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WEBSTER CRIME

Undercover buys lead to arrests

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SPRINGHILL — North Webster Narcotics Task Force has arrested a number of persons on drug charges resulting from a barrage of undercover buys over the last week.

Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd says the arrests will continue as long as the dealers are in the community.

"We don't want them here, and we are doing what we can to get them out," Lynd said. "That's why

this task force was formed in the first place."

Lynd, along with Det. Ronald Wedgeworth and Webster Parish Sheriff's Lt. Shawn Baker conducted the buys and arrests, in one case with the aid of other WPSO deputies.

Katelyn Bennett, 22, of the 100 block of Bennett Road, Sarepta, was arrested on three counts of distribution of methamphetamine, one count each of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, after agents made



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contact with her outside a residence in Springhill.

"Our agents had made four undercover methamphetamine buys in recent months from her," Lynd said. "She was placed into custody and a pink zipper case

was located in the top of her purse that contained two loaded syringes of and a bag of suspected methamphetamine."

Bennett was transported to

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'JUST AS IF I'D NEVER SINNED'



Good Friday, Easter a message of hope, salvation

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"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

Good Friday and Easter is the time Christians commemorate the death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection on the third day.

The Rev. Ben Martin, pastor of St. Rest Baptist Church, says without the crucifixion, there is no salvation. Without the resurrection, there is no hope.

"Good Friday was good for us, but it wasn't good for Jesus," he said. "We didn't understand it – and when I say

we, I mean the disciples and others – until after the resurrection. Good Friday brings salvation, but the resurrection, Easter Sunday, brings hope of new life. Paul says we are dead to sin, but have risen to new life in Christ."

The story of Jesus' crucifixion is a sad one, yet it brings hope. On Good Friday, Jesus was betrayed, tortured and crucified as a criminal by the Romans. He was nailed to a cross and left to hang until He drew His last breath, according to the Bible. On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave as foretold.

Good Friday becomes the "purchasing point," Martin says, but the resurrection is the "life after."

The Rev. Dee Anders, pastor of First Assembly of God, says Jesus "went through the horror of all horrors, and He did that for us."

"That's the debt payment for our sins, and that's how we are saved," he said. "As far as Easter, the true term would be Resurrection Sunday. The Bible tells us in Romans that He was raised for our justification. What I love about justification is I heard a very simplistic definition of it, and it is a word play on all the words and let-

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EDUCATION

Lakeside senior appointed to Naval Academy

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A Lakeside athletic great has been offered a rare opportunity to attend a prestigious school offered to very few across the country – and he's the first from Lakeside High School to be accepted.

Senior Thomas Lambert, 18, has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland with a full ride academic/athletic scholarship. Only six percent of roughly 25,000 applicants make it into the school that will make him an officer in the military. Lambert is in that six percent.

Lambert is excited about the prospect, he says, adding his family history was an inspiration in his decision.

"I'm excited and nervous at the same time," he said. "I had a great uncle that graduated from there in 1935, and he's the reason my interest piqued to go to Annapolis."

Lambert, the son of Scott Lambert and Kristi Lacey, says he'd like to major in "some type of engineering," and when he graduates after five years of school, he will do so as an officer in the military – either as an ensign in the Navy or a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Lacey says she's proud of her son and his accomplishments. A former teacher with the Webster Parish school system, she knows the importance of education. Her son has at least a 4.0 grade point average and has excelled in every sport he's played at Lakeside – football, baseball and wrestling.

"I'm real proud of him," she said. "It's all he's ever talked about since he was a child. He wanted to be an 'army' man."

Coach Bob Gray, who coached Lambert in baseball, says it's been a privilege to coach such a fine young man.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to teach skills to a young man of such caliber."

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Senator says state is robbing road funds

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It's no secret to travelers that many of Louisiana's roads and bridges are in a state of disrepair. District 36 state Sen. Robert Adley, R-Benton, says he feels roads would be in better shape if money from the state's road coffers was not used to make up deficits in other projects.

"I am doing my best to ensure we come out of here with a dedicated stream into our Transportation Trust Fund and stop the state from robbing the money," Adley, who is head of the Senate Transportation Committee, said. "They have been robbing it for years; we're down to nothing."

Adley says the fiscal year started with \$717 million in the highway trust fund.

"DOTD (Department of Transportation and Development) takes out its operating money of \$360 million," he said. "And then they take out \$143 million that goes to special projects."

Four cents of a 20-cent gasoline tax, approved by voters, is dedicated to special projects in the state.

"They were supposed to cost \$120 million a year," Adley said. "Now they're costing \$143 million. Then take out \$60 million for

ports, airports and drainage."

One cent of the gasoline tax goes to parish roads.

"That's \$30 million, but we've been giving them (parishes) \$46 million, and we can't afford to keep doing that," he said.

According to law, Louisiana State Police are compensated by the state for traffic control.

"They (LSP), over the years, have decided that means their whole budget. So \$60 million goes to state police," he said. "What's been left for preservation of our roads – the money we use to match our 80/20 to maintain our bridges and roads is \$27 million – out of \$717 million. It's terrible."

Adley says he was able to halt an effort by Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration to take \$6 million of the \$27 million.

"I was able to stop that," he said. "But then we found out the Jindal administration had \$22 million for roads and highways they've been holding in another fund from 2012 when we had a shortfall."

When there is a budget shortfall, the administration is allowed to take five percent of dedicated funds across the board.

"They took that money from the Transportation Trust Fund," he said. "DOTD didn't have \$22 million to give them, so they put it on the books as an IOU to the state. They've been raiding TTF forever and trying to run



DOTD has been issued a "notice to proceed" for improvements at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 80 (Shreveport Road) and Erwin Thompson Drive. District 04 Director David North says that will include expanding the radius on the turns for 18-wheelers going to Fibrebond Corporation. North says the work is very involved. "They will have to take out the curb and add a segment of pavement, wrap around and recurb it," he said. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald

the state on it."

Adley says when the gasoline tax passed, the people voted for it "with the belief and understanding that the money was going on their roads. When I leave this session, I intend to get money back in that program and try to protect it."

David North, DOTD District 04 director, says there are currently several active projects in Webster Parish.

They include LA 159 bridges over Indian Creek at Shongaloo, asphalt overlay on LA 528, sign replacements and slope drain

repairs on Interstate 20, intersection improvements on U.S. Hwy. 80 at Erwin Thompson Drive in Minden and overlay on LA 30008 at Flat Lake Bayou and LA 160.

"Like everything we do, these projects are very expensive," North said. "We're very busy. We cover seven parishes, including Webster. We're doing as much work as we can everywhere."

North says it's easy to determine which projects will be implemented because "we have so little money, we just put it anywhere."

Different projects come from different fund sources, he says, particularly with construction.

"It's not nearly enough," he said. "Our budget for the state is in the neighborhood of \$600 million, and that number varies somewhat. It's normally something above that. Next year, we may be looking at somewhere below that, which is a real shock. Our need is so great, we need every single penny."


