

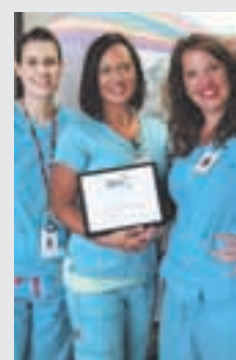
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IN THE COURTS

Kennon files appeal on conviction

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A Minden man convicted under the habitual offender law has filed an appeal on his conviction.

Kedrick Kennon, convicted of possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II CDS and possession of cocaine, has filed an appeal with the Second Circuit Court of Appeal claiming his sen-

tence of 35 years at hard labor is excessive "in light of his lack of violent history," according to the appeal.

The appeal goes on to allege the sentence is excessive for several reasons. They are listed as follows:

■ "Officers paid a confidential informant \$1,500 per transaction, allegedly.

■ "It is unlikely that officers will engage in such extreme behavior

again.

■ "Mr. Kennon was not involved in a larger scheme that did not involve officers.

■ "Mr. Kennon has not been convicted of any criminal activity in approximately 10 years."

The motion for recon-

sideration of his sentence was filed Monday, June 15. The appeal was granted the same day and ordered by 26th Judicial District Court Judge Charles Jacobs that transcripts be filed on or before July 24. It is set to be heard by the Second Circuit Court of Appeal on August 25.

Kennon was sentenced under the habitual offender law, district attorney Schuyler Marvin says, because he has more than

three previous felony convictions and has a long criminal history dating back to the 1990s.

"He's a very smart guy," Marvin says, "but here's a guy who just sells dope to anybody and everybody who'll buy it. If you want dope, he's willing to sell it to you."

Marvin says this is his fifth felony conviction.

**KENNON**

LOUISIANA POLITICS

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LA. GOV. BOBBY JINDAL



Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal declared his candidacy for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination Wednesday and set about trying to distinguish himself in a field with better known rivals. Courtesy Photo

JINDAL MAKES IT OFFICIAL

Gov. Bobby Jindal enters the Republican race for the White House

MELINDA DESLATTE

Associated Press

KENNER — Pitching himself as a "doer" in a field of talkers, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal declared his candidacy for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination Wednesday and set about trying to distinguish himself from better known rivals.

It's a long-shot effort for an accomplished but overshadowed governor, and his prospects will depend in large measure on his continued courtship of evangelical

WEBSTER RESIDENTS RESPOND

“

I like Gov. Jindal, but I think he's too late, too many Republicans in the race. There's just too many.”

SAM MAKOWSKY

Minden Resident



“

I think it's a waste of his time. Now I'm sure he's got an angle somewhere else. I don't think he stands a chance, but you know, I've been wrong before.”

GARLAND TARVER

Dixie Inn Resident

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LOUISIANA LAW

Habitual Offender Law

What is it and how does it work?

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A law put into effect roughly 30 years ago is not what many might think.

The habitual offender law (La. R.S. 15:529.1), a law that allows a judge to impose a stiffer sentence on repeat offenders, is not a "three strikes, you're out" law, says Webster District Attorney Schuyler Marvin.

"It's what we called graded, where the more offenses you have the severer the sentence," he said. "It's not an automatic three strikes and you're out. Your predicate (previous) crimes have to be over a certain level. It gets kind of complicated, but if you commit a second offense, the penalty can be enhanced for the offense you're being prosecuted for."

See **LAW**, Page 2**MARVIN**

ENTERTAINMENT

Film fest set for July at civic center

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Film lovers will get a chance to view films they might not get to see on the big screen next month during the Heart of the Pines Film Festival set for the weekend of July 25-26.

Set at the Minden Civic Center, Courtney Sandifer, filmmaker and coordinator of the event, says the festival will feature many Indy films and short films.

"The movie theaters show only the movies that are going to make money,"

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COURT NEWS

Trial to be set for accused armed robber

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Trial for the second man accused in the January 2014 armed robbery of a convenience store is tentatively set for Sept. 11.

Brian Gilbert, 22, of Durwood Drive, is charged with armed robbery.

According to officials with the district attorney's office, his counsel filed a motion to withdraw and his case has been put on the docket for

July 13 to determine counsel. Once that is done, trial will be set.

Gilbert is accused of robbing a convenience store at gunpoint on the corner of East Union and Fort Streets taking an undetermined

amount of cash from the register.

The other accused in the same robbery, Laderrius Shelton, just pled guilty last week to first degree attempted robbery with a 15-year cap on his sentence. His sentencing is set for August 3.

Assistant District Attorney Hugo Holland, who is prosecuting Gilbert's case, says Gilbert has a prior felony conviction and faces from 49 and a half years to 198 years in prison if he's convicted as charged.



