroes, healing, and what's in a name.

American Stories: "You Are With Me Every Day"

In a new book dedicated to the victims of September 11th, family members share letters that they wrote to lost loved ones.

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Prescribed burnings are good fires

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain said the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) wants to create a greater awareness among the public of the benefits of prescribed burning in the state's forested lands.

"The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is kicking off a statewide prescribed burn awareness campaign to let the public know there are good fires and bad fires," Strain said. "Prescribed burning is a useful, environmentally friendly management tool used to improve the health of Louisiana forests. Many people aren't familiar with prescribed burning and do not understand the positive effects it has on certain wildland environments."

The campaign is a joint effort by LDAF, the U.S. Forest Service and the Southern Group of State Foresters and is designed to raise Louisiana residents' public awareness of the benefits of prescribed burning.

Radio spots and public service announcements (PSAs) will be broadcast through statewide media outlets. The spots will feature Smokey Bear and Strain in a forest scene reminding viewers that prescribed burning conducted by trained professionals has benefits for wildlands and the creatures that live there.

The PSAs will be made available to Louisiana media outlets this week and the spots will appear on television through

September.

A longer version of the PSA will also be broadcast statewide through September on the Louisiana Hometown Network. Check local listings for times.

State Forester Wade Dubea said prescribed burning is a cost-effective way to maintain forest health for many dependent wildlife and plant species, while also reducing woody debris that can fuel dangerous wildfires.

For example, the control of understory brush creates better flyways for bird species such as the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker while stimulating new growth of legumes and forbs (broad leaf herbs) which are valuable as food for many game species.

A prescribed fire should be performed only by certified trained personnel under specific environmental conditions to ensure public safety while achieving management goals.

To become a Certified Prescribed Burner a person must possess prescribed burning knowledge and experience, as well as have passed a written comprehensive test administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

For additional information on the benefits of prescribed burning, please visit websites visitmyforest.org, goodfires.org and LDAF.la.gov.

Parents concerned about toddler's night terrors

Q: Our son is three years old and in the night he will sob, cry and scream out when he is asleep. Can you tell me more about night terrors?

Juli: While nightmares are common in children, night terrors occur in only about 5 percent. Kids between the ages of four and 12 are most likely to have night terrors, but they can occur at any age. Nightmares happen during the Rapid Eye Movement (REM) stage of sleep and can usually be recalled when the child wakes up. Night terrors, on the other hand, occur when a child is switching between stages of sleep and usually have no narrative associated with them. In other words, with most night terrors, a child will not wake up and be able to recall a dream involving a scary monster or anything else specific.

When having a night terror, a child often sits up in the middle of a deep sleep, screaming and sometimes thrashing around. As hard as you try to console your child during a night terror, it's not likely to work. He might not recognize you or even acknowledge your presence. Most experts

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Jim Daly
FOTF President



Dr. Juli Slattery
Psychologist

recommend that you don't wake your child up during an episode. Instead, keep your child from getting hurt, but let the terror run its course. He is likely to fall back asleep and have no memory of what happened.

Night terrors tend to be genetic. You can reduce the likelihood of night terrors in your child by making sure he sticks to a regular sleep schedule. Kids are most likely to have night terrors when they are overly tired, sleeping in an unusual place, or dealing with significant stress.

Q: Our seven-year-old daughter is an over-the-top perfectionist. If her crayon strays outside the line, she throws the picture

away. If her bedspread has wrinkles in it, she freaks out. How can we temper this behavior?

Jim: There are practical steps you can take to minimize these challenges with your daughter. Author Shana Schutte has crafted a list of five ways to balance perfectionism in kids:

1) Don't encourage your child's perfectionism. If your daughter throws a tantrum because the shoes you picked for her don't match her outfit, don't bend over backward to accommodate her. She needs to learn how to compromise in order to function in life.

2) You don't indicate where your daughter falls in the birth order, but it's important to recognize that

firstborn children are often perfectionists. Parents tend to treat their firstborn with more attention to detail. If you're a new parent and your baby's pacifier falls in the dirt, you sterilize it. But by the time child No. 3 arrives, you just wipe the dirt on your sleeve and stick it back in his mouth.

3) Take a personal inventory. If you tend to have perfectionist tendencies yourself, address them. If you stress out over every minor detail, your daughter will pick up on that and behave the same way.

4) Maintain a sense of humor. When your daughter feels like life is falling apart as the result of a mistake she's made, a little joking or acting silly can send a strong message that imperfection is not the end of the world.

5) Tell a story from your own experience. This is especially helpful in moments when humor is not appropriate. Talk about how you felt when you were younger and believed you weren't measuring up.