Adley says it will take \$70 million to make the Transportation Trust Fund work.

"That's the magic num-


ber we need to match our 80/20 number with the federal government for our own highways, roads and bridges," he said.

Some bridges on state funded roads have already closed, Adley says.

"What Jindal has proposed is 'toll credits,'" he said. "After Katrina we got certain credits from the federal government. We can use those credits to match, but a credit is zero money, so we only get the match – so that's \$70 million we really need to get our hands on."



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OBITUARIES

Dennis S. Butler

Funeral services for Dennis S. Butler, 56, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Arcadia. Bro. Emile Russo and Bro. Jimmy Eppinette will officiate. Interment will follow at Woodard Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m., Friday.

Dennis was born Sept. 22, 1958, in Minden to Bobby and Reba Butler. He entered into rest Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in Jamestown. He worked as a truck driver.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Reba Steadley Butler.

He is survived by wife, Barbara Butler of Jamestown; father, Bobby Butler and stepmother, Jessie of Jamestown; stepsons, Curtis Harrell and wife, Stacey of Ashland and Timothy Harrell of Jamestown; stepdaughter, Crystal Harrell of Jamestown; sister, Bobbiette Butler of Haughton; brothers, Dexter Butler and wife, Debra of Taylor, Darrin Butler of Taylor and Daniel Butler and wife, Donna of Arcadia; seven grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Garrett Boddie, Brandon Butler, Kori Butler, Dexter Butler II, Timothy Harrell and Curtis Harrell.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon International, PO Box 140800, Nashville TN, 37214.



BUTLER

Jermaine Lavelle Hollinquest

Jermaine Lavelle Hollinquest was born Jan. 19, 1974, to the union of Malcolm and Maxine Hollinquest in Shreveport.

He received his education in the Webster Parish school system, graduating in the Minden High School Class of 1996.

Jermaine worked at several fast food restaurants before finding the job that he really enjoyed. He was employed at Burger King for more than 10 years until his health began to fail.

Jermaine enjoyed cooking, drawing and spending time with family and friends. He was a gentle and kind-hearted person who loved meeting people. He never met a stranger.

Jermaine departed this life March 30, 2015, at Minden Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Maxine Hollinquest; grandparents, James and Rosie Bailey; uncles, Louis T. Jones, Odell Scott and Harvey Hollinquest; aunts, Betty H. Weatherton, Mildred Hollinquest, Rosie Lee Johnson and Eula B. Scott; and cousins, Larry Turk , Ethel Jones, Victoria Turk Abner; and niece, Latoya Dawson.

He leaves to forever cherish his memories his brother, Julius Hollinquest of Minden; three nieces, Julicia Hollinquest, Sharanecia Rogers of Minden and Jumecia



HOLLINQUEST

Flournoy of Sibley; one nephew, Shardrick Stanley of Odessa, Texas; two aunts, Jewelene Turk of Minden and Eural Darrett of Houston, Texas; a very special great-nephew, Kameron Lewis of Minden; and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Jermaine Hollinquest will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 14th District Building with the Rev. Billy Isreal officiating. Interment will follow at Sheppard Street Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary. Visitation will from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, April 3 in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary. Email condolences may be sent to kennonsmortuary@sudenlink.net.

Jimmy Baxter Wise Sr.

Funeral service for Mr. Jimmy Baxter Wise Sr., 77, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2015, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel, Springhill, with Bro. Mike Wilkes officiating and Bro. James Hill assisting. Interment will follow in Union Springs Cemetery, Shongaloo, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from 6 until 8 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2015, at the funeral home.

Mr. Wise, a resident of Plain Dealing and a former resident of Cotton Valley, was born Sept. 2, 1937, to Kirk Martin and Inez King Wise in Shongaloo and passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in Shreve-



WISE

port.

He was a member of Plain Dealing Baptist Church, retired from Calumet Oil Refinery, Princeton, after 42 years of service and was a member of Sons of Confederate Veterans. He loved hunting, fishing, and being around his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Smith Wise; daughter, Jackie W. Ladatto and husband, Donnie of Baker; two sons, Jimmy B. Wise and wife, Lisa of West Columbia, Texas and Jeffrey Wise and wife, Renea of Cotton Valley; six grandchildren, Kirk Wise, Kris Wise and wife, Olivia, Jonathan Ladatto and wife, Lisa, Jessica Gross and husband, Jonathan, Jimmy Blake Wise and Jesse Wise; four great-grandchildren, Samuel Hunter Wise, Courtney Faith Gross, Riley Hope Gross and Gavin Wise; two sisters, Rita Vann of Rome, Georgia and Pat Mason of Edmond, Oklahoma; and a host of other family and friends.

Mr. Wise was preceded in death by his parents and wife and the mother of his children, Ruby Bounds Wise.

Pallbearers will be Donnie Ladatto, Jr., Allan Rhodes, Robert Bounds, Jr., Tony Howard, Roger Pittman, and Kevin Miles. Honorary pallbearers will be Jonathan Kirk Ladatto, Jesse Wise, Blake Wise, Kristopher Wise and Alan Kirk Wise.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to Dr. Royal Becker and staff of Willis Knighton Bossier for their compassionate care.

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

LAMBERT

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iber," Gray said. "He's top notch. He's intelligent. He's motivated. As far as his athletic ability, he's a super athlete. He's the kind of kid we've always based our program on. Those kind of people have helped us win a lot of ball games and it appears that Thomas is one of them."

Lambert has a cumulative 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. Last year, he won the honesty and integrity award, and he was runner up in the annual scholars competition.

Lambert is a multiple-time all-district football player (quarterback), a

multiple-time all-state wrestler, a member of the all-parish football team and an all-district baseball player.

Principal Johnny Rowland says it an honor to see one of his students earn such an accomplishment.

"That is a tremendous, tremendous accomplishment," he said during the ceremony. "I can't think of a more honorable thing to do than to attend a service academy and then to give five years of your life minimum to serving your country."

Rowland says Lambert told him he wanted all of his teachers and coaches at the ceremony, giving them recognition, because they all played a part in where he is today.

The U.S. Naval Academy

is the second oldest military education institution, established in 1845. West Point is the oldest military academy, which trains and educates men and women in the U.S. Army.

According to Rowland, the scholarship Lambert received is worth about \$450,000.

"He's a true leader in this school," Rowland said. "We encourage the kids to come to school, get involved and do the best you can. We are grateful we have so, so many students who do that. So many times in education, I feel, we don't spend enough time celebrating achievements, the great things that so many of our kids do. This is why today is so special. This day is special for all of us."



Thomas Lambert. Courtesy Photo

ARRESTS

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Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. Her bond was set at \$125,000.

Ross Norman Jones Jr., 25, of the 900 block of 1st St. SE, Springhill, was arrested when agents, armed with a warrant for distribution of methamphetamine resulting from an undercover purchase, located him at Ward II Court.

Jones is incarcerated at

BDCC. His bond was set at \$50,000.