GILBERT

COURT WATCH

Webster court news for June 22

Jessica A. Allen: Charged with possession of a schedule II CDS. Passed to June 26. Trial set for October 19.

Katelyn A. Bennett: Charged with two counts of distribution of a Schedule II CDS. One count passed to August 24. Second count- warrant issued. Bond revoked. Hold without bond until August 24.

Dennis R. Booth: Pled not guilty to possession of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids (second offense). Status Conference set for August 3. Trial set for Sept 14.

Justin L. Callender: Charged with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS and possession/distribution/sale of legend drug without prescription. Arraignment set for July 13.

Erica Carver: Pled not guilty to simple burglary. Status conference set for July 27. Trial set for Oct 19.

Daniel Davis: Pled not guilty to possession of a Schedule II CDS, possession

of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids and open containers. Status conference set for August 3. Trial set for Nov 2.

David Scott Fuller: Pled not guilty to possession of a firearm or carrying concealed weapon by convicted felon, improper use of registration/license plates/license, no insurance, operating a vehicle with an expired motor vehicle inspection. Pled not guilty. Reset to August 24. Trial set for Oct 19.

Amy Garcia: Pled not guilty to possession of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids and theft of goods under \$500. Trial set for Sept 11.

John Garrett IV: Charged with conspiracy to create a clandestine lab, attempt to manufacture methamphetamine. Deferred sentence.

Tervorious Harris: Pled not guilty to aggravated burglary. Status conference set for August 3. Trial set for Nov 2.

Ronald Wayne Hayden: Charged with two counts monetary instrument abuse and two counts forgery. Sentenced to three years hard labor at Louisiana Department of Corrections to run consecutive. Suspended. Three years active supervised probation. Must pay \$1,500 plus court costs within one year on forgery charges, he was sentenced to three years at hard labor with the Louisiana Department of Corrections, suspended to run concurrent. Three years active supervised probation. Must pay \$1,000 plus court costs. Must pay restitution within 120 days. Must pay \$80 to District Attorney's office for cost of prosecution within 120 days.

Dontavius R. Henix: Charged with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS, speeding 1-10 MPH, failure to secure registration, and pled not guilty to possession with intent to distribute a

Schedule I CDS, to wit: Marijuana or Synthetic Cannabinoids. Status conference set for July 13. Trial set for Sept 14.

John Riley Hollingsworth: Charged with simple battery. Protective order is dismissed - will submit and attend anger management.

Steven Humphreys: Charged with theft between \$750 and \$5,000. Passed to August 24. Trial set for Oct 19.

Michael Jackson: Charged with attempted felony theft and simple criminal trespass. Reset for Sept 28.

Timothy O. Kimmons: Charged with resisting an officer with force or violence. Passed to Sept 28. Charged with two counts of distribution of marijuana and one count of possession of marijuana with intent. Probation revoked. Recommended substance abuse treatment program. Pled not guilty to conspiracy to distribute a Schedule

I CDS. Status conference set for Sept 28.

Crystal Neely: Pled not guilty to possession of a Schedule II CDS. To report and pay \$40 fee. Status conference set for August 24. Trial set for Oct 19.

Jimmy E. Nutt: Pled not guilty to racketeering. Status conference set for July 27. Trial set for Oct 19.

Mark Tracy Patrick: Charged with theft of tools in excess of \$1,500. Bench warrant, bond forfeiture. Held without bond.

Edwin James Shuler: Pled not guilty to possession of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids - second offense. Status conference set for August 3. Trial set for Nov 2.

Terrel James Smith: Charged with aggravated burglary of an inhabited dwelling. New bond set for \$250,000. Count 2: simple burglary of a religious building. Bond forfeiture. New bond set at \$500,000. Trial set for Oct 19.

Michael Dewayne

Streetman: Pled not guilty to possession of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids - third or subsequent offense. Status conference set for July 20. Trial set for Sept 14.

Shannon D. Strother: Pled not guilty to racketeering. Status conference set for July 27. Trial set for Oct 19.

Nathen Richard Stroud: Charged with simple burglary. Status conference set for July 27. Trial set for October 19. Arraignment passed to June 29.

Timothy Edward Whitfield: Pled not guilty to unauthorized use of a movable valued at \$500 or less. Trial set for August 14.

Yron Yrue Young: Pled not guilty to distribution of a Schedule IV CDS and possession of a Schedule II CDS. Status conference set for July 20. Trial set for Dec 7.

FILM

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she said. "You just don't get to see those unless you go to film festivals or look them up on the internet, or if you know a filmmaker. There's thousands of Indy filmmakers looking for places to show their movies. We make movies,

and we just want people to watch them. We make movies to tell stories. It's an art to us and it involves showing them to other people."

