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WEBSTER CRIME

Doyline man arrested, accused of cyberstalking

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A man accused of cyberstalking has been arrested. James Alvin Scarborough, 34, of the 300 block of Dogwood Drive in Doyline, was arrested on Saturday, June 6, and charged on a warrant for violations of provisions of the cyberstalking law. His bond was set at \$1,500.

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies John Byrd and Daniel White arrested Scarborough at his place of employment. While the report does not go into detail about the alleged crime, Webster Parish sheriff's officials say the incident



SCARBOROUGH

occurred between a father and his daughter's boyfriend over some belongings. Cyberstalking is defined in the Louisiana criminal statutes as a form of stalking. Passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 2010, the law defines cyberstalking in Louisiana Revised Statute 14:40.3 as follows: "Cyberstalking is action of

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EDUCATION



Sgt. Tokia Whiting, SRO with the Minden Police Department says she spends most of her time in the role of a parent, even though she deals with fights or criminal matters. File Photo

Student Resource Officers are more than officers

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Law enforcement officer, mom, dad and friend – a student resource officer is known as all of those things and more. A student resource officer is a police officer who spends most of his or her time at the schools making sure students are safe and the school is secure. Sgt. Tokia Whiting, SRO with the Minden Police Department, says she spends most of her time in the role of a parent, even though she deals with fights or criminal matters. She works with the kids when they get into trouble.

"A lot of the time, you're being a parent," she said, "because thank God we're not like a lot of the bigger places where they have a lot of fights and major things. We have our fights, but it's not an all the time, every day thing."

Security is a major part of her job as well. She has to check the entrances, exits and the cameras placed throughout the school to make sure who is supposed to be there is there, and who isn't is not.

"It's making sure the kids stay safe and watching who's coming on campus," she said.

She says this past year, she's dealt with mainly skipping, and bullying hasn't been as bad.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says there is a need for a full-time SRO at Webster Junior High School, and Officer Tina Douglas, MPD's juvenile officer, served the junior high school full time for the last few weeks of school and will continue to do so through summer school.

Part of the reason for the need of an SRO, Cropper believes, is so much authority has been taken from the teachers in the area of discipline.

"In my opinion, they've taken so much away from the teachers," he said. "When I was in school,

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CHECKING IN | ECONOMIC AND DOWNTOWN POSITIONS



Minden Mayor Tommy Davis says they are narrowing down candidates for the position of the economic development director. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

City close to naming economic director

Main Street Commission changes awaiting governor's signature

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Minden Mayor Tommy Davis says they are narrowing down candidates for the position of the economic development director.

Approximately 10 applied for the job, he says, and they are within weeks of making a decision.

"We interviewed several people by Skype," he said. "Two people have come here in person to interview and now we're faced

with making the decision. We have two good applicants that have interviewed and we're ready to move forward with that."

The changes requested by the City of Minden for the Main Street Commission are sitting on the governor's desk waiting to be signed into law, State Rep. Gene Reynolds says.

"It's gone through the process

and we have not had a single 'no' vote through the whole thing," Reynolds said.

The two positions were once one and were split into two separate job descriptions earlier this year following the firing of Pattie Odom in December. Davis is waiting for the changes in the commission requirements to go through before another commission is seated. Once that happens, a downtown development director will be sought, he says.



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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers agree to veto-proof budget

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — In a chaotic flurry of last-minute votes, Louisiana lawmakers completed their work Thursday with a deal on next year's \$24 billion budget that will keep public colleges and health services from deep cuts — and that meets Gov. Bobby Jindal's criteria to escape a veto.

The deal was struck and approved in the 60-day legislative session's final hours, with the House and Senate agreeing to Jindal's demand that they create a tax credit on paper to protect the Republican governor's anti-tax record as he readies his likely presidential campaign.

Support of the tax-credit maneuver, in a 30-9 Senate vote and a 59-43 House vote, ended one of the main sticking points in negotiations and paved the way for passage of the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 and the tax plans that will finance it.

Shortly after the session ended, Jindal declared victory for his last legislative session as governor, though lawmakers took their own approach on how to balance the budget, mocked the financing maneuvers required by the governor and rejected two of the main planks of his legislative agenda.

"From our perspective, it was a good session," the governor said.

After starting the ses-

sion in April with a \$1.6 billion budget gap and the threat of more than 80 percent state-financing cuts across college campuses, the final budget cobbled together avoided the dire scenarios.

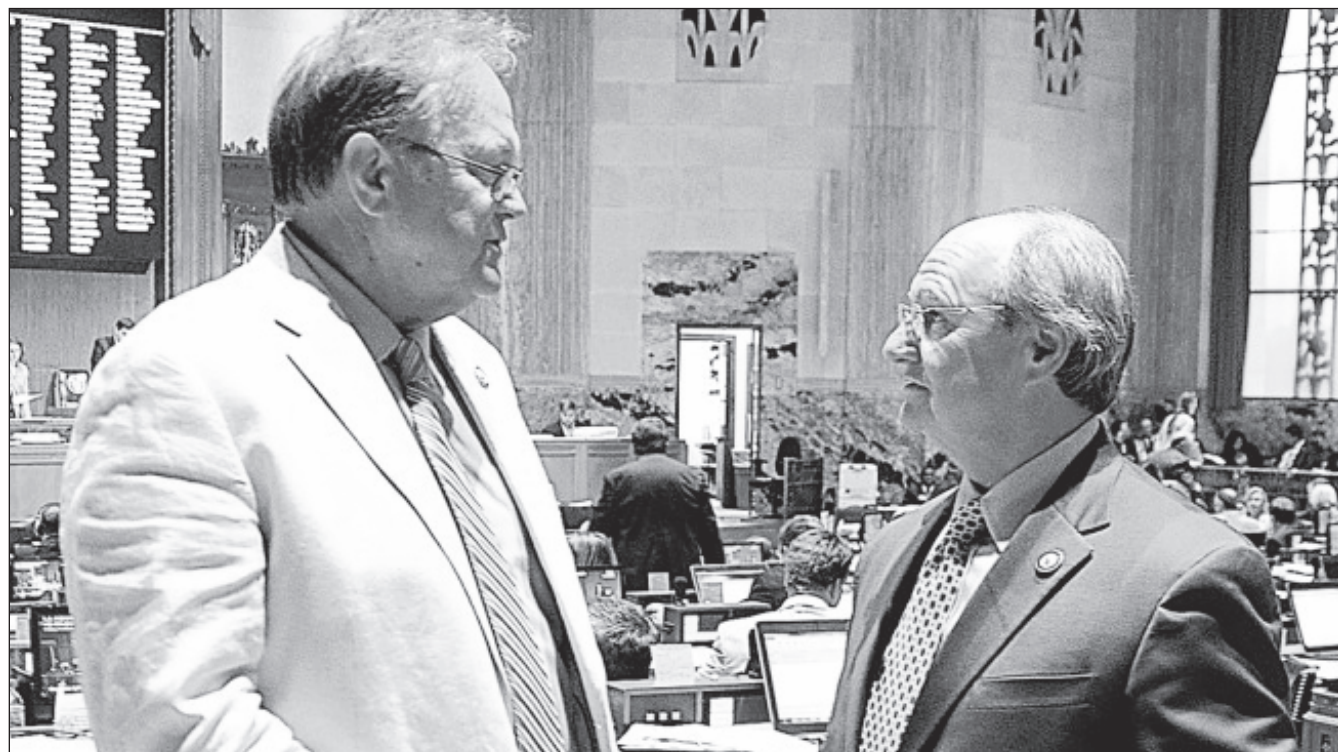
"This is probably one of the toughest legislative sessions that anybody in this building has faced in many, many years — in decades," House Speaker Chuck Kleckley, R-Lake Charles, told lawmakers. He added: "We have done incredible work."