Jaylon Jerod Wortham, 19, of the 900 block of 1st Street, Springhill, was taken into custody at his residence, following several undercover buys.

"While agents were at his residence, Wortham pulled up in a black Duley truck and was arrested without incident," Lynd said.

He is charged with distribution of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is

at BDCC on a bond of \$50,000 for the distribution charge. Bond was not yet set on the possession charge.

Gregory Wynne, 48, of the 100 block of 7th Street NE, Springhill, was arrested at his residence for possession of Sch. III subox-

one. He also had three outstanding warrants – two for no seat belt and one for driving under suspension.

He was booked into BDCC on a bond of \$7,500.

Lance J. Souter, 28, of the 7200 block of Columbia, Taylor, Arkansas, was arrested by Webster Parish

Sheriff's deputies Bobby Igo III, Joel Thomas and Baker at the Webster Parish Courthouse on two Springhill Police Department warrants for distribution of methamphetamine.

Souter is incarcerated at BDCC on warrants totaling \$100,000.

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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Is it I, Lord? Yes, it is

I WAS PROBABLY older than most people when the true meaning of Easter really hit me.

Up until that point, if asked my favorite Christian holiday, like most people I would've said Christmas.

But the year it really hit me – the meaning of Easter – all that changed.

It was the first year First United Methodist Church's congregation performed "The Living Lord's Supper," on Maundy Thursday, a day of reflection.

My family and I were members then, and I was part of the Chancel Choir.

Directed by Elaine Ward and Mary Ann Hamilton, with help from scores of other people, the production depicted the painting of the Last Supper by Da Vinci.

We hardly recognized members of our congregation who were in costume, full make-up and beards, playing their parts as each of the disciples and Jesus as they dined together for the last time before the crucifixion.

Picture the darkened room, spotlights only on a stage decorated as Da Vinci's vision of the Upper Room.

As the others stayed frozen in the pose of the painting, one by one, each disciple "came to life" and stepped into the spotlight to talk about their relationship with Jesus after they had been told one of them would betray him that night.

Each ended his speech wondering

if he would be the one to betray Christ and asking the question, "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?"

The only person who stayed frozen the entire production was Jesus.

The late Judge Charles "Corky" Marvin played Judas Iscariot – the one who would actually do the deed.

Corky and I became friends during rehearsals, laughing and joking about his make-up and his role. But the night of the production, he was very convincing, as he jingled the coins in his bag, laughed wickedly and mimicked the other disciples derisively, sarcastically: "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?"

And, of course, it was.

Music throughout was sung acapello (no accompaniment) by the choir, and the song I recall as making the biggest impact on me was the hymn, "Were You There?"

Up until the point where it actually happened, none of the disciples knew the identity of the betrayer. They didn't even know if they would be the one who turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers.

Maybe I'm making excuses, but I

believe Judas had no choice that night. He was always going to be the one who betrayed Jesus because he part of God's divine plan. His personality and greed, brought to life by my friend, made him the likely choice by the Father.

Maybe I'm making excuses for myself because I fall so far short of a true Christian.

Is it I? Were You There? A theme of questions emerges. How could God sacrifice his Son at all – much less in such a horrific way?

As a parent, I can't answer that last one. I've not been faced with that. But I can answer: Is it I? Yes it is. Am I a betrayer? Yes, I am. It is all of us. Every day, we betray Jesus by not living as He would have us.

But because his Son died on that cross, God forgives us. And suddenly, Easter Sunday becomes a day of such joy and happiness, that, in itself, is overwhelming.

I don't understand any of it, but I accept it, and suddenly it becomes my favorite day of the year.

It's OK to be sad today, remembering the somberness of Good Friday. But Sunday morning, be happy, feel free. Celebrate. Because He Lives.

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BONNIE CULVERHOUSE

PERSPECTIVE

This 'Grandma' not fooled by scam

"HELLO, GRANDMA?"

These words greeted me as I answered the phone recently. When I looked at the caller ID, it said "number unavailable." I didn't need to know that because I knew immediately this was a scam.

I had heard of similar calls where the callers pretend to be grandchildren needing money for some emergency. Warnings against such calls have been widespread by the news media and also on Facebook and other social networking sites.

Unsuspecting older citizens can be easily fooled with such calls, as they always want to be available to help out a grandchild in need.

The caller usually gives some hard luck story and instructs on how and where to send a certain amount of money.

It is so sad that our senior adults can be taken advantage of in this and many other ways.

Even though I realized what it was, I didn't have the forethought to pursue it and find out more information. I guess I was just so surprised that I just told the caller he had a wrong number.

Two clues made it obvious that it was not a legitimate call. The caller had an accent; not sure what kind but

it surely was not the southern sounds of our grands.

The second clue was his use of the term Grandma, because I am not grandma to anyone. Even with four grandchildren and nine great-grands, I am not called Grandma. They have a short and sweet name for me that was assigned at the birth of our first grandchild.

As I thought of this and so many other ways that older people are cheated by those who are too lazy to work, it made me angry.

People who are smart enough to sit around and think up the various ways to scam other people are surely smart enough to get good jobs and make an honest living. Why do they choose the unlawful means? The only reason I can come up with is they are extremely lazy and they believe they are above the ones who are so gullible.

I just know that every time they cheat an unsuspecting person they sit back and smugly congratulate themselves for a job well done.

It is very important that people become aware of the many methods used by these types of people.

Other such callers pretend they're calling from your bank and ask for information, or from a credit card company. To make the calls more believable, they may even say they're calling from such and such a place and it's important that you call a certain number immediately.

There are also the ones who pretend to be utility meter readers, home inspectors, pavers with "extra" asphalt who offer to give you a great deal on paving your driveway. There are shady contractors, who promise to do a certain job but never show up if paid in advance or else will do a portion of the work, ask for the money, and not come back.

There are so many ways they can scam residents, especially older ones who grew up during a time when you could trust a man's word.

Probably the reason this bothers me so much is that is so easily done, and, also, I am now one of those targeted older people.

Fannie Moore is a journalist who lives in Shongaloo where she enjoys writing on a variety of subjects.



FANNIE MOORE

PERSPECTIVE

People of faith, taking it on the chin

SOME RELIGIOUS AMERICANS are reeling this week. Woozy. Struggling to get up off the canvas after taking a left hook that would have made Joe Frazier proud. They are being branded as "intolerant bigots" by some of the least tolerant people this side of the Middle East.

This brawl began when the Indiana legislature passed SB 101, the now-notorious Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The vote in the Indiana Senate was 40 - 10, which sounds overwhelming. Trouble is, all 40 yeas votes came from Republicans, while all 10 nays were Democrats.

So this bill was a partisan effort from the jump. Every bit as partisan as the Affordable Care Act. But in this case, in the view of the media and opinion-shapers, the bad guys won. And the bad guys, namely conservatives and Christians, had to be punished. Cue the hysteria, warm up the outrage.

The bill itself seems fairly innocuous, not very different from a federal version and similar laws in twenty states. It gives individuals and businesses a legal avenue to claim in court that their strongly-held religious beliefs shield them from government coercion.