So far, she says she has more than 100 submissions, and that was the very first day. There are four other judges besides herself, and she says it's overwhelming to see how many there are.

Sessions will take place at the civic center from about 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., she says. There will be a couple of sessions for short films, documentaries and featuring narratives. A children's filmmaking workshop will also take place.

On Sunday, a few sessions will take place with awards being presented at the end. The place for Sunday's events isn't quite

nailed down yet, but will be published as soon as it's set, she says.

"There's something for everybody, mostly family-friendly stuff," she said.

Some of the filmmakers will be there and if any DVD's are sold, the film makers will be responsible.

"A lot of them are still trying to get distribution, get their movies in to other places, so they're only

allowed to show their movies at film festivals," Sandifer said.

This festival is one of three – the first – that will take place. The second will be in Arkansas with the last in Texas. Special consideration to filmmakers from these three states will be given, although anyone is welcome to enter submissions, according to their website.

The deadline for the Minden festival was May 15, but submissions are still being accepted, for a nominal fee, for the other two festivals. Schedules for the Arkansas and Texas screenings have not been set.

For more information, visit www.heartofthepines.net.

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He gave an example, using a robbery that carries a 12 year sentence. With the habitual offender law, it can be increased twofold to 24 years.

He says the decision to charge a person as a multiple offender is up to the district attorney.

"If you're not charged as multiple offender, the judge can only sentence you for the crime you're charged with," he said.

He explained the process by which a person can be "multi-billed." A person is found guilty of an offense. That person is sentenced. Either immediately following sentencing or

upon appeal of the sentence, the state can charge the person as a multiple offender. That turns into almost another trial, Marvin says.

For example, an offender is charged with possession of cocaine and possession of a Schedule IV.

"You have to have another trial to prove he is who you say he is, and that these prior convictions are for (the person) charged," he said. "So you would call (to the stand) a fingerprint expert or a probation officer to say 'I know for a fact that he's guilty of possession of cocaine or possession of Schedule III, and I know that because I was his probation officer, and I supervised him for those offenses.'"

Paperwork must also be

provided to prove the prior convictions.

When a judge gets ready to sentence, Marvin says it's normally at least twice what the offender would have gotten had he not been multi-billed. Marvin says it's his office's policy to use the habitual offender law if there are prior convictions and if it is warranted. It's taken on a case by case basis.

When the DA's office offers a plea deal for someone with multiple convictions, almost always the habitual offender law is taken off the table, he says.

The case of recently convicted Keddrick Kennon is a perfect example of the use of the habitual offender law, Marvin says.

"(He) is actually a fifth felony offender," Marvin said. "They are all for the same thing. You have a guy that gets caught 20 years ago, pleads guilty, gets a two or four year sentence and he does a third of that. After he gets out, he deals drugs again, gets caught and gets a five year sentence. That's a second offense, so you have to do half. He's been doing this for 20 years. That's why he

got the maximum sentence he did.

"Think of how many lives have been affected by that," he continued. "It doesn't just affect (one per-


son). It affects everybody."

The law is a good one, Marvin says, because it's a good tool and it's a good deterrent.

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THE ISSUES

Where They Stand: Jindal on issues of 2016 campaign

BATON ROUGE — Where two-term Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal stands on various issues that will be debated in the Republican presidential campaign:

IMMIGRATION

Jindal has expressed support for giving people who are in the country illegally a way to gain legal status through guest-workers visas — once the border is secure. With the same prerequisite of a secure border, he's also said he is open to granting citizenship to those who came illegally if they gain proficiency in English, pay a fine and have worked and paid taxes after obtaining legal status for "a substantial period of time." Under Jindal, Louisiana joined a lawsuit

seeking to block President Barack Obama's executive action to grant work permits to millions of immigrants in the country illegally. Obama's action is on hold pending an appeals court ruling.

FOREIGN POLICY

Jindal has increased his overseas travel to make up for his limited background in foreign policy. But his speech this year to a London think-tank drew widespread criticism when he repeated heavily disputed claims that Muslims have established "no-go zones" in European neighborhoods that operate outside of local civic control. Jindal was an advocate for Congress having a say in any nuclear deal with Iran, asserting that "a bad deal is worse than no deal,"

and for tougher sanctions on the country. Jindal has pushed for more airstrikes and other military action against the Islamic State group.

BUDGET AND ENTITLEMENTS

Jindal has blocked tax increases in his state unless he can claim a corresponding tax break elsewhere, and he supports a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget at the federal level. In Louisiana, his anti-tax stance has left him using short-term fixes to balance the books. Like most other Republicans considering a presidential campaign, Jindal calls for repealing Obama's health care law. He favors "premium support" for Medicare, which would

replace the insurance coverage given to seniors with a federal subsidy to purchase insurance coverage, a sort of voucher program to choose their own coverage plan.