Your goal is not to change your daughter's personality entirely. It is simply to help soften the edges so that she'll feel

more relaxed and secure despite her mistakes.

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family, host of the Focus on the Family radio program, and a husband and father of two. Dr. Juli Slattery is a

licensed psychologist, co-host of Focus on the Family, author of several books, and a wife and mother of three.

Focus on the Family is provided courtesy of Northside Assembly of God Church.

Church Briefs

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 31 - The congregation and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church cordially invite you to be our guest this Sunday morning! The church is located at 321 East 4th Street in Crowley, and their phone number is 783-2249. Join their minister, Rt. Rev. Jimmy Broussard on Sunday, July 31, 2011; our Sunday school classes will start at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service starts at 11 a.m. The lectionary readings will be Genesis 32:22-31, Romans 9:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21. Happy 121st Anniversary First Presbyterian Church on August 3!

Meditation: "Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes," (Ps. 17:7).

CROWLEY FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

July 31 - Crowley First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1203 W. Northern Ave., invites you to worship with them this week. Their services are as follows: Sunday: Bible classes for all ages - 9:30 a.m.; morning worship and Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.; evening praise worship and KIDZ Club - 6 p.m.; Wednesday: prayer meeting and Bible study - 6 p.m. A nursery is provided during the morning worship service for children four years old and under. The morning message for Sunday, July 31, will be "REMEMBER!" (Jude 5-7). For additional information visit <http://crowley-nazarene.bbonline.net> or call 783-4715.

THE CROWLEY POST-SIGNAL Devotional/Directory

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19937 Hwy. 90 West W.S. 10 a.m.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of 5th & Church Streets, Mermentau
S.S. 10:00 AM; W.S. 11:00 AM;

ELIZABETH MEMORIAL BAPTIST
Hwy. 365
S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
228 E. Fourth St.
S.S. 9:15; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
1023 N. Western Ave.
S.S. 10:00 a.m.; W.S. 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
211 S. 5th St., IOTA
S.S. 8:15 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

ISRAELITE BAPTIST
428 N. Ave. C
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

JERUSALEM BAPTIST
927 W. 7th St.
1st & 3rd Sun. S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.

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Sun. Evening W. 6 p.m.

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S.S. 9:15 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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S.S. 9 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m.

VICTORY BAPTIST
399 California St., Estherwood
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Truth Is One

There is no conflict between genuine religion and genuine science. Both aim to arrive at the truth, though often in different ways, and regarding different areas of life. It is almost always a mistake to place science and religion in antagonistic opposition, as do those engaged in the creationism versus evolution debate, or as it is sometimes called nowadays, "intelligent design versus Darwinism." It is of course true that a literal interpretation of the two creation accounts in Genesis (1:1-2,3 and 2:4-25) doesn't square well with Darwin's version of how life evolved on this planet. But we need not interpret these passages literally to be good and faithful adherents of religion. And there is nothing inconsistent in believing in evolution and believing in a God who created a universe where evolution functions to allow species to adapt to their environment. In fact, the more we know about science, the more awed and amazed we are likely to be at the wonders of creation. Religious texts like the Bible provide us with deep and abiding truths about our existential and cosmic condition, and our relationship to God. Science provides us with progressively better information about how the world works and what it was like in the past. Science and religion need not be antagonistic to each other, and indeed, if truth is one, science and religion must work together to give us a complete picture of the universe and our place in it.

A wise man will hear and increase in learning.
New K.J.V. Proverbs 1:5

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Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m.
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Sun. Mass: 10 a.m.
- ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
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Sun. Mass: 7 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Sun. Mass: 7 & 9 a.m.
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Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m.
- ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC
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Sun. Mass: 7:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
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Sun. Mass: 9:00 a.m.
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Sun. Mass: 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Mass Sat. 4 p.m. Anticipated Mass
Sun. Mass 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN
6th St. and Western Ave.
W.S. 6 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST
1303 N. Eastern Ave.
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 9 a.m.
- FOREST PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
19326 Crowley-Eunice Hwy.
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- ROBERTS COVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2333 Bayou Plaquemine Rd.
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- NEW COVENANT CHURCH OF CHRIST
Crowley Eunice Hwy.
S.S. 9:30 AM (Sun)
W.S. 10:30 AM & 6 PM (Sun)
- CHURCH OF CHRIST
10th St. and Ave E.
S.S. 9:15 a.m.; W.S. 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- CHURCH OF GOD
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Corner 4th and N. Ave. B
S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- EPISCOPAL TRINITY EPISCOPAL
1303 Hoffpair Ave.
9:30 a.m.
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W.S. 10:30 a.m.
- WESTSIDE FULL GOSPEL
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W.S. 10 a.m.
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS KINGDOM HALL CROWLEY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
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S.S. 9:30 a.m.; 10:15 a.m.
- LUTHERAN FIRST LUTHERAN
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S.S. & B.S. 10:15 a.m.
W.S. 11:00 a.m.
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W.S. 8:15 a.m.
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S.S. 8:45 a.m.; W.S. 10 a.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 8:45 & 11 a.m.
- WESLEY UNITED METHODIST
325 E. Elm St.
W.S. 8:30 a.m.; S.S. 9:30 a.m.
- NAZARENE EBENEZER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1020 Ebenezer Road,
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m.