The problem was largely of their own making. Jindal and lawmakers balanced this year's budget with \$1.2 billion in patchwork financing from property sales, legal settlements and other one-time sources of cash. The dollars weren't expected to reappear next year, creating most of the shortfall they struggled to fill.

Lawmakers agreed to raise taxes, shrink tax breaks and scale back business subsidies to drum up about \$700 million for the budget. They added millions more with fee hikes on a wide array of services.

On the final day, the House and Senate resolved disputes on the tobacco tax, agreeing to a 50-cent tax hike that will boost the per-pack tax rate to 86 cents and to charge a new tax on electronic cigarettes and vapor products. The House also agreed to a Senate-approved \$50 fee increase on car buyers to raise \$60 million annually.

Jindal said the budget deal struck met his param-



Dist. 10 Rep. Gene Reynolds, left, and Dist. 36 Sen. Robert Adley discuss the state budget. Courtesy Photo

eters: "This is a solid budget."

Expected to announce his presidential campaign in two weeks, Jindal threatened to veto \$370 million in tax increases, unless lawmakers agreed to offset them with what he considers a tax cut. He has closely guarded his record on a no-tax pledge he signed with an organization led by national anti-tax activist Grover Norquist.

The close alliance with Norquist became a joke — and a point of anger — for lawmakers throughout the legislative session. By the final days, at least one lawmaker carried a stuffed animal of Grover, the Muppet, around on the House

floor.

To satisfy Jindal's terms, lawmakers agreed to create a tax credit — called SAVE — that doesn't raise new money or cut anyone's taxes, but can be used for Jindal to claim an offset against other tax hikes used to balance the budget.

Senators went along with the plan easily, but House members balked until Thursday, passing it less than two hours before the legislative session had to end.

Rep. Chris Broadwater, R-Hammond, urged his colleagues to vote for the tax-credit maneuver, saying it would spare higher education from steep

reductions. But even Broadwater said he was embarrassed about the legislation.

"I will swallow my pride. I will choose to be embarrassed knowing that I stood and fought for higher education to the very end," he said.

Critics called the SAVE tax credit a deception to the public, designed solely to benefit the governor's White House ambitions.

"This scheme doesn't raise a single red penny to what's available to higher education, not one. It is a pure fiction. It is contrived. It is a gimmick," said Rep. John Bel Edwards, leader of the House Democrats.

Jindal discarded the

criticism that was levied even by lawmakers who voted for SAVE.

"I don't take anything they say on the floor personally," the governor said. "You've got to have thick skin in this building."

Getting his wish on the budget deal was a rare victory for Jindal this session. Lawmakers rejected two centerpieces of Jindal's agenda: a push to give special protections in state law to people who oppose same-sex marriage and his effort to strip the Common Core education standards from Louisiana's public school classrooms.

SRO

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teachers could do just about anything they needed to as far as punishment. They can't do that anymore and the kids are out of control. Tina can walk into a classroom and they all quiet down."

Both Cropper and Whiting say most of the fights are over a boy or a girl.

"A lot of times they can't tell you why they're fighting," she said.

As far as the high school, Cropper reiterated Whiting's sentiment that this past school year was probably one of the easiest she's had.

He spoke highly of both officers, saying it takes a special person to handle the position of SRO.

Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd says having a



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student resource officer is very important because of the violence that's taken place in schools across the country.

"Their (students) safety is his first and foremost concern," Lynd said of his SRO Sgt. Johnny Coleman. "He knows those kids; he has close interaction with those children and a lot of times a kid won't open up and talk to just anybody. Say a kid is being abused verbally, physically or sexually at home. They are more apt to open up to him because they see him

every day."

Coleman covers North Webster High School, Browning Elementary, Brown Upper Elementary, North Webster Junior High and Cotton Valley when needed.

When an officer spends that much time at a school, they get to know these children and sometimes are able to help a child before they get into trouble. Many times, kids will come see Whiting before they get into trouble.

"I get a whole lot of

that," she said. "If they are having problems or if they're what we call 'beefing' with somebody and they want to stay out of trouble, they'll come into my office and say, 'I'm trying to stay out of trouble.' Just try to solve the situation, or calm it down or eliminate it, however it can be fixed."

Whiting says it takes a special mindset to do this job. Much of her job doesn't so much have to do with the criminal side — although they do — it's more about interacting

with the kids.

"I consider them all my babies," she said. "I love the job I do. They see that the police are not always what they hear on the streets. You have to love it and have the mindset to do it. Every case is different. I look at each thing I deal with differently. I treat them all like they're my babies, because I want them to do the same for mine. I love what I do, I really do."

POSITIONS

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"The Main Street director position is a completely different job description than the economic development director," he said.

"This is part of the reorganization in that we have divided those two jobs."

The economic development director strictly works with local industry and businesses and to attract new business and industry. The downtown development director

works strictly with the Minden Main Street program.

Davis says \$150,000 and \$174,000 has been set aside for the economic development director, depending

on qualifications. The new director will receive a car allowance of \$6,000 annually, and the city will pay 75 percent of the new director's health insurance and 19.75 percent of retirement

benefits. Starting salary will be around \$54,000.

The position was created at the urging of a consultant with the Louisiana Development Ready Communities, which recom-

mended they hire an economic development director.

For the downtown development director, that salary will begin around \$28,500.