His budget restraint, however, doesn't extend to defense spending, where he says the nation should spend more. "National defense may not be the only priority of federal government, but it should always be the first priority."

SOCIAL ISSUES

Raised by Hindu parents but a Catholic convert, Jindal has carefully cultivated social conservatives and evangelical voters. He signed the Louisiana Science Education Act, which allows science teachers to use out-

side curriculum, a move some Nobel laureates protest as a back-door way to teach creationism as science. He pushed for a voucher program that pays for children to attend private schools with taxpayer dollars, including some religious schools that teach creationism and reject evolution. He opposes same-sex marriage and supports religious objections laws. On abortion, Jindal has repeatedly supported adding restrictions to the procedure in Louisiana, and he backs a federal ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, similar to a law on the books in his home state.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Raised in a state heavily reliant on the oil and gas

industry, Jindal has pushed back on actions taken to counter climate change while acknowledging — unlike some of his GOP rivals — that "human activity is having an impact on the climate." He says too little has been done to harness the country's energy potential, and he's pushed for increased oil and gas drilling on federal lands and fought increased regulations on power plants. Jindal has called Obama's environmental regulations "reckless and based on a radical leftist ideology that will kill American jobs and increase energy prices." He says any U.S. steps to address climate change should be taken with trading partners because unilateral action would hurt the economy.

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voters. But several other contenders also are determined to win over that group.

"We have a bunch of great talkers running for president," Jindal said at his opening rally. "We've had enough of talkers. It's time for a doer. I'm not running for president to be somebody. I'm running for president to do something."

An Oxford-educated son of Indian immigrants, Jindal can point to a political career filled with many achievements in a short time: a position as state health secretary when he was merely age 24, election to Congress at 32 and election as governor four years later.

But the GOP lineup does not lack seasoned politicians, some with much more star power. Jindal quickly struck at one of them, accusing former

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush of wanting Republicans to "hide our conservative ideals."

"But the truth is if we go down that road again, we will lose again," Jindal said.

Jindal announced his campaign online earlier Wednesday. Video clips on his website showed Jindal and his wife, Supriya, talking to their three children about the campaign to come.

Aides discussed Jindal's plans to focus on social conservatives, as he has done for months in extensive travels, and highlight his reputation as a leader steeped in policy.

Jindal intends to present himself as "the youngest candidate with the longest resume," citing an extensive background in public policy and government, strategist Curt Anderson said.

In his speech, the Louisiana governor sought to position himself as an outsider: "I am running for president without permission from headquarters in

Washington, D.C."

Unpopular at home, Jindal waited until the state legislative session had ended and lawmakers found a way to close a \$1.6 billion budget gap before he scheduled his presidential announcement. But he has been building his campaign for months with trips to key presidential voting states, particularly Iowa, where he has focused on Christian conservatives.

Raised a Hindu but a convert to Catholicism as a teenager, Jindal is competing for the evangelical vote with several contenders, including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

While Jindal will continue to focus on "religious liberty," Anderson said, he aims to prove a candidate can be "both smart and Christian." And in recent weeks, Jindal has worked to showcase more of the policy wonk reputation that got him elected governor, rather than just focusing on cultural issues.

He has drawn distinc-

tions from other GOP contenders by noting he has published "detailed plans" on health care, defense, education and energy policy.

He has suggested governors are better equipped to become president because they have run state governments, balanced budgets and implemented policy. That's an argument, however, that other White House hopefuls are making or can: Govs. Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Chris Christie of New Jersey and John Kasich of Ohio.

And Jindal doesn't get

glowing reviews of his governance at home, as both Republicans and Democrats blame the governor's financial policies for causing repeated budget crises and suggest those policies are driven by political ambitions.

As the governor spoke inside, anti-Jindal protesters amassed outside.

Christopher Williams, a University of New Orleans student who called for the protest on a Facebook page, said participants had a variety of beefs with Jindal, such as his tax policy, education cuts and oppo-

sition to gay marriage.

"One thing that the governor has been able to do is unite people against him," Williams said.

A path to a GOP primary victory remains difficult for Jindal. Republican candidate debates begin in August and it's unclear if he will make the cut if based on standing in national polls.

Campaign manager Timmy Teepell, a former chief of staff who ran Jindal's two races for governor, said Jindal will focus on the states that vote early in the presidential race.

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ROUND UP

Amarillo Globe-News: Government can regulate its speech

The website for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles features numerous specialty license plates, some — shall we say — more interesting than others.