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1203 West Northern Avenue
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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I-10 and Egan Road
S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 7 p.m.

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La. metro residents facing foreclosure

Five Louisiana metropolitan areas have moved up the ladder in the number of residents in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure.

Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac said Thursday that New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport-Bossier City, Lafayette and Houma-Thibodaux all saw foreclosure activity increase for the first half of 2011 as compared with the first six months of 2010.

RealtyTrac surveyed 211 metropolitan areas with a population of 200,000 or more. The Louisiana markets bucked a trend in which 178 of national metro areas had a year-over-year decrease in foreclosure activity.

The foreclosure-related actions weren't broken down

in Thursday's report. They range from an initial default notice to outright repossession by a lender.

In Louisiana:

— New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner had foreclosure filings against 4,498 properties in the first half of 2011, affecting one in every 114 housing units. That's up 11.9 percent from the first half of 2010 and moved the region up to 74th from its previous ranking of 104th.

— Baton Rouge recorded filings against 1,979 properties in the first half of 2011, affecting one in every 168 housing units. That's up 8.9 percent from the first half of 2010. Baton Rouge moved from 150th in the RealtyTrac survey to 124th.

— Shreveport-Bossier City had filings recorded against 812 properties in the first half of 2011, affecting one in every 216 housing units. The tally is up 9.9 percent from the first half of 2010 and moved Shreveport-Bossier City to 147th from 165th among U.S. metro areas.

— Lafayette recorded filings against 497 properties in the first half of the year, affecting one in every 229 housing units. That's up 15.6 percent from the first half of 2010. Lafayette ranked 150th in the survey — up from 171st.

— Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux had filings against 269 properties during the first six months of 2011. That affected one in every 311 housing units and was up 28.7 percent from the first half of 2010. The area ranked 172nd in the RealtyTrac survey, compared with 188th a year ago.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
RAYNE BUILDING & LOAN
ASSOCIATION
vs. Docket #201110498
CARL JAMES GUIDRY AND PATSY
DEAN STELLY GUIDRY
15th Judicial District Court
Parish of Acadia
State of Louisiana
Sheriff's Office, Crowley, Louisiana
(Sheriff's Sale)

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the 15th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of ACADIA and to me directed, in favor of the plaintiff in the above numbered and entitled cause, I have seized, and will offer to sell, at public auction, according to law, at the courthouse, at the second floor lobby, at Crowley, Louisiana, commencing at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday the 3rd day of August, 2011 the following described property of the above mentioned defendant(s), to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing .80 acres, situated in Section Thirty-three (33), Township Nine (9) South, Range Two (2) East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, as set forth on that plat of survey for Carl Guidry and Patsy S. Guidry, dated October 28, 1998, prepared by Ronald d. Sarver, Registered Land Surveyor, a copy of which is attached to an Act of Donation dated November 16, 1998 from Walter Stelly et ux to Mortgagees herein, recorded on November 17, 1998 under Original File Number 655086 and in Conveyance Book H-56 at Page 296, records of the office of the Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish Louisiana.

The above and foregoing property bears address of 918 Abbeville Highway Rayne Louisiana 70578

Terms of sale, cash to the last and highest bidder on the day of sale.

WAYNE MELANCON, SHERIFF
Acadia Parish, Louisiana
Crowley, Louisiana
BESLIN, LUKE A., Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
vs. Docket #20110526
GARY LEE AMES AND CARLIE ANN AMES
15th Judicial District Court
Parish of Acadia
State of Louisiana
Sheriff's Office, Crowley, Louisiana
(Sheriff's Sale)

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the 15th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of ACADIA and to me directed, in favor of the plaintiff in the above numbered and entitled cause, I have seized, and will offer to sell, at public auction, according to law, at the courthouse, at the second floor lobby, at Crowley, Louisiana, commencing at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday the 3rd day of August, 2011 the following described property of the above mentioned defendant(s), to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land, together with all buildings and

improvements situated thereon and thereto belonging, known and described as fronting and measuring 150.00 feet on the South bounded by Northern Avenue; measuring 175.00 feet on the West bounded by property owned by Huey Guagliardo, measuring 150.00 feet on the North bounded by 14th Street; and measuring 175.00 feet on the East bounded by property owned by Doug Gonsoulin; as shown in Crowley Plat Book at Page 11 to the original Town of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Terms of sale, cash to the last and highest bidder on the day of sale.