We all know the familiar example. Should a Christian baker be compelled to deliver a cake to a same-sex wedding ceremony he finds objectionable? But while opponents of the law like to use Christianity, let's hypothesize about another religion that the left is terrified to criticize. Should a Muslim-owned restaurant in Indianapolis be forced to cater the union of two lesbians?

There are plenty of other caterers eager to provide that service, so the bride and bride will still get their food. It seems unreasonable, downright intolerant, for the state to compel the Islamic restaurateurs to go against their deeply-held beliefs.

The law has given secular progressives another chance to demonize people of faith, especially Christians. And it has exposed some rank hypocrisy among the enlightened. The CEO of one massive high tech company railed against the Indiana law, even though his firm gladly does business in Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries where being gay is punishable by death. We won't name the company, but many of it's products begin with a lower case i. As in ... iPocrisy. Yes, Tim Cook, we're looking at you.

The secular left has pretty much won the gay marriage debate, and they did it almost overnight. The Supreme Court will likely follow the lead of many states and declare that same-sex marriage is fully protected by the Constitution. But whatever the court rules, some Christians and Jews and Muslims will continue to oppose same-sex marriage. That is, pardon the expression, their God-given right!

But the left won't be satisfied (is the left ever satisfied?) until every American of faith is punished for holding any beliefs that differ from those of the cognoscenti.

The Founding Fathers were very clear in stating that religious tenets should not be imposed on the people. Most Christians don't want to impose anything, they simply want to be free to act on their conscience. The real "imposers" here are the anti-Christian bullies who claim tolerance, but display absolutely none.

The media plays a particularly shameful role in all of this. They are supposed to be, like a boxing referee, fair and impartial. But if you read the New York Times, if you watch network newscasts or most cable outlets, the Indiana law is nothing but hate on parchment.

So people of faith, after being stunned by that left hook, are now being kicked and brutalized by the ref. We've actually seen the spectacle of media types hectoring mom-and-pop pizza parlors, demanding to know if they would cater a gay wedding. And woe be upon the mom or pop who gives the wrong answer!

Republican Senator Marco Rubio posed a good question: "What about the religious liberties of Americans who do not want to feel compelled by law to provide a catering service or a photography service to a same-sex marriage that their faith teaches is wrong?"

An equally good question: Where are the religious leaders when we need them? They seem to be hiding under their altars, taking sanctuary in their sanctuaries.

Yes, people of faith have suffered a blow. But it's early in the bout. The secular progressive movement has been denigrating, demeaning, and dismissing religious Americans for decades. The bullies are winning. And the time has come for the flock to get up off the canvas and fight back.

Turn the other cheek? Not this time. A right upper-cut is a far better idea.

Bill O'Reilly is a talk show host on Fox News. His column runs on Friday in the Minden Press-Herald.



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Around Town

Friday, April 3 - Sunday, April 5

St. Paul Catholic Church will host the following worship services: Good Friday, April 3 (Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. and Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.), Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4 at 7:45 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 5 (Resurrection of the Lord) at 11 a.m.

Friday, April 3

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Good Friday Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

Watchman's Ministers' Fellowship to present Seven Last Sayings of Jesus at 7 p.m. Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, located at 306 Camp Street, will serve as the host church. For more information, call Pastor Billy Hawkins at 371-2551. All are invited and admission is free.

Saturday, April 4

Sibley United Methodist Church will host its Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Sibley United Methodist Church will host an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Mt. Zion CME Church will host an Easter Sunrise Service and program at 6 a.m.

Sibley United Methodist Church will host a community Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Easter services will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Special guest speaker is Pastor John L. Cole.

Monday, April 6 - Wednesday, April 8

The Bright Star Baptist Church annual spring revival at 7 p.m. each night. Guest speaker will be Pastor Royal Scott, of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.

Annual youth revival at 7 p.m. each night at Union Grove Baptist Church. God's messenger will be Pastor James Edwards of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Homer.

Saturday, April 11

A flea market extravaganza will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the St. Rest Community Life Center. Anyone is invited to reserve a table to seel their items. This is a community event. For more information, call 377-0925 or 371-9028.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Otha Gordon

McBride, Gordon wed March 22

Lisa McBride and Otha Gordon, both of Minden, exchanged vows at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the home of the bride's father. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Tom Howe.

Nikki Merritt, daughter of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Lee Bozeman, best friend of the groom, served as best man.

Ring bearer was Hagan Hay, grandson of the bride.

Lions Club Chicken Charbroil April 18

Tickets are on sale for the Minden Lions Club Spring Chicken Charbroil.

The cost is \$8 per ticket and may be acquired from any Lions Club member.

Lunches may be picked up from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot.

Proceeds go to the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and the Lions Crippled Children's Camp.

LITERATURE

Ruston author publishes new self-help book

Kelly Brantley of Ruston knows what it is like to live under the crushing weight of debt.

As a young wife and mother, Brantley helped her family rebound from nearly \$57,000 in credit card debt, car debt and medical bills.

Determined to help others avoid the trap of debt, she became a financial advisor and has helped hundreds of people in north Louisiana pay off tens of thousands of dollars of debt.

Her new book, "Debt-Free & Wealthy, One Dollar at a Time," offers a step-by-step approach to getting out of debt and building wealth.

"Like so many people, for years my husband and I faced numerous financial crises, including credit card overload, car debt, medical bills and loss of jobs," Brantley said. "But more than a decade ago, we decided we were tired of letting money control our lives, so we learned how to get out of debt."

Through that process, Brantley became passionate about helping others find financial freedom. "My thoughts were, if my husband and I could do this, then anyone can," she said.

Her book teaches readers how to pay off bills, become wealthy and live a debt-free life, building on tips she has provided in numerous workshops, speeches and one-on-one coaching.

Brantley opened her business, Financial Freedom Counseling Service, after becoming a Dave Ramsey Certified Counselor. She has been recognized as one of Ramsey's top certified counselors, and her Ruston-based



business provides services in a six-state area.

"I have worked with doctors, lawyers, teachers, policemen, plumbers, hair stylists, physical therapists, retirees, single moms and more, all of different income levels from \$2,000 per month to more than \$40,000 per month," Brantley said. "Regardless of age or income, these steps will work."

"Debt-Free & Wealthy: One Dollar at a Time" offers the tips that have helped clients pay off between \$1,000 and hundreds of thousands of dollars of student loans, credit card debt, car loans and medical bills.

"I have even helped a client with more than a million dollars in debt," Brantley said. "But let's hope you're not quite in that shape yet."

"Debt-Free & Wealthy: One Dollar at a Time" is available in paperback at on her website at www.debtfreewithkelly.com, <https://wwwcreatespace.com/5295251>, www.amazon.com and will be available at Brantley's area appearances. It is 204 pages in length and retails for \$17.99. The e-book version is available at www.amazon.com.