One that caught our eye after a brief glance at the many available designs was a specialty plate with the phrase "Come and Take It" — a reference we assume is related to the Second Amendment.

It appears the state has no problem with this specialty license plate, but the same cannot be said for a plate featuring the Confederate battle flag.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Thursday in a 5-4 decision that Texas can reject a specialty license plate from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which includes the Confederate battle flag.

To put it as simply as possible, the Justices ruled that specialty license plates fall under government speech, and the government can monitor such speech.

Let's be honest. States offer specialty license plates for the money (specialty license plates in Texas can run anywhere from \$50 to \$495 depending on a number of factors).

We tend to agree with former governor and current GOP presidential candidate Rick Perry, who isn't that fond of the Confederate plates or the controversy, saying in the past: "We don't need to be scraping old wounds."

Surely we have better things to do, but the case still made it to the highest court in the land.

The Justices made a valid case in supporting the state, saying (in the opinion delivered by Justice Stephen Breyer): "When government speaks, it is not barred by the Free Speech Clause from determining the content of what it says." The opinion went on to compare the government touting a recycling program with being forced to include information "on a local trash disposal enterprise."

It remains to be seen how this decision will impact other states that offer specialty license plates featuring emblems honoring the Confederacy — Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

In this case, it would be preferable to leave the decision on such specialty license plates up to each individual state — if such plates are truly government speech, some state governments might want to speak differently, and should be allowed to do so.

In Texas, the state does not want to issue this particular specialty license plate, and we can live with the state's decision.

Those who have a problem with the state in this regard are free to buy a bumper sticker.

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PERSPECTIVE

There's more to it than just a flag

Regardless of her motives, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley solidified her status as a leader among Republicans nationwide when she called for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds in Columbia.

Haley's pronouncement earlier this week was in response to protests waged in the Palmetto State following the shooting deaths of nine blacks in a church in downtown Charleston. Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old white male, was the gunman. He was previously photographed posing with the Confederate flag.

Not one individual has presented a compelling argument that ties the flying of the Confederate flag to Roof's deranged behavior. That doesn't seem to matter, though.

What seems to matter in the present is the murders of nine blacks in a state known for racial intolerance somehow occurred because the state of South Carolina has permitted the flying of the Confederate flag some 150 years since the end of the Civil War. One is left to believe the flag itself pulled

the trigger.

Without a doubt, Haley was correct to call for pulling the Confederate flag from state property. In this day and age, no governing body — local, state or federal — should sanction the flying of the Confederate flag. It represents a very dark period in our nation's history though its historical value is unmatched.

Once Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed the Democratic Party to begin paying lip service to black Americans, Republicans have played hell convincing blacks to vote Republican. The cause became impossible after Lyndon Baines Johnson shepherded the Great Society through the Congress and paved the way for the explosive growth of the welfare state. And ever since, Republicans can count on one hand the number of times the black vote catapulted a Republican into statewide office in the Deep South.

To suggest Republicans have an image problem in the black community would be an understatement. Toxic might be the better word.

That brings us back to Haley.

Haley's decision to call for removing the Confederate flag won't prompt blacks to abandon their party, but her actions signaled a shift in the GOP that's been a long time coming. Let's face it. Republicans will never recapture the White House until the

party exhibits an ability to attract voters whose skin color doesn't resemble Robert E. Lee's. Giving up the flag should help to some degree in that regard.

There's a slippery slope in all of this talk about the Confederate flag, too. That is society has become too reactionary. On this particular day we're discussing removing a flag from public property because it's offensive to some Americans and its mere presence is questionable among a majority of Americans.

What's next?

The American flag? The Second Amendment to the Constitution? What about the Fourth Amendment? Or the Fifth Amendment?

Get the picture?

That's a legitimate concern to raise since it's clear in this corner that it's not necessarily South Carolinians who are leading the charge to shape public opinion in South Carolina but liberal activists who appear to be on some sort of a crusade to impose their world view on middle America. Or what's left of it.

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'The Donald Show'

Oh, joy! Oh, goody! Oh, happy day! For those of us who love the loopy side of American politics, our dream of some serious loco for 2016 has arrived: Donnie Trump in the race! For president. Of the United States. No, really!

"Wow," exclaimed a beaming Donald Trump as he stepped onstage, basking in the cheers of a throng that had assembled for his launch into the 2016 presidential race. "That is some group of people," he gushed. "Thousands."

He announced his candidacy from — where else? — Trump Tower, the luxury skyscraper on tony Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. The celebrity billionaire, who has splashed the Trump brand on casinos, hotels, resorts, condos, neckties and even steaks, now wants to put it on the Republican Party. Indeed, The Donald declared that he should be our president because, "We need somebody that can take the brand of the United States and make it great again." There you go — the U.S. is a brand, like a Big Mac, the Nike swoosh or Vidal Sassoon hair spray.