WAYNE MELANCON, SHERIFF
Acadia Parish, Louisiana
Crowley, Louisiana

RAYMOND, ANNE E., Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
vs. Docket #201110504
MARY ALICE MARTIN WILLIAMS, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HER CAPACITY AS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH ALBERT J. WILLIAMS 15th Judicial District Court
Parish of Acadia
State of Louisiana
Sheriff's Office, Crowley, Louisiana
(Sheriff's Sale)

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the 15th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of ACADIA and to me directed, in favor of the plaintiff in the above numbered and entitled cause, I have seized, and will offer to sell, at public auction, according to law, at the courthouse, at the second floor lobby, at Crowley, Louisiana, commencing at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday the 3rd day of August, 2011 the following described property of the above mentioned defendant(s), to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all rights and appertanences attached thereto, being known and described as LOT 6 OF GREENLAND PARK SUBDIVISION in and to Acadia Parish Louisiana, being located in Sections 28 and 43, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, all as shown on a plat of survey of said subdivision prepared by Letz Engineers as revised and recorded under instrument No. 499491 in Book S-41 at Page 127, records of Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Terms of sale, cash to the last and highest bidder on the day of sale.

WAYNE MELANCON, SHERIFF
Acadia Parish, Louisiana
Crowley, Louisiana

RAYMOND, ANNE E., Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
vs. Docket #200810174

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15th Judicial District Court
Parish of Acadia
State of Louisiana
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TRACT 1: A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, located in the NE/4 of Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as Lot No. 16 and the East Ten (E 10) Feet of Lot No. 17 of Block "B" of the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision, as shown on a Plat of Survey made by Lindsey J. Aucoin, C.E., dated February 13, 1957, which said Plat is recorded in Conveyance Book H-16, Page 55, Original Act No. 286801, Clerk of Court Records, Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and being the same property which Abel E. Ariza acquired from Edward Keith Vidrine by Cash Sale dated August 31, 1982.

TRACT 2: A certain tract or parcel of ground, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Lot "A" of the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision, being in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, described as beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 16 of Block "B" of the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision, thence South a distance of 40.6 Feet to the Southern boundary of Lot "A"; thence West along the South Line said Lot "A" a distance of 133.6 Feet; thence North a distance of 40.6 Feet to the South boundary of Lot 18 of Block "B"; thence East along the Southern boundary of Lots 18, 17 and 16 of Block "B" a distance of 133.6 Feet to the point of beginning; all as will be shown on a Plat of Survey showing the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision, recorded on February 28, 1957, as Original Act No. 286801, in Conveyance Book H-16, Page 55, Clerk of Court Records, Acadia Parish, Louisiana; bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North in part by Lots 16, 17 and a portion of Lot 18 in said Block "B" of the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision; South by the South line said Lot "A"; East by the remainder of said Lot "A" of the Lafleur and Lalonde Subdivision; and West by the remainder of said Lot "A"; and being a portion of the same property which Abel E. Ariza acquired from Elder Realty Co., Inc. by Cash Sale dated January 12, 1978. Being a part of the same property acquired by Earl J. Quebedeaux in Judgment of

Terms of sale, cash to the last and highest bidder on the day of sale.

WAYNE MELANCON, SHERIFF
Acadia Parish, Louisiana
Crowley, Louisiana

RAYMOND, ANNE E., Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
CITICORP TRUST BANK
vs. Docket #201110410
JAMES KENNETH PIERROTTIE AND RAMONA ANN GUIDRY PIERROTTIE A/K/A ROMONA ANN GUIDRY PIERROTTIE
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Parish of Acadia
State of Louisiana
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A certain tract of parcel of land, being Lot No. 11 of Block "B" of the Aguilard Addition, situated just South of the City of Eunice, said Addition being in Section 5 and 6, township 7 South, Range 1 East, of Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and said Lot No., 11 being in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 1 East, of said Parish, and being more particularly described as bounded on the West by Vivian Avenue, North by Lot No. 10 of said Addition, all as shown by Map of Survey showing the Aguilard Addition prepared by Lindsey J. Aucoin, C.E., dated March 27, 1959, subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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WAYNE MELANCON, SHERIFF
Acadia Parish, Louisiana
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HECK, CHARLES H. JR., Attorney for Plaintiff