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CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

Open Burn HCR passes unanimously

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The resolution to stop the open tray burn promised by state Rep. Gene Reynolds has gone through the legislature with flying colors. It has now been sent to

the Louisiana Secretary of State, he says. However, it's only good for one year. "This will get us through until next year, and there will have to be a bill," he said. "I did it just to get us through this next year." He says this way they will have plenty of time to

work on a bill to stop the open tray burn method of munitions disposal at Camp Minden and across the state of Louisiana. The resolution came about after a public meeting in November when all the agencies working to dispose of the millions of pounds of M6 propellant

told the public it was a safe method. The public did not agree and the community pushed the Environmental Protection Agency to sponsor a dialogue committee tasked to come up with an alternate method of disposal. After a month of discussion, the committee

suggested six different methods other than the open tray burn. Explosive Service International was the bid chosen out of 10 and the selected method is the contained burn. Following the dialogue committee's recommendations, a citizens advisory group was formed to over-

see and allow community input into the process of the disposal as it takes place. They meet once per month with EPA officials to keep the public informed as to the ongoing decisions and processes.

CRIME TRACKER

Minden arrest report: Week of June 2

Minden Police Department

Holley Morris, 39, 300 block of Fox Creek Road in Houghton. Charged with driving while intoxicated. Daniel Merritt, 19, 100 block of Milton Drive in Minden. Charged with possession of drug para-

phernalia, theft, forgery, and illegal possession of stolen things. Antonio Nolan, 19, 600 block of Columbia in Minden. Charged with simple burglary, simple criminal damage to property, and resisting an officer. Mikelle Manes, 42, 21000 block of Highway

371 in Minden. Charged with driving under suspension and expired MVI. Christopher Jefferson, 28, 200 block of N. Middle Landing in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace. Franeshia Washington, 21, 600 block of Cherry Street in Minden. Charged

with disturbing the peace by loud music. LaTonya Washington, 40, no address. Charged with interference. Shrivski Washington, 26, 600 block of Cherry Street in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace. David Harmanson, 25, 700 block of Sibley Road in

Minden. Charged with aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a firearm. Jobbie Peters, 51, 200 block of Virginia in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery. Decarlos McClendon, 25, 600 block of Harris Street in Minden. Charged with stop sign violation

and flight from an officer. Chris Brisker, 20, 100 block of Squire in Minden. Charged with expired registration. Artie Brown III, 44, 400 block of Weston Street in Minden. Charged with theft (felony, 3rd offense), possession of cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

OBITUARIES

Lillian S. Nesom

Graveside services for Lillian S. Nesom will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2015 at Gardens of Memory in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiating will be the Rev. Steven Smithson. Lillian was born August 10, 1922, in Texas and entered into rest June 10, 2015 in Minden. She was preceded in death by her husband George E. Nesom and daughter Janet LaFern Hanson. She is survived by her granddaughter Jan Holloway and hus-

band Douglas of Minden, great-granddaughter Ashley Holloway James and husband Kenneth of Minden, and son-in-law Huey Lee Hanson of Minden.

Dana Yvonne (Ford) Veuleman

Dana Yvonne Veuleman, 63, passed away June 10, 2015. Funeral services celebrating her life will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Rose-Neath Minden Chapel. Interment to follow at 2 p.m. in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Many. Visitation with the family will be Friday, June 12,

2015 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Rose-Neath. Dana was born Dec. 17, 1951 in Minden. She worked for Peoples State Bank, later as a cosmetologist, and Northwestern Louisiana State Police. Dana enjoyed being a homemaker, gardening, and loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Luther Charles Veuleman Sr.; parents, Carl and Jackie Ford; and son-in-law Daniel Hebert. Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Luther Charles Veuleman and wife Aubrienne of Shreveport, Danny Veuleman of Dallas, William Veuleman and wife Christy of Little Rock, Arkansas, Robert Veuleman and wife Jackie of Georgia; daughters, D'Licia Ford Hebert of Shreveport, Pamela Trammell and husband Jay of Texarkana, Texas; twin brother, Danny Ford and wife Carolyn of Bossier City; grandchildren, Landon Mitchell, Madeline Mitchell, Luke Hebert, Emily Hebert, Avery Powell, and Cayden Veuleman; 15 step-



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grandchildren; nieces, Lauren Ford Wilson and husband Joshua Todd, Lindsey Ford; nephews, Dustin Ford and wife Beth, Nathan Ford and wife Jackie, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Honoring Dana as pallbearers will be Charlie Veuleman, Billy Veuleman, Danny Ford, Tommy Hathorn, Kenneth Gay, and Ellis Michael. The family suggests flowers and thank you cards be made to Summerfield Estates in Shreveport in her memory to show love and appreciation to a community she cared deeply about.

ARREST

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any person to accomplish any of the following: (1) Use in electronic mail or electronic communication of any words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to any person or to such person's child, sibling, spouse, or dependent, or physical injury to the property of any person, or for the purpose of extorting money or other things of value from any person. (2) Electronically mail or electronically

communicate to another repeatedly, whether or not conversation ensues, for the purpose of threatening, terrifying, or harassing any person." The law lists a couple of other instances where the action would be considered cyberstalking, but the statute also lists the punishments for the crime. It is as follows: (1) Whoever commits the crime of cyberstalking shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than one year or both. (2) Upon a second conviction occurring with-

in seven years of the prior conviction for cyberstalking, the offender shall be imprisoned for not less than one hundred and eighty days and not more than three years, and may be fined not more than five thousand dollars or both." A third or subsequent conviction occurring within seven years of the prior conviction calls for the offender to be imprisoned for not less than two years and not more than five years and may be fined not more than \$5,000 or both. "In addition, the court shall order that the per-

sonal property used in the commission of the offense shall be seized and impounded, and after conviction, sold at public sale or public auction by the district attorney in accordance with R.S. 15:539.1," the law reads. These are the possible sentences Scarborough faces if convicted.

CLARIFICATION

In Tuesday's edition of the Minden Press-Herald, it was reported that the \$300 per month proposed raise to Minden police officers was part of the two percent longevity raise all city employees receive. To clarify, the only ones required to get the two percent raise are Minden firefighters who have up to 20 years with the City of Minden. Mayor Tommy Davis says in the past, every city employee has received a two percent longevity raise. Davis says the city has the same amount of money in reserves as when the late mayor Bill Robertson passed away. What they don't have is the interest they used to make.

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EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

American Press on littering in the state

It's time for a clean sweep in southwest Louisiana. Our entryways are difference-makers when it comes to first impressions and with the economic and population boom headed our way, now is the time to break our bad habits.

What bad habit, you ask? Litter. Littering can be trash flying out the back of a pickup, deliberately throwing trash out of a window onto the roadway or depositing large amounts of trash into a ditch or illegal dumpsite. It also includes dumping the carcasses of hunting game, fish and crawfish, and leaving garage sale signs up long after the event is over.