MINDEN-SOUTH WEBSTER CHAMBER



Class learns about assessor's office

Webster Parish Assessor Morris Guin (left) provided the Webster Junior Leadership Class of 2015 with a tour and explanation of the duties, responsibilities and operations of the assessor's office. Terry Gardner, class sponsor (left) guided the class to municipal and parish offices to receive information on the office duties and operations. In addition to Morris Guin and Terry Gardner are the following Minden High School, Lakeside High School and Glenbrook High School juniors and seniors: Kaylee Lindsay, Alycia Parker, Krystal Williams, Hayden Wilkes, Laura Frazier, Jordan Lary and Aubrey Dennis from MHS, Zachary Zaldivar, Abby Reynolds, Tiffany Odom, Imani Anderson, Allie Loftin and Lane Hammons from LHS and Gracyn Gorman, Bridget Cone, Clay Simon-ton and Lauren Windham from GHS.

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SPORTS briefs

FUNDRAISER Glenbrook Hunter's Super Raffle

Congratulations to last week's big winners in the Glenbrook Hunter's Weekly Super Raffle. Greg Meek, of Minden, won a Walther P22 Pistol LR in the Wednesday, March 25 drawing, with winning numbers 039. Robert Dooly of Minden is the winner of a Savage Bolt 17HMR Model 93R17 in the Saturday, March 28 drawing. His winning numbers were 796. The Glenbrook Super Raffle is sponsored by Rockin' Rooster in Minden and Michael's Men's Store and Sporting Goods in Homer.

GOLF TOURNEY Richland State Bank tourney coming up soon

It's time to sign up to tee off at the fifth annual Richland State Bank Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit UCAP (United Christian Assistance Program). The event, scheduled for April 11 and 12, is the biggest yearly fundraiser for the non-profit organization that helps folks who are down on their luck.

The tournament is a two-man scramble with a \$300 entry fee.

In 2014, the tournament raised \$9,000 for UCAP.

While Richland State Bank is the main sponsor, there are several \$1,000 sponsors and \$125 hole sponsors, Earnhardt says they are always looking for more.

For more information about the tournament or to be a sponsor, contact Earnhardt at 318-218-4909 or Ralph Williams at 377-4628.

NBA

Wade injureds left knee in loss

CLEVELAND (AP) — Dwayne Wade nearly did the splits. For a moment, it appeared Miami's season was torn apart.

Wade bruised his left knee after he awkwardly collapsed in the first half Thursday night in a 114-88 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers. The injury initially looked serious, but the 33-year-old believes he'll play again this season.

"I hit the inside of my knee on the court," Wade said. "That's all I feel right now. I don't know what I'm going to wake up with, but right now I just feel it on the inside of my knee."

Wade was driving on the right side of the lane midway through the second quarter when his right knee buckled and he dropped to the floor. As play continued at the other end, Wade stayed on his back and grabbed his left knee. He got up slowly, walked gingerly to the bench as concerned teammates looked on and then favored his left leg as he went to the locker room.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

TIDE CRUSHES FALCONS

Francis turns in spectacular 11 K performance



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The Minden Crimson Tide hosted the Northwood Falcons at Griffith Stadium Wednesday for a district showdown on the heels of a tough loss to Loyola.

The Tide could have easily laid an egg playing on just one day's rest, but instead they powered past the Falcons with 10 runs on 10 hits at the plate.

Equally impressive in the win was the pitching performance

of Minden's Trace Francis, who struck out 11 batters on his way to a complete game.

The Tide gave up one run to the Falcons in the top of the first, before coming back to score one run of their own in the bottom of the inning.

Minden added two more runs in the second to take a 3-1 lead, while Francis settled into his groove striking out several Northwood batters.

In the fourth, Northwood scored another run off Francis, the last he would surrender on the night, but Minden answered right back with two runs to bring to score to 5-2.

The Tide would put the game out of reach in the sixth inning with a four run inning, as Francis was pitching too well for the Falcons



Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

to have a chance.

Gavin Smith led the Crimson Tide at the plate going 2-4 with a single, double and 3 RBI. Austin Keough also had a big day for

Minden, going 3-4 with three singles and an RBI.

Gunner Stephens was 2-4 with a pair of singles and an RBI and Jordan Lyday had his first

dingers of the year, a two-run shot to finish 1-3 with 2 RBI.

Francis finished with 11 strikeouts, giving up seven hits and two earned runs in seven innings of work.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lakeside lays it on Lakeview, 25-0



Courtesy Photo/Randy Summerlin



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To say that the Lakeside Warriors have had a good week on the diamond would be a drastic understatement.

The Warriors took on district rivals Lakeview Thursday, rolling to a lopsided 25-0 victory.

Combined with Tuesday night's victory over the Homer Pelicans, the Warriors have now won their last two ballgames by a combined 56-0.

Leading the way for

Lakeside in this contest was Jake Gray who exploded, going 3-4 with a single, double, homerun and 5 RBI.

Tanner Page went 2-4 with a pair of singles and 3 RBI, Braydon Jones had a huge night finishing 3-4 with a whopping three doubles and 3 RBI, Thomas Lambert added 2 RBI on a single and a double and Trent Geis went 2-3 with a pair of singles and two RBI.

Other Warriors who got in on the action were Logan Clark who went 2-2 with an RBI, Dalton Crumpler with an RBI, Josh Prince with an RBI, Cameron Gray with an RBI base hit and Luke Griffith who doubled in a run.

Braydon Jones got the win on the mound for Lakeside, striking out six batters in three innings of work.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Glenbrook Netters defeat Prairie View



Special to the Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apache netters hosted district foe Prairie View Spartans in a dual match, claiming a 7-2 victory.

"We again relied on our veteran players for points in the sanctioned divisions of play," head coach of the netters, Wayne Orr said. "Also, we simply competed in a few matches that allowed each of both teams' players to play."

We are still in need of improvement, especially for after spring break. The 'meat' of our district sched-

ule will occur during the last two weeks of April. Another district championship would enhance our program."

Girls Doubles

So far this season the closely-contested matches have occurred in the No. 1 position.

"We played well at times, but a lack of consistency in stringing points together cooled our momentum," Orr said.

Bridget Cone and Abigail Gilbert were defeated by Taylor Book and Jeri Harper 6-3, 7-6.

"A few unforced errors led to our defeat," Orr said.

In No. 2 doubles, the team of Madison Lemoine and Lexie Martin defeated Alex Smith and Victoria Rainbolt 6-1, 6-0.

"These two girls are

experienced players, but this is the first year for them to partner in doubles. Hopefully their style of play will continue to mesh, and the team will benefit," added Orr.

Boys Doubles

The team of Johnny Law Flournoy and John Curtis Brown continued their winning ways at the No. 1 position by defeating Autin Harper and Alex Louizou 6-1, 6-0.

"This is their third year of competitive tennis; their youth does not deter their desire to win," Orr said.

Dallas Edwards and Beau Branch teamed for the No. 2 position and defeated Hope Lindeman and Aalice Adams 6-3, 6-0.