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Possession rendered May 22, 1998, in Estates of Merie Olivier Quebedeaux and her husband Edward Quebedeaux, Probate Docket No. 98-P-1972-C, 27th Judicial District, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, recorded under Entry No. 82916, in Conveyance Book W-36, at Page 717, of the records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-ways and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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COURTEAU, CANDACE A., Attorney for Plaintiff

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECOVERY OF LOST NOTE
In agreement with the provisions of

La. R.S. 13:3741 notice is hereby given of the loss of a certain promissory note executed on or about October 16, 2006, by Ramona M. George in favor of Cash America Finance L.L.C. in the principal amount of \$805.84, together with interest thereon at an annual percentage rate of 35.99% for one year from date of maturity and from then at the rate of 18% per annum until paid, together with attorney fees on both principal and interest at the rate of 25%.

Anyone knowing the location of said promissory note, please contact Jeffery L. Brunson, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 1633, Crowley, Louisiana 70527, phone (337) 788-3414.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
TARGA LOUISIANA FIELD SERVICES LLC - ACADIA GAS PLANT
PROPOSED PART 70 AIR OPERATING PERMIT RENEWAL/MODIFICATION

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a Part 70 air operating permit renewal/modification for Targa Louisiana Field Services LLC, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 4300, Houston, TX 70002, for the Acadia Gas Plant. The facility is located 1.5 miles south of Lowry at 766 South Plant Road, Egan, Acadia Parish. Targa Louisiana Field Services LLC requested a renewal/modification of the current Part 70 Permit No. 0400-00030-V3.

The facility proposes to renew/modify the Acadia Plant as follows:

1. Incorporate the NESHAP, 40 CFR 63 Subpart ZZZZ application as required for the existing Internal Combustion Engines, Emission Points 12A, 12B, 24, 26 and 33;
2. Update the hydrogen sulfide emissions based on calculation from Continuous Burn Flare, Emission Point 17;
3. Update the specific requirements to reflect the applicability/non-applicability of LAC 33:III.2103 for Tanks, Emission Point 28 and 29;
4. Update the emissions from Internal Combustion Engine, Emission Point 22, based on the stack test and calculation methodology; and
5. Update the Insignificant Activities List and calculations to accurately reflect the operating conditions.

Estimated emissions in tons per year are as follows:

Pollutant	Before	After	Change
PM10	3.92	3.92	-
SO2	0.93	0.93	-
NOX	321.75	331.12	+ 9.37
CO	234.39	270.81	+ 36.42
VOC *	50.35	50.35	-
H2S	0.01	0.01	-
* Includes TAPs	8.98	8.92	- 0.06

A technical review of the working draft of the proposed permit was submitted to the facility representative and the LDEQ Inspection Division. Any remarks received during the technical review will be addressed in the "Worksheet for Technical

Review of Working Draft of Proposed Permit". All remarks received by LDEQ are included in the record that is available for public review.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. **Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2011.** Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

Information forwarded by email should follow the Statewide email policies. Attachments included with emails may be blocked due to restrictions on file size or type. For details check the following link, <http://doe.louisiana.gov/ocs/email/policies.htm>.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, proposed permit and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

Additional copies may be reviewed at Acadia Parish Library - Headquarters, 1125 N. Parkerson Ave. Crowley, LA 70526-1509.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Syed Quadri, LDEQ, Air Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3396.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the proposed permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pubNotice/default.asp and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.asp.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 11397, Permit Number 0400-00030-V4, and Activity Number PER20100002.

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HONOR GUARD POBOY SALE - The Rice Capital Honor Guard will hold a sausage pobo sale, which includes chips and a drink, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wells Fargo Building, located at East First St. and North Parkerson Ave. Tickets for the meal are \$5 and are on sale at the Crowley Police Department or from Honor Guard members.

July 30
BARBECUE FUNDRAISER - The Leukemia Lymphoma Society Team in Training will hold a barbecue fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the old Walmart parking lot, between PJ's and Gatti's. Pobos and hamburgers will be available and tickets are available or you can just show up. To purchase tickets, contact Shelly Cormier (581-3650), Laura Hayes (412-1298) or Katie Moore (481-8801).

August 1
'SHANE' - The Acadia Parish Library, Crowley branch, will host its movie series each Monday evening from 6-9 p.m., presented by Richard Bier, Ph.D. This week's movie will be "Shane" starring Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin, Brandon De Wilde and Jack Palance.