Currently, those convicted of litter violations face between \$175 and \$1,000 in fines and up to eight hours in a litter abatement work program. Dumping violations can carry even more penalties and higher fines depending on the severity of the dumpsite and the damage to the environment.

A proposal nearing final passage in the Legislature would double each of those fines.

Senate Bill 33, by Rep. John A. "Johnny" Berthelot, R-Gonzales, would also divert the extra revenue to the retirement funds of the ticket-writer's respective agency.

The bill passed the full House May 6 and the Senate May 27 with amendments.

The bill is pending in a House conference committee before going to Gov. Bobby Jindal for final approval.

Does the punishment fit the crime? We think so.

According to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, litter costs Louisiana taxpayers \$40 million annually. The money is spent on collecting and disposing the litter, enforcing litter laws, adjudicating litter violations and conducting anti-litter public information and education programs.

We are Sportsman's Paradise. Litter has a direct effect on our economy, including real estate, tourism and new business. No one wants to live in a trashy state.

Litter isn't going to go away until southwest Louisiana residents care enough to reform their littering ways. Until they do, this is the consequence and we support it.

Give us your two cents!

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PERSPECTIVE

A most dangerous disconnect

One very elite group in New York City consists of eighteen people, just one of them a black American. In addition, based on bios, names, and photos, not a single member of this group is of Puerto Rican heritage. Yet the city they serve is more than half minority. So where's the liberal outrage?

Well, it turns out that the organization described above is the editorial board of the New York Times. You know, the "paper of record." These are the very same people, comfortably ensconced in their doorman buildings, who tell New York cops how to properly police the city's poor precincts, where murders are soaring.

"Stop-and-frisk" may have lowered crime and saved thousands of black lives, but New York opinion-shapers grouched that the police tactic disproportionately affected black New Yorkers. Kind of like the editorial board is disproportionately pasty-hued.

What are the odds that some of these influential Times editorialists have a son or daughter, a brother or sister, walking a beat in the Bronx? How about a nephew or uncle? The expression "slim to none" comes to mind.

Meanwhile, a few miles north of Times Square, the City College of New York named its student center in honor of Assata Shakur. You may remember her as Joanne Chesimard, a convicted cop-killer who fled to Cuba. In that same spirit, a teacher in suburban New York had her students send get-well cards to Wesley Cook when he fell ill recently. Wesley Cook?

That's Mumia Abu Jamal, the celebrated thug who brutally executed a cop.

There is a wide and growing disconnect between liberal America and traditional America when it comes to the men and women who serve and protect. Far too many progressives look at uniformed police officers with dismissive disdain. Although they'll quickly yell for a cop the moment someone dents their Prius or Lexus or Tesla.

There is a striking parallel when it comes to our military. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates said this: "With each passing decade, fewer and fewer Americans know someone with military experience in their family or social circle."

Admiral Mike Mullen, once the most powerful military man in America, echoed that, saying, "America doesn't know its military and the United States military doesn't know America." It brings to mind a pithy observation put forth by a DC pundit: "Nobody at any Washington dinner party tonight ... personally knows any enlisted man or woman now defending the nation." The very same thing can be said of the swells in New York City, who attend dinner parties where no one actually knows a uniformed cop. One



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exception may be Mayor Bill de Blasio, the ultra-liberal cop-demonizer-in-chief. We hereby concede that he is probably on a first-name basis with the well-armed NYPD officers on his security detail.

This is a very disturbing trend. Too many elite, educated Americans go through life without having any personal contact with a man or woman wearing a uniform. (Doormen and airline pilots don't count!) But they are never shy about denouncing cops and soldiers.

Right now there is an anti-cop conflagration in America, stoked by liberal cable networks, irresponsible public officials, and once-great newspapers that rush to judgment.

To be fair, the critics were absolutely correct in the most recent allegation of police misconduct. Corporal David Casebolt never should have drawn his gun at that pool party in Texas, nor should he have manhandled the teenager. Everyone knows that. Casebolt himself knows that, which is why he almost immediately resigned.

Casebolt is the rare exception, but he'll be held up as the personification of all that's wrong with America's cops. Many of the folks screaming the loudest have never met a cop they liked. But that's mainly because they've never met a cop ... period! To them, cops are those beefy guys who guzzle Bud and have barbecues in Queens and Staten Island.

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

EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Times- Picayune state budget negotiations

Louisiana has a huge budget crisis. The state's lawmakers arrived at this year's legislative session knowing they had to do something significant to address a whopping \$1.6 billion budget deficit. Filling a hole as big as that one requires an open spirit of cooperation, communication and negotiation between lawmakers and the governor. It requires two sides fully committed to doing what's best for Louisiana.

That's how it ought to be, at least. But for years now, state lawmakers attempting budget negotiations with Gov. Bobby Jindal have been forced to deal with a third party: an ideological purist who works out of Washington, has not been elected by Louisianians (or by anybody else) and has no motivation to act in the best interests of our state. That person is Grover Norquist, head of Americans for Tax Reform. And given the outsized power he wields in Louisiana, 11 Republican lawmakers wrote him a letter dated June 8 seeking his input on Louisiana budgetary matters.

Referring to the a bill that creates SAVE, a higher education tax credit that Jindal says would win Norquist's approval, Rep. Joel Robideaux, the head of the Legislature's state's tax-writing committee wrote, "We are deeply concerned about the clear and present danger posed by this bill. As conservative Republican legislators, we firmly believe SB 284 is the biggest threat to fiscal responsibility our state has ever faced."

Rep. Robideaux describes the legislation — which creates a tax credit to cover a currently nonexistent student fee — as a kind of Trojan horse that will allow future elected officials to "raise taxes on a nearly unlimited basis, and then claim revenue neutrality solely based on the creation of a purely fictional, procedural, phantom, paper tax credit."

Norquist responded almost immediately. "ATR does not support or oppose the SAVE Act," he wrote. "If you don't like the SAVE Act," he added, "why not find other offsetting tax cuts that are more to your liking?"

Perhaps Norquist doesn't understand the context. (That would be understandable; he doesn't live here.) But the state is looking at a huge budget deficit. This is probably not the time for lawmakers to be looking for ways to cut taxes.

That response — "why not find other offsetting tax cuts?" — illustrates why lawmakers should not have had to consult Norquist in the first place. Gov. Jindal was elected as the chief executive of this state — he got 66 percent of the vote in the 2011 election — and he ought to have the final say regarding Louisiana's budget.

The pledge that Norquist created gives its signees no wiggle room. The version for governors reads: "I, _____, pledge to the taxpayers of the state of _____, that I will oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes." Gov. Jindal should not have made such a promise. He should have maintained for himself the discretion to do whatever is in the best interest of Louisiana.