As for qualifications, Trump brandished his wealth, exclaiming that only someone "really rich" has what it takes to be America's CEO. This view that one's net worth is the measure of one's worthiness squares with an earlier self-assessment by Donnie: "Let me tell you, I'm a really smart guy."

Of course, smart is as smart does, so what does Mr. Smarty-pants propose to do as president? He claims he has "a foolproof way of winning the war with ISIS," the barbaric terrorists marauding through Syria, Iraq and elsewhere. Excellent! What is his plan? It's a secret, he says, "I don't want the enemy to know what I'm doing."

The announcement was a show-biz extravaganza. Literally. The crowd was there to cheer the self-promoting hysteric who wants to be president — but not necessarily to support him.

That's because some of these over-the-top enthusiasts were actors! Yes, hired at \$50 a pop to do a three-hour performance as Donnie's "crowd." An outfit named Extra Mile Casting had been retained to puff-up the audience: "We are looking to cast people for the event to wear T-shirts and carry signs and help cheer him," said Extra Mile in an email to its list of actors who work as extras in films, TV shows, ads, etc. When The Donald Show was done, the actors were seen dumping their signs in the trash and going on to their next show-biz gig.

For his part, Trump gave a rambling, bumbling, almost-incoherent 40-minute rant. Citing his chief qualification for the highest office in the land, he said: "I'm really rich. ...And by the way, I'm not even saying that to brag. ...That's the kind of thinking you need for this country." And his immigration policy is simply, well, simplistic. He "would build a great wall" on the Mexican border to stop all the rapists and other criminals who, he claims, are streaming into the U.S. in droves. "And nobody builds walls better than me, believe me." Wow, apparently he's going to build the wall himself! Then he added a jingoistic gringosim to this Good Neighbor policy, declaring, "And I'll have Mexico pay for that wall."

And what's his economic policy, you ask? It's a whopper: "I will be the greatest jobs president God ever created," he bellowed.

No, no, Donnie — don't even try to blame God for creating you or your nuttiness. You truly are a self-made man, spawned from the fumes of your own gaseous ego. Yet you're a godsend for people seeking comic relief in politics.

Such goofiness explains why Trump is starting his run for the White House with some 70 percent of voters (including more than half of Republicans) viewing him unfavorably. But, as a brand-name celebrity, The Donald will qualify to be in the GOP's presidential debates — so let the lunacy begin!



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Around Town

June 25, 2015

North Acres Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. nightly until June 26. Ages are for entering PK through sixth grade.

The Minden/Webster Parish Branch of the NAACP will have its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District building. For more information call President, Minister Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

June 26, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist Church will host Arts and Crafts on the Pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, like Arts and Crafts on the Pond on Facebook.

June 28, 2015

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church will have its annual Sr. Choir Day at 2:30 p.m. with special guest Mt. Zion CME Male Chorus.

Miller Chapel G.B.C located at 2164 Dogwood Trail will celebrate its 9th Pastor's Anniversary for the Rev. Sherman Bradford and Sister Janice Bradford at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Billy Joe Hawkins and Mt. Pilgram B.C. Family.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 146th church anniversary at 3 p.m.



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MMC's Baby Place receives award

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NBA

Kevin Love opts

out of Cavs contract

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kevin Love is about to find out how much the league values him, and how much the Cavaliers want him.

The power forward opted out of the final year of his contract and will be a free agent on July 1, a person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press. Love, who had a deal worth \$16.7 million next season, informed the Cavs on Wednesday, said the person who spoke on condition because the team is not commenting on its free agency plans.

Last week, general manager David Griffin said he expected Love and superstar LeBron James to opt out of their deals and become free agents. Griffin also expects them to resign with the Cavs, who made it to the NBA Finals this season before losing to Golden State.

ESPN was first to report Love's decision.

The 26-year-old Love, who came to Cleveland last summer in a blockbuster trade from Minnesota, has said he wants to return to the Cavs. Cleveland played without Love for most of the playoffs after he suffered a left shoulder injury in the first round against Boston. Love underwent surgery after the shoulder was yanked from its socket by Celtics center Kelly Olynyk.

Love will likely draw major interest in the free agent market, and the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks could be potential landing spots for the three-time All-Star.

NFL

Brady waiting for decision on appeal

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — It's back to the waiting game for Tom Brady.

After making his case in a 10-hour hearing, Brady's fate is in the hands of Roger Goodell. Just when the NFL commissioner will announce his decision to uphold, reduce or eliminate Brady's four-game suspension in "Deflategate" is uncertain.