August 5
MASS OF PETITION - The Friends of Charlene Association announces the Annual Mass of Petition marking the 52nd anniversary of the death of Charlene Marie Richard. The mass will be offered at

6 p.m. at St. Edward's Church in Richard. This year's celebration will begin at 4:45 p.m. with the praying of the rosary. For more information contact the Friends of Charlene, P.O. Box 91623, Lafayette, 70509-1623.

August 5-7
'A FLEA IN HER EAR' - The Pandemonium Theater Group presents "A Flea in Her Ear" at the Crowley Rice Theater at 7 p.m. August 5-6 and 2 p.m. August 7. Tickets are \$10 each and general admission tickets can be purchased in advance at the Crowley Art Gallery or Crowley Flower Shop as well as at the door. Call 337-230-9175 for more information.

August 6
MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN - The First Saturday of the Month Motorcycle Fun Run schedule: stage up (gather) at Crowley First Church of the Nazarene (1203 W. Northern Ave., Crowley), between 8 and 9 a.m. for coffee and fellowship. Kickstands up (depart) at 9 a.m. sharp. Arrive early if you have not had your bike blessed. For more information call - 337-783-4715 or email - bbradley1947@gmail.com.

August 6
KIDZ CLUB MEETING - Crowley First Church of the Nazarene KIDZ Club meeting -- open to all youth first through sixth grade. Enjoy black-light puppets, songs, crafts, Bible stories, refreshments and fun from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Crowley First Church of the Nazarene, 1203 W. North-

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August 6
CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER - Parkerson Avenue Baptist Church will hold a children's fundraiser. Leg quarter or pork steak dinners for sale, \$7.50, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Side dishes will be rice dressing, potato salad and bake beans. Order your tickets by calling 783-1848 or 337-581-2310 or sending an email to ccampo7@hotmail.com.

August 7-9
'CHRISTMAS BELLES' - Open auditions for "Christmas Belles" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten will be held at First Presbyterian Church, located at 321 East Fourth St. in Crowley, on Aug. 7 from 4-6 p.m.; Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. Casting will include seven women, four men and understudies for characters 18 and up. Those wishing to audition must arrive 15 minutes before auditions to complete paper work and be prepared to take a headshot. For audition and performance information, contact Patty Ronkartz at 581-8507 or visit www.acadiaplayers.

August 7
RCS TEACHERS' CAKE BINGO - A cake bingo will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Crowley at 2 p.m. School supplies will be given away as door prizes. For more information, contact

Monica Bertrand at 783-1608.

August 8
'PAPER MOON' - The Acadia Parish Library, Crowley branch, will host its movie series each Monday evening from 6-9 p.m., presented by Richard Bier, Ph.D. This week's movie will be "Paper Moon" starring Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal and Madeline Kahn.

August 15
MORSE MANOR COMMUNITY BINGO - Morse Manor, located at 122 East Duson St. in Morse, will host a free community bingo for anyone 62 or older starting at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Celena at 250-0569.

August 15
'STALAG' - The Acadia Parish Library, Crowley branch, will host its movie series each Monday evening from 6-9 p.m., presented by Richard Bier, Ph.D. This week's movie will be "Stalag" starring William Holden, Don Taylor, Otto Preminger and Peter Graves.

August 17
AMERICAN LEGION POST 15 MEETING - Post 15 of the American Legion will meet at 7 p.m. at V.F.W. Home, located on V.F.W. Drive, which is the service road next to Burger King.

August 17
SIPS AND STROKES PAINTING EVENT - Southwind Nursing and Re-

hab Center will host the Sips and Strokes Painting Event, a Alzheimer's fundraiser, from 6-8 p.m. Seating is limited, contact Angelique Credeur at 257-1328 for more information or to reserve your seat.

August 18
RICE CITY PICKERS - Dulcimer and acoustic instrument players meeting and jam at 6 p.m. at the Crowley First Church of the Nazarene, 1203 W. Northern Ave. Come and join the group. If you don't know how to play a dulcimer, we will teach you. Dulcimer players Joe Besse and Bob Bradley, will lead the instruction. Call - 337-783-4715 or email - bbradley1947@gmail.com for more information.

August 22
'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN' - The Acadia Parish Library, Crowley branch, will host its movie series each Monday evening from 6-9 p.m., presented by Richard Bier, Ph.D. This week's movie will be "Singin' in the Rain" starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

August 23
AARP DRIVER'S CLASS - For those 50 years or older, the AARP will hold a driver's class at Kendell Fontenot State Farm, located at 1110 W. Laurel Ave. in Eunice, from noon to 4:30 p.m. After the class is completed, participants will be eligible for an auto insurance discount. Contact Lee Perry Roy at 783-6743 or State Farm at 546-6501 for more information.