But like so many other Republican officials eager to demonstrate their conservative bonafides, Gov. Jindal signed that pledge, and he has risked looking silly, risked looking heartless to stay true to it.

When lawmakers in 2012 voted to renew a 4-cent per pack cigarette tax that was expiring, Gov. Jindal vetoed it. The next year, he opposed a monthly 2-cent tax on mobile phone service that would fund telecommunication services for the deaf. Citing Norquist's certain disapproval, Gov. Jindal said no. He later supported a bill that diverted a portion of the state's sales taxes to that fund, but it's doubtful that was better than what the Legislature had approved.

This is expected to be the governor's last legislative session, so there's little hope that the man who has signed a pledge from Americans for Tax Reform will reform his own ways. Here's hoping, though, that his successor pledges to always do what's best for Louisiana and avoids pledging allegiance to third parties who have no skin in the game.

Around Town

Share your events with the community. Send your events to community@press-herald.com, fax them to 377-1866, over the phone by calling 377-1866 or in person at our offices located at 203 Gleason St. in Minden.

June 13, 2015

King Solomon Baptist Church will have Love Day at 5 p.m. featuring guest speaker Pastor Wosheka Burriel of Extreme Faith Worship Center.

Miracle Productions will present An Evening of Gospel at 7 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building located at 311 Bailey St.. Featured guest will be Dynamic Holy Spiritualaires.

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church located at 1686 Fuller Road in Minden will present "Becoming a more loving person" from 10 a.m. until noon.

June 14, 2015

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host the New Destiny Singers, Apostle Samuel Smith at 2:30 p.m.

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church will have its 107th anniversary at 3

p.m. featuring the Rev. Lester C. Sims as guest speaker.

Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church will be holding their Annual Homecoming Service Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3 P.M. at 3354 Franklin Road in Heflin, Louisiana. They will also be holding Revival Services June 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. The speaker for all services will be Pastor Rodney Williams from King Solomon Baptist Church in Sibley.

Zion Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its 88th anniversary at 2:30 p.m. with special guest the Rev. Ray Jiles.

June 15, 2015

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church will kick off its 2015 Vacation Bible School at 6:30 p.m. and run until June 17.

Antioch Baptist Church on Hwy. 79 will have its revival service at 7 p.m. nightly until June 17.

June 18, 2015

The Minden Chapter of the Diabetic Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Minden Medical Center cafeteria. The speaker will be Dr. Bain Planchard from Planchard Eye and Laser Center in Bossier City. For more information, call 377-0060 or 377-2589.



MINDEN MASONIC LODGE #51 PRESENTS HONESTY & INTEGRITY AWARDS

Minden Masonic Lodge #51 hosted its annual "Honesty & Integrity" awards ceremony April 28, 2015, honoring six recipients from local high schools with this award. The evening was started with a wonderful meal and fellowship, followed by a beautiful presentation ceremony held in the lodge conducted by Louisiana F & AM, District 2, DDGM; Wayne King with the assistance of Minden Lodge members. Pictured above from left, Dist. 2 DDGM; Wayne King, MHS students; Joshua Tubbs & Jordan Lary, DHS student; Cameron Smith, LHS students; Abigail Reynolds & Lane Hammons, Minden Masonic Lodge WM; Gary Carter not pictured, DHS student Abigail Smith

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NBA FINALS

Warriors get back on track to even series

CLEVELAND (AP) — Stephen Curry shook off Iman Shumpert with a dribble, stepped back behind the line and splashed a 3-pointer that seemed to submerge a mute button on Quicken Loans Arena.

Curry clenched both fists, slapped his chest and yelled, "C'mon!"

At last, this was the MVP and these were the Golden State Warriors — so deep, so deadly.

Curry and Andre Iguodala scored 22 points apiece and the Warriors, showing why they were the league's best team all season, squared the NBA Finals at 2-2 on Thursday night with a 103-82 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Game 5 is Sunday night at Oakland's rambunctious Oracle Arena, where the teams split two overtime games last week. This wasn't desperation for the Warriors, but it was close as none of the 32 teams which have fallen behind 3-1 in the finals has won a title.

"Tonight we came in with the mentality that we had to win this game," said Curry.

So they did. These guys are California cool.

"We played desperate out there, man," Klay Thompson said. "We played real hungry. It was just awesome to come out here and impose our will on both sides of the ball and play our brand of basketball. That's what's been winning us games all year."

LeBron James scored 20 points — 21 under his average in the series — with 12 rebounds and eight assists, but Cleveland's megastar, who needed stitches to close a cut on his head sustained when banged it into a camera in the first half, didn't score in the fourth quarter and couldn't do enough for the undermanned Cavaliers.

NBA

LeBron exposed during pregame

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James may need to call Janet Jackson to get some advice on how to handle wardrobe malfunctions.

Moments before Game 4 of the NBA Finals began on Thursday night, James inadvertently exposed himself to millions watching on live television. As James was getting ready to take the court, an ABC camera moved in for a close-up.

Turns out it got a little too close. James was adjusting his shorts as he started to tuck in his jersey. He briefly pulled down the black compression shorts he wore under his gold game shorts as well, exposing himself to an audience that has averaged about 18.5 million viewers in the first three games of the series.

It conjured memories of Jackson's performance at halftime of the Super Bowl in 2004 when Justin Timberlake tugged at Jackson's top and briefly exposed one of the singer's breasts.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Minden Rec. action

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Coach Pitch Southern Stone 9 Roma 8

Remington Arender led the way for Southern Stone with a home run and single, followed by Ryan Reagan with two triples. Cameryn Davis tripled and doubled, Hudson Glasscock tripled and Cash Frizzell and Derrick Bryant added base hits.

Peyton Houston hit a home run and added a pair of singles to lead Roma. Preston Blakely added a double and single, while Zavious Lewis and Bryson McKinney had two hits each. Garrett Adams added a base hit.

AAA Regulators 7 Alpha Energy 6

Chase Hammonds had two triples to lead the Regulators, followed by Ric Harris with a double, Elliot Sheherd with two singles and Nolan Garms with a base hit. Ric Harris had 11 strikeouts on the mound.

Chelby Hinton tripled and had two singles to lead Alpha Energy, followed by Jaylin Williams with a pair of doubles. Jaylin Williams also struck out nine batters on the mound for Alpha.

Lions Club 15 Alpha Railroad 6

Dayton Sims blasted a home run for Lions Club. Ethan Latour also crushed a home run, while Bryce Powell and Caleb Condit had triples and singles. Brandon Winston doubled and singled twice and Jake Wilkins singled.

Trey Yetman, Will Davis and Mason Lewis had hits for Alpha Railroad and Price Miller struck out six batters.