"Youth and first-year players do not usually make for a competitive

edge. However, we are getting some experience that will prove beneficial in future years of competition," noted Orr.

Mixed Doubles

Lexie Martin and Graham Lemoine defeated Harriett Adams and Ashton Laing 6-1, 6-1.

"Even though we as a team struggled with consistency of serve and forehand volleys, we used several well-placed ground strokes to earn points, leading to the win," stated Orr.

Girls Singles

"We very much rely on our singles' players to earn points for us," Orr said. "Amelia and Catherine lead by example. They have accepted the challenge, and they strive to overcome their unforced errors, leading to wins for

the team," commented Orr. Amelia Christy, playing the No. 1 position, defeated Julie Clair 6-0, 6-0; Catherine Willis, playing the No. 2 position, defeated Peyton Simone 6-0, 6-0.

Boys Singles

Schyler Powell earned his second win of the young season by defeating Alex Louizou 6-1, 6-0.

"This is Schyler's first year as an Apache; he is becoming accustomed to the position and is continuing to develop his game," Orr said.

At the No. 2 position, Justin Le was defeated by Ashton Laing 6-3, 6-2.

"We have five first- or second-year boys on the team; each is progressing, but playing experience will give them insight that just practicing does not."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Smart heading to Texas

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Shaka Smart has been a hot coaching commodity since leading Virginia Commonwealth to the Final Four in 2011. He had reportedly shunned several big-time offers, but the lure of Texas was finally too much to turn down.

VCU sports information director Scott Day confirmed Thursday night that Smart was leaving the Richmond university to take over the program in Austin. Smart met with VCU players earlier in the evening at the Siegel Center, the team's home arena, and at least one player was seen crying when he left.

Smart, who has won at least 26 games in each of his six seasons at VCU, is bolting for a Texas program that hasn't been able to unseat Kansas atop the Big 12. But the Longhorns also boast the wealthiest athletic department in the country and easy access to some of the nation's most fertile recruiting grounds in Dallas and Houston.

Terms of Smart's con-

tract were not immediately released and VCU said a statement would be released Friday. Barnes made \$2.62 million last season, while Smart made \$1.8 million with the Rams.

Texas athletic director Steve Patterson had zeroed in on bringing Smart to Texas immediately after firing former Longhorns coach Rick Barnes last week.

Patterson flew to Richmond on Thursday to close the deal.

Texas officials did not have any immediate comment on the hire.

Smart did not speak to the media gathered Thursday and VCU players were escorted from the building by university public relations without offering comments.

That Barnes was pushed out shows Patterson, a for-



SMART

mer NBA executive, expects big things from basketball. Barnes won three Big 12 titles and recruited elite talent to Austin. Former Longhorns T.J. Ford (2003) and Kevin Durant (2007) won national player of the year honors.

But the program had plateaued and the early-round exits in the NCAA Tournament started to mount, despite rosters full of future NBA talent.

At VCU, Smart took over a program that had had great success under Jeff Capel, and then Anthony Grant. He hopes to avoid the pitfalls at Texas that his predecessors encountered when they left to take over programs at universities considered "football schools."

By leaving before May 1, Smart owes VCU a \$500,000 buyout. His contract also contains a provision that if he became a head coach at another institution, that school would have to play VCU in a home-and-home series, or pay VCU \$250,000.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big blue nation set to invade



INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — John Calipari has endeared himself to Big Blue Nation because he does what Wildcat fans demand — win.

He's delivered a championship, competes annually for national titles. Now he can immortalize himself in the eyes of Kentucky's rabid fans by giving them something they've never had — an undefeated national championship.

And you can bet your last Bluegrass dollar that Indianapolis will be overwhelmingly blue with throngs flocking to see firsthand if their unbeaten Wildcats can get two more wins at the Final Four.

Then again, they always are.

"Ever since we've been going to games we've hoped for a season like this,

unbeaten and perfect," said Roy Holsclaw, 81, who attended Kentucky's 1958 title-clinching game with his wife Katherine and has been a season ticket holder since 1959.

"I never thought we'd experience anything like this. It's a once-in-a-lifetime possibility and we hope to see it happen."

An estimated 10,000 turned out in Louisville for the Midwest regional and filled the lower bowl of the rival Cardinals' home court — for practice. Yes, we're talking about practice!

"I think they're crazy, but I've said it before," Calipari said of his fan base. "They're nuts. But it makes them what they are and they're passionate about letting everybody know, I'm a Kentucky fan."

Friday's open practice at 71,000-seat Lucas Oil Stadium leaves room for at least twice as many Wildcats fans to invade in hopes of giving Kentucky (38-0) a decided advantage in Saturday night's Final Four rematch with Wisconsin (35-3). Fans of

the Badgers, Duke and Michigan State no doubt have similar ideas and are known to travel just as well.

That's just fine with Big Blue Nation, which welcomes challengers to their boasts of being national champions in fandom as well. The fans will take over the city because that's what they do.

During last month's Southeastern Conference tournament, Wildcat faithful swarmed Nashville to turn Bridgestone Arena to Rupp Arena South, buying up tickets as other schools were eliminated. When the SEC tournament was held in Atlanta, there would be many Wildcats fans the city became known as "Catlanta."

Tipoff for the first semifinal game is still more than 36 hours away, and no disrespect to the Badgers, but Kentucky fans have already accounted for 17 percent of early ticket sales to Monday night's championship on StubHub.com to see if the Wildcats can pick up a ninth NCAA championship.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Organization being formed to address minority coaches

A group of prominent black coaches headlined by Tubby Smith and Shaka Smart are forming an organization to address the dwindling numbers of minority head coaches in college basketball.

The National Association for Coaching Equity and Development is in response to the dissolution of the Black Coaches Association. Ten years after minority coaches held more than 25 percent of the jobs across the country, the percentage dropped to 22

percent last year. And another 12 minority coaches have been fired this season.

As the NCAA's crown jewel — the men's Final Four — descends on Indianapolis this weekend with all four teams coached by white men, Smith, Smart, John Thompson III and a growing list of some of the game's most accomplished coaches say they are answering the call from those who came before them to speak up with

authority and address the issues that have bubbled back to the surface.

"There hasn't been a voice for people speaking out and saying, 'Look, what are you all doing administratively? What's this about? Why has this all happened?'" And question it," Smith, who won a national title at Kentucky and now coaches at Texas Tech, told The Associated Press.

Smith was one of the charter members of the Black Coaches

Association, a once-powerful group headed by trail blazers like John Thompson, George Raveling and John Chaney to kick down the doors that colleges and universities slammed in the faces of minority coaches.

So it pained him to watch the BCA lose its influence in recent years while struggling to come up with funding from the NCAA and other sources. As the BCA started to disappear, so have the opportunities for black coaches

across the country.

The new group, the National Association for Coaching Equity and Development, has more than 40 minority coaches on board and aims to replace the now-defunct BCA as the most influential advocate to push schools to give candidates of color more consideration for head coaching jobs. It also wants to better prepare the younger generation of coaches to succeed in those jobs and help athletes gain admission to col-

lege and excel when they get there.