"I think that's going to be sooner rather than later," Marc Ganis, who is the president of SportsCorp consulting firm and has a close relationship with many league owners, said Wednesday. "One of the criticisms of this whole matter has been the way it's dragged on."

On May 11, the NFL suspended Brady four games, fined the Patriots \$1 million and docked them two draft picks. Patriots owner Robert Kraft has accepted the team penalties.

But Brady appealed and, more than six weeks later, had his hearing before Goodell in New York on Tuesday.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Virginia wins CWS



OMAHA, Neb. (AP) -- Six weeks ago, it looked as though Virginia might not even qualify for its conference tournament, let alone the NCAA tournament.

Look at the Cavaliers now.

They're baseball national champions for the first time after finishing a magnificent postseason run with a 4-2 victory over Vanderbilt on Wednesday night.

"This team was a crazy ride this year," said coach Brian O'Connor, who was born in Omaha. "Certainly, we had a lot that went against us through the year, but this team found a way and got into the NCAA tournament. It's an amazing example of what you can do if you put your mind to it, play for each other and have each other's backs."

"Not many people thought this could happen. I couldn't have forecast it. But we're darn glad we're sitting up here with this trophy."

Freshman Pavin Smith homered and drove in three runs, and Brandon Waddell turned in another strong College World Series pitching performance. The Cavaliers (44-24) prevailed in the CWS finals rematch against the defending champion Commodores and won the Atlantic Coast Conference's first title in baseball since Wake Forest in 1955.

"We were just a team that never gives up," Smith said. "Really resilient. It showed in the first inning when we were down 2-0 and didn't stop playing."

Waddell (5-5) went seven innings and allowed only two hits after Vanderbilt (51-21) scored twice in the first. He retired the last 11 batters he faced



in his third CWS start and fifth of his career. Virginia won each of them.

"At this point, everything goes. If you've got anything in the tank, you're giving it," Waddell said. "You've got nothing to save it for."

Nathan Kirby, who missed nine weeks because of injury and returned to start a game in the CWS, pitched the last two innings and struck out five of his eight batters for his first save. Reliever John Kilichowski (3-4) took the loss.

When pinch hitter Kyle Smith got caught looking at a fastball to end the game, Kirby threw his glove and hat into the air as catcher Matt Thaiss ran to the mound to embrace him.

"It was awesome to be able to close it out because I felt like that I finally got back on the mound for the eight guys behind me and the 20 guys in the dugout," Kirby said. "You basically

come out and throw as hard as you can."

Virginia's 44 wins were the fewest by a national champion since the 1968 USC squad had 43. The Cavaliers didn't assure themselves a spot in the ACC tournament until the last weekend of the regular season, and they entered the NCAA tournament as a No. 3 regional seed.

Josh Sborz, who won three games and pitched 13 scoreless innings, was selected as the CWS Most Outstanding Player.

Pavin Smith stepped up for Virginia in Game 3 after going 1-for-8 and striking out four times in the first two games of the finals. He hit a two-run homer off Walker Buehler to tie it in the fourth, singled in the go-ahead run in the fifth and flashed defensively all night at first base.

"This kid has done a great job of hitting in the middle of our order all year

long," O'Connor said. "Him and I had a brief talk in the dugout before the game, and I just told him to relax and enjoy the moment."

Waddell was pitching on three days' rest after working the first five innings of the Cavaliers' 5-4 win over Florida on Saturday. Before that, he and Josh Sborz combined on a two-hit, 1-0 shutout of the Gators on June 16.

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Waddell got stronger after the first inning.

"I thought Waddell in a lot of ways was left for dead, but he just got himself up in the fifth, sixth and seventh and just turned the game around -- went 1-2-3, 1-2-3, 1-2-3," Vandy coach Tim Corbin said. "When they brought Kirby out, he pitched with a lot of adrenaline."

Kirby struck out the side in the eighth. With a man on first, he fanned No. 1 overall draft pick Dansby Swanson for the second out.

Swanson, the 2014 CWS Most Outstanding Player, stood with his hands on his hips and shouted "No!" as first-base umpire Perry Costello ruled he didn't check his swing on the third strike, ending his final collegiate at-bat.

The Cavaliers also got another big game from Kenny Towns. He saved what would have been the go-ahead run for Vanderbilt in the fourth when he made a diving stop of a smash down the third-base line and threw out Tyler Campbell to end the inning. He later drove in an insurance run in the seventh.

"We were underdogs the whole NCAA tournament," Pavin Smith said. "We were probably the team everybody was writing off."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Top prospects ready for NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns hoisted a child high up toward his shoulders, letting the youngster at an NBA community service event feel what it was like to rock the rim with a dunk.