Dixie Youth U.S. Silica 11 MPC Bulldogs 11

Cole Frazier tripled for Silica, followed by Corbin Kendrick who stroked a double and added two singles. Matthew Seales doubled and Keegan Frizzell added a base hit.

Ty Green had two doubles and a single for the Bulldogs, followed by Jackson Mayfield with a double and single, Carson Parker with a double and J'Roceyun Scott and

Connor Heard with base hits.

Dixie Boys Town & Country 15 Minden Elite 3

Tyler Gillespie doubled twice and singled for Town & Country, followed by Cameron Barton who doubled, Gage Edwards with two singles and Nate Willis added a base hit. Nate Willis struck out seven on the mound.

Treyton Butler tripled and Antravius Allen doubled. Evan Boswell and Jerestin Baugh added base hits.

Glenbrook 14 Lakeside 3

Cade Clemons and Trevor McLean doubled for Glenbrook, followed by Haynes Mandino and Beau Branch with three hits each. Nick Mourad and Austin King added base hits.

Hunter Womack tripled, Trevor Randle and Krystopher Stewart doubled and Drake Austin added a base hit for Lakeside.

Dixie Angels Timberland 7 Cooksey's Tax 0

Lauren Still tripled and singled for Timberland, followed by Elyse Jackson who doubled and D'yana Hamil with a base hit.

Katelin Westin had the only hit for Cooksey's.

Belles OWC 6 Glenbrook 3

Halie Cross, Karlee Osbon, Jordan Sheppard and Abagael Cross had big hits for OWC on the night. Olivia Osborne struck out nine batters for OWC.

Alyssa Martin and Hannah Mosley had hits for Glenbrook.

Glenbrook 13 Haughton Heat 1

Aubrie Dickson doubled and singled, while Kara Bryce tripled and singled to lead Glenbrook.

Ward and Crumpler had the only hits for Haughton.

Wednesday Scores AAA Apaches 16 Kirk's Towing 1

Maddox Mandino tripled twice and singled, while Cason Clemons, Jakobe Jackson and Landry Powell added triples as well. C.J.



Press-Herald Photos/Blake Branch

Watts, Garrett Brown and Grayson Williams had base hits. Maddox Mandino and Garrett Brown combined to no-hit Kirk's Towing.

Cooper Parker struck out three batters for Kirk's Towing on the mound.

Skeeter's 9 Regulators 6

Jase Pate delivered a triple for Skeeter's only hit. Elijah Redding struck out eight batters for Skeeter's.

Elliot Sheppard hit two home runs for the regulators and Chase Hammonds added a base hit. Sheppard also struck out six batters on the mound.

Minden Athletic 12 Hol-Mont 8

Cooper Chase tripled for Minden Athletic, followed by Jacob Powell with a double and Collin Murphy with a single. Chase Tolbert struck out seven batters and Kendall Flournoy sat down five batters for Minden Athletic on the mound.

Dexter Smith tripled twice and doubled to lead Hol-Mont, followed by Noah Spears with a base hit. Dexter Smith struck out five batters for Hol-Mont.

Dixie Youth Minden Athletic 16 U.S. Silica 6

Hayden Engel crushed a

pair of home runs and added a single for Minden Athletic.

De'Mareya Howard blasted a home run as well and also hit a triple for Minden Athletic, while Drake Freeman tripled and doubled and Blain Sparks and Tristen Murry added triples of their own. Jacob Corke, Cameron Combs, Kyle Spears and Blake Bradley added base hits for Minden Athletic. Blaine Sparks struck out nine batters on the mound.

Corbin Kendrick doubled, Reggie Lofton had two hits and Keegan Frizzell added a base hit to lead U.S. Silica. Connor Humphreys struck out four batters on the mound.

Glenbrook Hunter's Super Raffle

Congratulations to last week's big winners in the Glenbrook Hunter's Weekly Super Raffle. Left, Randy Clemons poses with the pallet of Deer Corn won by James Guillory of Shreveport in the Wednesday, June 3 drawing with winning numbers 909. Right, Will Michael poses with the Browning A-bolt Bolt action rifle won by Hank Rowton in the Saturday, June 6 drawing. His winning numbers were 398. The Glenbrook Super Raffle is sponsored by Rockin' Rooster in Minden and Michael's Men's Store and Sporting Goods in Homer. Submitted photo

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

North Webster's White enjoys Five Star Challenge



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Over the past year, Devin White has emerged as a big time prospect coveted by top programs across the country, and last weekend White put his skills on display in Baltimore at the Rivals Five Star Challenge.

The Five Star Challenge is an event held at the Baltimore Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium, inviting some of the nation's top talent to come and compete

against one another in a variety of ways.

"When we first got there it was just a lot of interviews and talking to the reporters," White said. "The next morning everything jumped off around 8:30 a.m. with drills and then one-on-ones."

White performed well at both the running back and linebacker spot, once again flashing the size and athleticism that has scouts drooling.

White also had a chance to visit Under Armour Headquarters.

"They showed us a lot of new stuff," White said. "It was crazy."

One thing White wasn't prepared for was the weather.

"I didn't know it wasn't going to be hot up there so I had my hoodie on," he said. "The city of Baltimore is different."

Having been busy on the camp circuit, White said there were some familiar faces in attendance.

"Rashard Lawrence from Neville was there too," White said. "Really there were a lot of people there I knew, and there were a lot of people there who knew me, I guess because at every camp I've stood out."

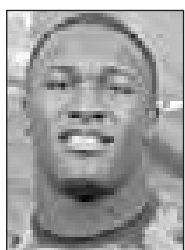
As one would expect when a large group of top prospects get together, there's plenty of politics going on behind hotel room doors and in between drills to try and lure uncommitted

players to certain schools.

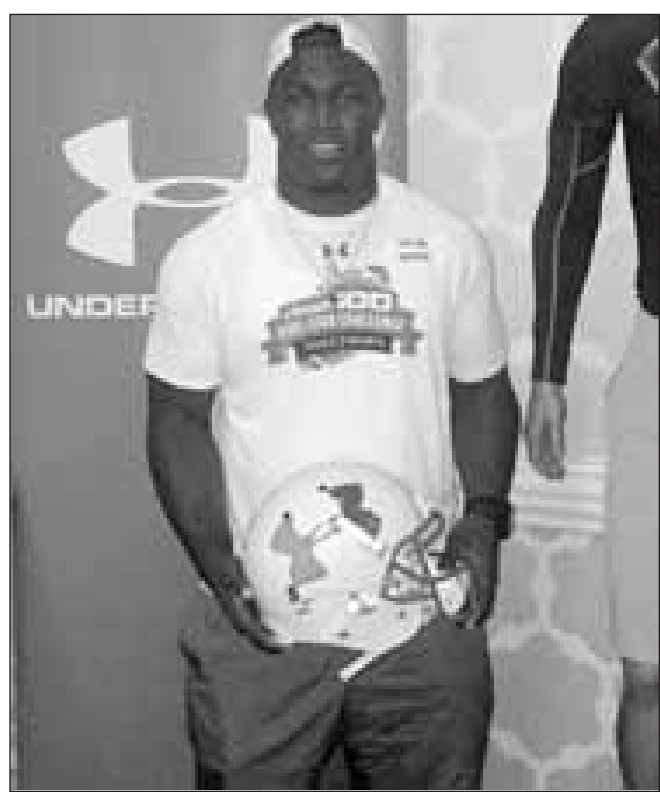
White is no exception. "Yeah a couple guys try to get in my ear," White said. "Saivion Smith from Florida (committed to LSU) was talking to me. He was like 'Come on bro, come on and join the Tigers.' A couple Auburn commits too, just a lot of guys telling me to check out this place or that place."