"These coaches need to understand that guys like Chaney and Thompson and Nolan Richardson paid their dues," said organizer Merritt Norvell. "They're upset right now with us because nobody has continued to fight the fight."

Of the final 16 teams in the NCAA Tournament, not one had a black head coach. So far only one vacancy — Dave Leitao at DePaul — has been filled by a black coach.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Taylor won't return to Bama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Alabama spokeswoman Deborah Lane said in a statement Thursday that former defensive tackle Jonathan Taylor is no longer a student at The University of Alabama and is not eligible for readmission," even though the accuser in Taylor's domestic violence case recanted her story to police that Taylor assaulted her.

Consequently, Alabama coach Nick Saban said that Taylor will not return to the team. He dismissed Taylor from the Tide on Sunday.

"That decision has already been made. He

won't be back with us," Saban told ESPN.com on Thursday.

A deposition released Thursday by Tuscaloosa County District Court indicates the 24-year-old woman, identified as Gina Marie Nawab, said the bruises on her neck were self-inflicted and damage to a door in her apartment was already there.

She was charged with false reporting to law enforcement.

"She made it up to get back at him for cheating on her in December and she thought he was cheating again," the deposition said.

Tuscaloosa Police Lt.

Kip Hart said Wednesday that the charges against Taylor will be reviewed after the woman said in interviews with police over two days that she made up the story and that he didn't hurt her.

Attorney Kim Stephens, who's representing Taylor in a pending Georgia domestic violence case, said his client has maintained all along he didn't assault Nawab.

"I know he's upset and I know that he's been adamant that he didn't do anything as far as touching her improperly or hitting her or choking her," Stephens said. "Nothing criminal in nature."

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IN THE COURTS

Ward One Civil Suits

Suits filed for month of March 2015.

United Credit Corp of Minden vs. Terri Herbert (Promissory Note)
Midland Funding LLC vs. Watonya Jackson (Open Account)
Tower Loan of Minden vs. Brian Stuart (Promissory Note)
Tower Loan of Minden vs. Patricia Peters (Promissory Note)
Tower Loan of Minden vs. Robbie Davis (Promissory Note)
Tower Loan of Minden vs. Dianne Robbins (Promissory Note)
Razor Capital, LLC vs. Mary Triplet (Open Account)
Rent-A-Center, Inc vs.

Akhyah Harrison (Rental Agreement)
Rent-A-Center, Inc vs. D'Metrius Harris (Rental Agreement)
Rent-A-Center, Inc vs. Aulonda Solomon (Rental Agreement)
United Credit Corp. of Minden vs. John Roberts (Promissory Note)
United Credit Corp. of Minden vs. Leonard Smallwood (Promissory Note)
First Heritage Credit, LLC vs. Walter O. Morgan (Promissory Note)
Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Debra A. Gilbert (On Note)
First Tower Loan, LLC D/B/A Tower Loan of Shreveport vs. Tamela S. Scott, A/K/A Tamela Shondell Scott (Judgment

Executory & Garnishment)
Republic Finance, LLC vs. Theodis Cornelious, Jr. (Promissory Note)
Republic Finance, LLC vs. Patricia A. Peters (Suit on a Check and Promissory Note)
1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Greg Smith (Promissory Note)
1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Kerwin Lewis (Promissory Note)
1st Franklin Financial Corporation vs. Shonora Crew (Promissory Note)
Triple S Holdings, LLC vs. Thomas & Jessica Crochet (Eviction)
Patricia W. Williams vs. Kay Caesar (Loan)
Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Matthew Beshea (Sums Due)

Latson Souter vs. Willie Rogers (Eviction)
State Farm Bank vs. Michelle West (Open Account)
JH Portfolio Debt Equities, LLC D/B/A JH Capital Group vs. Doug M. McDaniel (Open Account)
CVI Loan Trust i vs. Lisa Rodgers (Open Account)
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Jacob E. Patterson Estate vs. Barbara Drew and all occupants (Eviction)
Courtesy Loans vs. D'Shouanna Willis (Promissory Note)
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Webster Village vs. Hillary Shine (Eviction)
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vs. Joshua Bergeron (Promissory Note)
Harvest Manor vs. Mitie Jones (Eviction)
Shela Kemp vs. Bar-N Towing (Recover Money)
Apple Loans, Inc. vs. John Christopher Bobb (Promissory Note)
Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Christopher McFarland (On Note)
Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Lue A. Moore (On Note)
Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Casey A. Bush (On Note)
Gibbsland Bank and Trust vs. Shahna A. Ferrell (On Note)
United Credit Corp. of Minden vs. Sonya Thornton (Judgment Exec. & Garnishment)

EASTER

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ters. And justification is 'just as if I'd never sinned.' That is why Easter is the greatest and most wonderful holiday to the Christian."

Personally for Anders, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ hit home for him, he says, in that Jesus paid the debt for him.

"Christ did that for me in my stead," he said. "I can't ever possibly pay Him back. I owe Him everything. That's what Good Friday means to me. That was my day and my to-do list, but He took it over and did it in my place. I'm not paying for my salvation. It was free. It cost Him

everything and it cost me nothing."

Martin reiterated the purpose of Good Friday and Easter.

"The crucifixion without the resurrection brings no hope," he said. "The resurrection puts the hope and the 'new life' into the meaning of the crucifixion. If He were still in the grave, we still would not understand the sacrifice. If there were no resurrection, there really would be no Christianity. The hope, the life that the resurrection brought is what sparked the disciples to preach the message.

"Each one confirms the meaning of the other," Martin continued. "The two go together in the sense that the resurrection is the completion of the crucifixion."

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REVIEW

‘Skylight’ on Broadway is funny and poignant

NEW YORK — Hey, Hugh. You're not the only chef on Broadway.

Hugh Jackman, who this season famously gutted and prepared a raw fish with fennel and lemon onstage in "The River," suddenly has competition for top theater culinary honors from Carey Mulligan.

Mulligan, in a crackling revival of David Hare's "Skylight" that opened Thursday at the Golden Theater, starts and completes a spaghetti Bolognese during the first act, chopping onions and garlic and boiling water along the way. The whiff of sausage lingers deliciously during intermission.

It's a fitting theatrical device because this show, quite simply, cooks.

Mulligan, a spectacular Bill Nighy, the marvelous newcomer Matthew Beard and the director Stephen Daldry make alchemy onstage with their own red-hot talent. Funny, poignant and insightful, the West End transfer "Skylight" is a full meal in a place where appetizers often pass as entrees.

Set over 24 hours in a freezing cold apartment in a less-than-desirable part of London, the story is centered on the meeting after three years of former lovers, the high-flying restaurateur Tom (Nighy) and the inner city school teacher Kyra (Mulligan). Their six-year affair ended badly, and now the path has become clear for a possible rekindling.