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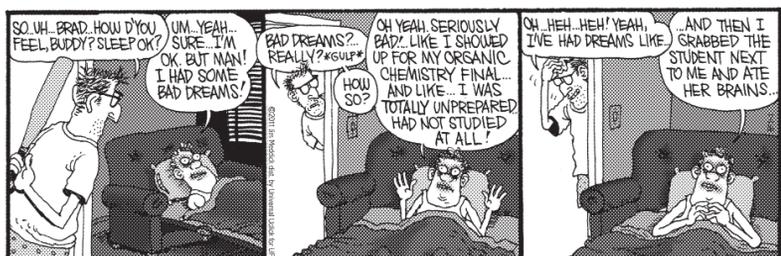
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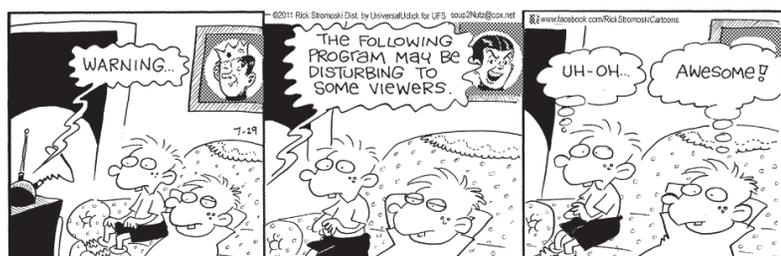
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Does Atkins or Gott have the right diet plan?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I started the Atkins diet three weeks ago. So far I haven't lost anything. I'm trying to decide whether to continue. Basically it is no flour, no sugar, very restricted vegetables and no fruit. I am 72 and take medication for blood pressure, osteoporosis and cholesterol. I respect your opinion and hope you will respond.



Dr. Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR READER: The Atkins diet is essentially a low-carbohydrate, high-protein method of weight loss. It was named after Dr. Robert Atkins, who allowed steak with bearmaise sauce, bacon, eggs, Roquefort dressing and cheddar cheese in his plan. The diet was based on the theory that obese individuals consume too many carbohydrates. Since our bodies burn fat and carbs as an energy source, carbs are used first. By reducing carbohydrates and consuming more fat and protein, our bodies will naturally lose weight by burning stored fat.

Dr. Atkins, an overweight cardiologist, first developed his diet theory in the early 1970s. His first book, "Dr. Atkins Diet Revolution," stated that he followed his diet plan himself. At age 72, he slipped on ice while walking to work, hitting his head. This caused bleeding around the brain. Controversial reports from his medical records instead indicate a heart attack, congestive heart failure and hypertension -- records his wife denies as falsehoods.

In any event, you should have seen the loss of a few pounds by now if your diet is going to work.

As I am sure you already know, I, too, have embraced a "no-flour, no-sugar diet" regimen for many years. The difference between my plan and that of Dr. Atkins is that I endorse fresh fruits and vegetables, poultry, fish, one egg a week, and lean cuts of meat.

Almost 70 percent of American adults, as well as an alarming number of children, are overweight. We have access to fast-food chains and have a hundred reasons in any given day why it is easier to eat out than prepare healthful meals at home. And, according to the American Obesity Association, those who are extremely obese have a greater than 70 percent chance of developing coronary artery disease, hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol levels and certain types of cancer.

While my books have many recipes

for delicious meals, you can take steps on your own and expect a gradual weight loss of about 1 to 2 pounds a week. Losing weight in this healthful way will allow you to keep the weight off forever.

Snack on fresh vegetables from the refrigerator that are immediately available when you feel an urge to eat. Raw carrots, broccoli, peppers and other vegetables can be stored in resealable bags or containers. Trim the fat from your meats prior to broiling them. Make pasta and other starches an occasional treat, not a daily staple. Avoid the deli case at your local market.

Think of your diet as a positive commitment to bettering yourself. Learn to make healthier food choices when shopping. Couple this with an exercise program. This doesn't mean you have to work out at a gym with people who don't look as if they have to lose a single pound. Just take a walk around the block, ride a stationary bike while watching the news or your favorite TV show, or take the stairs instead of the elevator when you have a chance. Your body will thank you for it, and you should see those pounds disappear.