With a large number of 2016 making early verbal commitments, don't expect White to announce anytime soon, as he is determined to take his time before making a decision on his future.

White will continue his busy summer with a trip to the pacific northwest in July for The Opening, an event similar to the Five Star Challenge put on by Nike in Beaverton, Oregon.



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TEAM OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the Alpha Energy. They are this week's MPH/Minden Farm & Garden Team of the Week. Alpha Energy has had a great season in the AAA division. They are coached by Keith Jellum, Stacy Woodall and Brandon Martin.

The Minden Press-Herald's Team of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Minden Farm & Garden.

South Webster baseball clinic



Award winners at the South Webster Baseball Clinic were: (Top photo, 8-10 year old) From left, Peyton Gray (most improved), Garrett Brown (offense), Elijah Redding (defense), Landry Powell (MVP), Landon Watson (hustle). In the 11-12 year old division (bottom photo) the winners were: From left, Jackson Powell (MVP), Jackson Mayfield (offense), Ethan Vise (special hustle), Brian Foster (most improved), Hayden Engel (defense), Jacob Corke (hustle). Courtesy Photo/Carla Gray

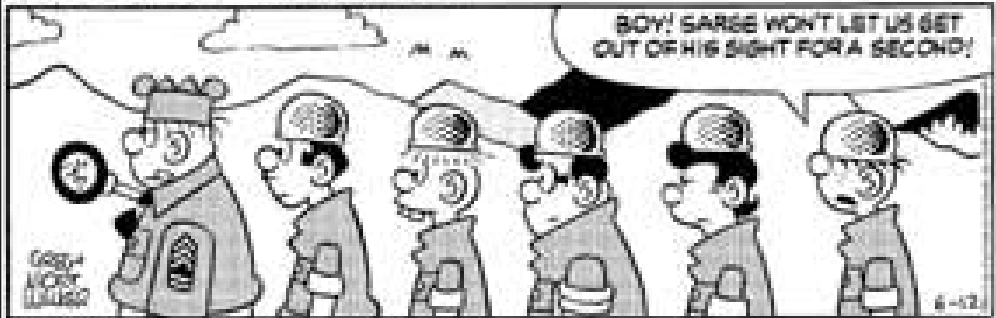
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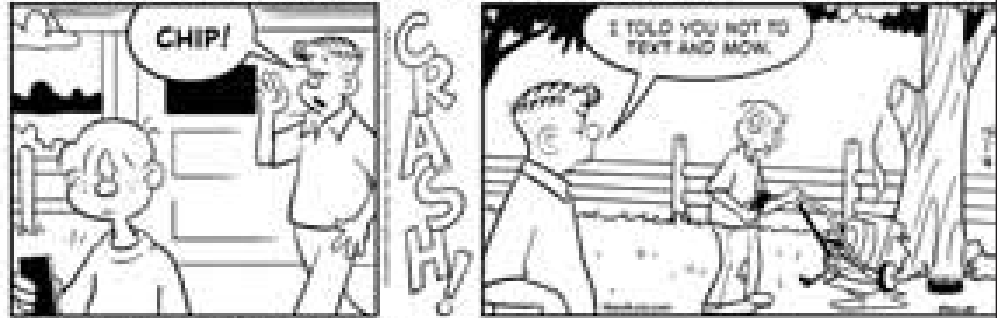
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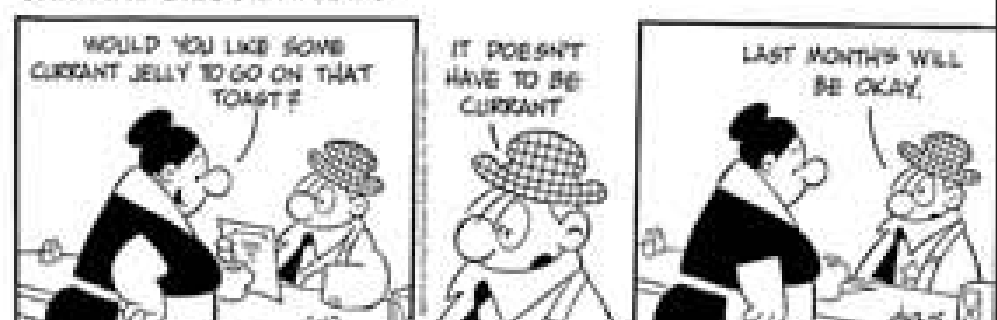
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as shown by his deed of acquisition recorded in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, Vol. 77, at page 219, and thence run East 118 feet; thence run South 16 feet; thence run East 70 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue 70 feet; thence run South 130 feet; thence run West 70 feet; thence run North 130 feet to the point of beginning, all being situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4), Section 33, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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GIBSLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY
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THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF LOLA BLAKELEY
 In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 74509.

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,
 June 17, 2015,
 during the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
 Begin at the Southwest corner of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of SE/4) Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, and run North 464.3 feet to Cemetery Street; thence North 73 degrees 12 minutes East along Cemetery St. 1038.5 feet to the East side of Pine Street; thence North 46 degrees 8 minutes West along Pine St. 6.5 feet to point of beginning; thence North 53 degrees 22 minutes East 96 feet; thence South 36 degrees 38 minutes East 62 feet; thence North 51 degrees 11 minutes East 10 feet; thence North 36 degrees 38 minutes West 62 feet; thence South 53 degrees 22 minutes West 10 feet to point of beginning.