Since the affair, Kyra has left Tom's "warm bubble of good taste and money" and teaches at a disadvantaged school, commuting home to live in a dismal



apartment with worn pots, scuffed, grimy walls and an Ikea plastic bag holder. (Set designer Bob Crowley, brilliantly taking a walk on the sad side.)

Nighy, dressed in an expensive-looking coat and suit, is a ball of nervous energy as he trades barbs with Kyra, snooping around her apartment and tut-tutting at how far he feels she's fallen. He has a funny little habit of pulling chairs out with his feet. When Beard appears in scenes

playing his son, the apple clearly hasn't fallen far from the tree.

Mulligan, dressed in a thick, shapeless sweater, is on home turf — she happily perches on a counter — and seems utterly righteous, even though there's a profound sadness inside. Their interactions are so well expressed that Nighy wordlessly opens the kitchen faucet for Mulligan while her hands are smeared with meat.

There is love here, clearly, but

there is also so much that separates them. Wealth, politics, guilt, resentment, parenting and the very meaning of life are touched on as the duo press and probe each other.

The play is a bit like a verbal tennis match. No sooner has one side swayed the audience with a powerful backhand than the other gets to serve, smashing their own serve toward the baseline. Hare here is a master of varying the rhythms of anger and

affection organically, so escalations into screaming abuse never feel manipulated. Stuff gets thrown in anger, but only when provoked.

Will these old lovers reconnect? Or is it too hard and too late? Hare supplies a definitive answer and then adds a lovely, hopeful coda over breakfast. You will leave full as if you'd eaten a full meal, too.

Mexico City: 007 film 'Spectre' good for business in capital

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City officials said Thursday that recent filming for the upcoming James Bond movie "Spectre" was a business boon for the capital's colonial core, despite complaints over lost sales

blamed on street closures.

Hotel occupancy in the historic center rose 30 percent during the filming and the number of visitors to the district was up 53 percent, the city government said in a statement.

It added that producers

agreed beforehand to pay 225 businesses up to \$2,500 a day in compensation for closures, and most of those had to shut down only for a few hours. Media publicity is also expected to boost business by bringing added interest in the

cobblestoned quarter, it said.

"We are in position to affirm that the event not only did not hurt but rather improved commercial conditions for businesses in the center of the capital," the government

statement said.

Some businesses in the historic center complained that street closures during the March 19-April 1 film shoot prevented store and restaurant employees from reaching work and also kept many customers

away.

The head of the city's small business chamber said proprietors reported a 60 percent fall off in sales during the first week of filming.

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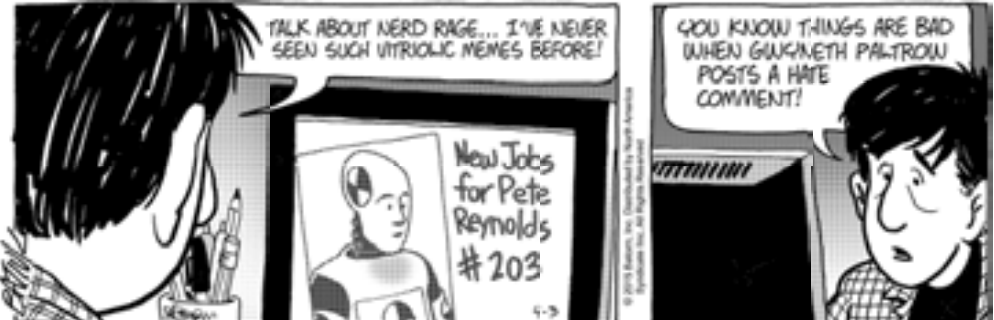
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VS. RICHARD W. MILLER AND MIRANDA K. MILLER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV74370.

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of 210 feet to the Point of Beginning; AND LESS EXCEPT A Lot 200 feet by 140 feet, being a portion of the Lot Edward Holliday purchased from Samuel Webb Sentell on March 21, 1983 a shown under Registry Number 305594, at Conveyance Book 586, Page 270, described more particularly as follows:

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1 Use a ray gun	35 Hideaway		20 Genius
4 Impale	36 Abacus bits	4 Graceful girl	21 Parks or Bonheur
8 Puppy's attacks	37 Yuletide refrain	5 New Mexico art colony	22 Exclude
12 Lemieux milieu	40 Aim	6 Matter-horn, for one	23 "Believe — not"
13 Harvard rival	41 Booty	7 Spell-down	25 Asian desert
14 Redact	42 "Mr. Popper's —"	8 Outer-space cloud	26 Fine, maybe
15 Mrs. Odysseus	46 Jealousy	9 "American —"	27 Cattle-man's tool
17 Gaucho's weapon	47 Type of race	10 Aspirin unit	28 Goes off course
18 Bugle call	48 Menagerie	11 Go nowhere	30 100 dinars
19 School-yard menace	49 Lawyers' salaries	16 Diner sign	33 Polish silver?
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SHERIFF S SALE

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-NC3 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES

VS.
WILLIE EARL RICE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV74421.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015, during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) AND THE NORTH 20 FEET OF LOT THIRTY-FIVE (35), PINEHILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER 2, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of Se/4) of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, in the City of Minden, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, at Map Book 3, Page 96, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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Linda Vaughan-Deputy

April 3, 2015
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SHERIFF S SALE
CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING, LLC

VS.
JOHNNY L JACKSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV74404.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit

and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015, during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land in City of Minden, Webster Parish, State of LA, as more fully described in Book 998 Page 292 ID# 110637, being known and designated as Lots 3 and 4, Block 2 Bill Abney Subdivision in the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 19 N, Range 9 W; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and

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Being the same fee simple property conveyed by deed from Mary Lee Cooper Harris to Johnny L. Jackson, dated 07/25/2005 recorded on 07/25/2005 in Book 998, Page 292 in Webster Parish Records, State of LA.

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SHERIFF S SALE

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VS.

GARY GRIFFIN AND SHANA GRIFFIN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 74422.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015, during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a railroad spike found marking the Northeast Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Webster Parish, Louisiana; proceed South 00 degrees 22 minutes 01 seconds West along the East line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence proceed South 89 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds West along the North line of said North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, a distance of 588.98 feet; thence proceed South 00 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West, a

distance of 76.85 feet to a set 5/8 rebar and the point of beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 260.88 feet to a set 5/8 rebar thence proceed North 89 degrees 24 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 194.29 feet to a set 5/8 rebar set on the Easterly right-of-way line of Shiloh Cemetery Road; thence proceed North 13 degrees 31 minutes 34 seconds West along the Easterly right of way line of Shiloh Cemetery Road, a distance of 2.60 feet to a set 5/8 rebar; thence proceed North 09 degrees 03 minutes 28 seconds West along the Easterly right-of-way line of Shiloh Cemetery Road, a distance of 63.23 feet to a set 5/8 rebar; thence proceed North 05 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West along the Easterly right-of-way line of Shiloh Cemetery Road, a distance of 71.65 feet to a set 5/8 rebar; thence proceed North 01 degrees 18 minutes 26 seconds East along the Easterly

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