Readers who would like additional information can order my Health Report "A Strategy for Losing Weight: Introduction to the No Flour, No Sugar Diet" by sending a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 U.S. check or money order for each report to Dr. Peter Gott, P.O. Box 433, Lakeville, CT 06039. Be sure to mention the title, or print an order form from my website's direct link: www.AskDrGottMD.com/order_form.pdf.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, July 29, 2011
Provided you don't take on more than you can handle, your prospects for the coming months look extremely encouraging. Do all the necessary homework and weed out all the money wasters first, before you make any moves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Be leery of someone who attempts to involve you in a game of one-upmanship, especially if money is involved. Chances are that he has experience or expertise he isn't telling you about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Even if you believe you have money to burn, handle your finances with prudence and caution. Deal only with the realities at hand and don't count on Lady Luck carrying you to victory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
-- Fence sitting could get you into a lot of trouble, and we're not just talking sore haunches. Either take a firm position on a critical issue or don't get involved at all. You don't need any additional complications.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
-- Avoid talking too freely to a friend about a matter that is supposed to be confidential. Although you usually can trust this person, she or he might misunderstand and spread the news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
-- If you are too easily put upon by friends, a certain pal could palm off a difficult job on you that he or she is avoiding because of the responsibility involved. Know what you're getting into.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Try to keep the needs and interests of your pals on the same level as your own. If you put your wants ahead of those of others, you will quickly alienate their friendship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 19) -- Nothing will be accomplished if you aren't as persevering as you should be in regards to your plans. Throwing in the towel because of a few impediments is folly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
-- Be wary if you're offered something on the side for going along with a secret deal. It could turn out to be nothing but sugar coating that will turn sour at a moment's notice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
-- Going against your better judgment is foolish and you know it, so regardless of your reasons for wanting to do so, back off. When you start ignoring your common sense, you're in trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-

May 20) -- Demanding the impossible from a person on whom you palmed off a difficult job is wrong, and you know it. Give him or her the same space you would have wanted for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
-- Be wary of a merchandiser who is representing something as a bargain when, in fact, he might be merely dumping it because of some hidden imperfections. Shop wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
-- Frustrations will result if you aren't realistic about the objectives you establish for yourself. If they are too overwhelming or beyond your scope of expertise, you should hire a pro.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS		DOWN	
1 Embers, finally	39 Oohed and -	1 Jungfrau or	8 Sandwich cookie
4 Gridiron stats	41 Library abbr.	Eiger	9 Gossip
7 Manner Gehrig	42 Elev.	2 First course	10 U2 producer
11 Slugger Gehrig	43 Work a muscle	3 Fling	12 Gauzy trap
12 "Wool" on clay sheep	45 Booster rocket	4 Number of Fates	15 Quick look
13 Emerald Isle	48 Slammer	5 Telegraph signal	18 Cask
14 Claims	49 Childish	6 Airline to Stockholm	
16 Space lead-in	52 At liberty	7 Most surly	
17 Annapolis frosh	53 Anatomical passage		
18 Lumber flaw	54 Hair goop		
19 Dolly, e.g.	55 Ohio college town		
20 Chevron shape	56 Not allow		
21 Stopped slumbering	57 Skirt bottom		
24 Kerouac novel (2 wds.)			
27 Collide with			
28 Great bargains			
30 Rather you -- me			
32 Move like lava			
34 Pore over			
36 Mary of "Sons and Lovers"			
37 Eucalyptus diners			

Answer to Previous Puzzle

LAM	POI	SAP
UKE	RUDE	ETRE
AID	ATOM	LEER
UNSADDLE	PEAK	
LOO	NEARS	
URGE	NODES	
MAO	LEG	NOMAD
PHASE	RAY	IDA
VIPER	TBSP	
BEEFS	RTE	
TELL	ALARMING	
RAFT	LENA	CAL
ELIE	MAGI	EMU
KEN	FEN	SET

ASH	TDS	MODE	24 Toodle-oo's
LOU	CHIA	ERIN	25 No way! (hyph.)
PURPORTS	AERO		26 Steakhouse
PLEBE	KNOT		29 River in Asia
AWOKE	BIGSUR		31 Beatty of films
RAM	BUYS	THAN	33 Ripple
FLOW	READ	TURE	35 Stiletto
KOALAS	AHED		38 Smoked salmon
VOL	HGT		40 Nefertiti's god
FLEX	AGENA		42 Safe harbor
JAIL	JUVENILE		43 Taxi rider
FREE	ITER	GEL	44 Mortgage, e.g.
KENT	BAN	HEM	46 Almost, in verse
			47 Helm position
			48 NYC airport
			49 Crane arm
			50 Actress Hagen
			51 Freddy Krueger's street