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 2012 Lexington mobile home bearing serial number LH01116781 immobilized onto and including a portion of Lots 23 and 24 of the Premier Park Subdivision, a subdivision of the Town of Cotton Valley, Webster Parish, LA, as per plat recorded in map book 2, page 22 of the conveyance records of Webster Parish, LA, more particularly described as follows: commencing at the southwest corner of said Lot 23, run north along the easterly right-a-way of McArthur Loop a distance of 23 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue along the easterly right-of-way of McArthur loop a distance of 52 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 23; thence run northeasterly along the north line of Lot 23 a distance of 206 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 23; thence run south along the east line of Lot 23 distance of 112 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 23 being also the northeast corner of

said Lot 24; thence continue south along the set line of Lot 24 distance of 7 feet; thence run westerly a distance of 299 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; being the same land acquired by Jeanie Ratcliff Striplin as per the cash deed recorded February 7, 2006 under registry no 484911 in book 1010, page 369 of the conveyance records of Webster Parish, LA; together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, having a municipal address of 429 McArthur Loop, Cotton Valley, LA 71018.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
 Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
GARY S. SEXTON
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Tract #2. Begin at the Northeast corner of that certain one acre tract of land owned by S. E. Munn, as shown by his deed of acquisition recorded in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, Vol 77, at page 219, and thence run East

Together with all improvements and rights thereto belonging, located on both of the hereinabove described property. This property has a municipal address of 272 Alternate Highway 2, Shongaloo, Louisiana 71072.
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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

ALSO all rights and interest in and to an easement or right of passage, over a strip 8 feet in width described as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of Southeast Quarter of

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" S C B X F A Z E B W B Q C W K B O ."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHERE AND HOW DO MANY TEUTONIC PEOPLE DISCUSS THINGS WITHOUT RAMBLING? BERLIN, GERMANELY.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 17 "Fuhged-daboudit!" |
| 1 "Fidelio" or "Faust" | 43 Bond, e.g. | 1 Scepter topper |
| 6 Wilde-beest | 44 Arab League member | 2 Chart format |
| 9 Summer-time elec. users | 45 Easter chapeau | 3 Blackout of a sort |
| 12 Kitchen gizmo | 47 Country named for an imaginary line | 4 Keep in check |
| 13 Disen-cumber | 49 Deliver a speech | 5 Gladi-ators' venue |
| 14 Deterio-rate | 52 — U.S. Pat. Off. | 6 Fairy tale sister |
| 15 Prove false | 53 Affir-mative action? | 7 Pleasant ese |
| 16 Frugality | 54 Start | 8 Japan-ese vegetable |
| 18 There from birth | 55 Witness | 9 Scent |
| 20 Portent | 56 Tummy muscles | 10 Star-in-the-making |
| 21 Deadly snake | 57 Under-grad course, for short | 11 "Gypsy" composer |
| 23 Life time? | | Jule |
| 24 Cogni-zant | | |
| 25 Jeopar-dize | | |
| 27 Andean beast | | |
| 29 Lubricate | | |
| 31 Mystery writer Dorothy | | |
| 35 Dining-room piece | | |
| 37 Ella's style | | |
| 38 Started | | |
| 41 Cock and bull? | | |

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-12

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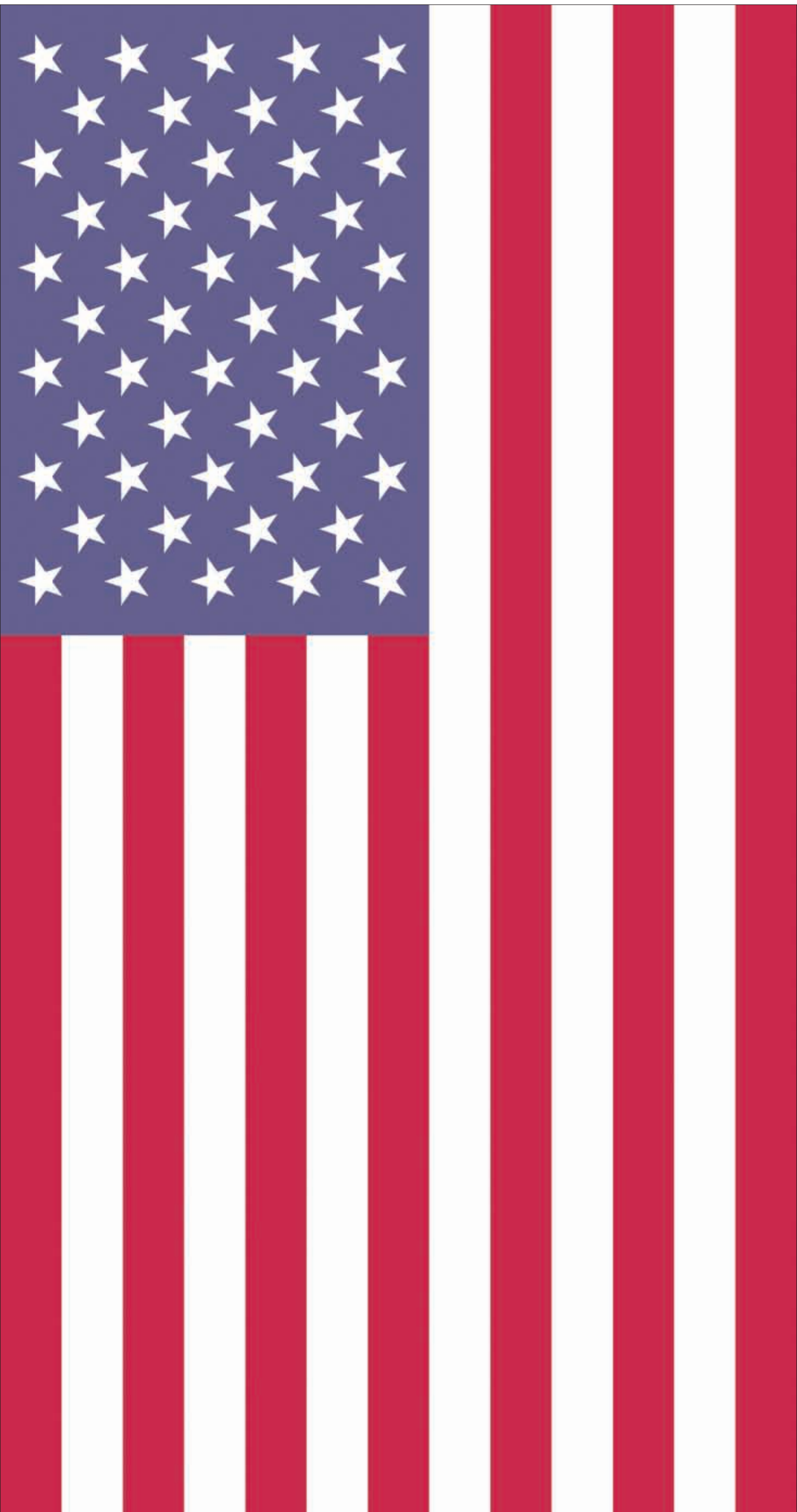
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