Next up for Towns might be trying to help lift the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The center from Kentucky is considered the likely No. 1 pick Thursday night in the NBA draft, though he said he isn't sure and doesn't seem concerned.

"I don't know right now. Only thing I can control is making sure I'm the best player I can possibly be for whatever organization drafts me tomorrow night," Towns said Wednesday.

Towns and Duke's Jahlil Okafor are the big bodies from the powerhouse programs, good bets to be the first two picks even at a time when small ball is becoming increasingly popular.

Ohio State's D'Angelo Russell could be the first guard off the board, and Kristaps Porzingis and Emmanuel Mudiay are some of the lesser-known names that should be called quickly by Commissioner Adam Silver at

Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Okafor, who led Duke to the national championship, and Towns had been rated evenly at one point, though Towns has moved to the top of the list in most mock drafts. Okafor said he has seen some of them and said "they're all pretty accurate, I guess," and isn't bothered by the idea of being considered second-best.

"I'm still going to be top five or whatever the case may be and I'll still be living my dream of playing in the NBA, so I'll be excited either way," he said.

That's partly because of who — or, perhaps more specifically, where — comes next.

The Los Angeles Lakers hold the No. 2 pick, Philadelphia is third and the New York Knicks follow, providing big-market appeal that would make for a good consolation prize.

"Two is not bad, being in Los Angeles," Okafor said. "Neither is being in Philly. Especially not being in New York."

The head of the class should again be a collegiate one-and-done, as Towns, Okafor and Russell all played

just one season. The last five No. 1 picks have been freshmen.

Teams preferring more experience will be able to find it in players such as Kentucky's Willie Cauley-Stein, who played three years, and Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky, who was the national player of the year in leading the Badgers to the NCAA championship game as a senior.

"People who go to college and stuff like that have to grow up and they have to find their way. It's not easy to make it for four years in college and maintain a level of success where you get better and better every year," Kaminsky said. "I was able to do that. I was able to grow up as a person and grow up as a person. You saw how the last year went for me."

And if that's not enough experience, teams can grab guys who are already pros.

Mudiay was originally slated to attend SMU last season but instead signed to play in China, averaging 18 points in 12 games for the Guangdong Southern Tigers. Porzingis has played the last 2 1/2 years for Seville of Spain's ACB, one of the best leagues in the world.



The Latvian player, who will turn 20 in August, is an elite shooter but listed at just 220 pounds on his 6-foot-11 frame, so he knows he needs to get stronger. But he said he's prepared to deal with the toughness of fellow power forwards.

"Physical guys in Europe, same like in the NBA," he said. "Of course, a lot more athletes here in the NBA, a lot more stronger, too, but it's nothing that I haven't seen yet. I think probably I'll get dunked on or whatever by some guys, but it's just normal."

He would love to play in New York and he could be available to the Knicks at No. 4. So could Russell, as what shapes up as a strong top of the draft appears uncertain beyond the top-two spots. He's OK with not knowing how it will go.

"I feel like I'm in a great position," Russell said. "Lot of guys are in a position where they don't know and I'm more than just blessed to know it's a variety of teams that I could possibly go to. So I'm just taking it all in and enjoying the process."

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Wicked Vinedressers

Jesus had just cleansed the temple for the second time in His ministry. None of the money changers, chief priests, scribes or elders paused to question as they fled in fear from His presence. But later, as they attempted to regain their dignity and a sense of superiority, they began to inquire of Jesus His source of authority. It was in this setting that Jesus related a parable.

“A certain man planted a vineyard . . . and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the

husbandmen a servant that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. . . And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. Having yet therefore one son, his well-beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my



KATHY IRIZARRY

son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others” Mark 12:1-9. We are told that the

chief priests, scribes, and elders “knew He had spoken the parable against them” verse 12. It was only fear of the multitude that kept them from killing Jesus right then. The parable revealed their desire to have the inheritance of Jesus, the wellbeloved Son of the Landowner. What inheritance did they covet? We have no indication that it was anything of a godly character that they desired. It seems that they simply desired to have the degree of authority with the people which they had seen Him exercise. His acclaim

was coveted. They resented any application to Him as Messiah. That would require something of them. We see that in the triumphal entry when in response to the disciples’ enthusiastic loud praises proclaiming “Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord” Luke 19:38, the “the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples” verse 39. Again, after the cleansing of the temple when the children were “crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of

David” Matthew 21:15, the chief priests and scribes were indignant. “Hearest thou what these say?” Luke 21:16.

The church leaders were deceived by their own sinful choices. They wanted nothing of God’s love that empowered the Son. They desired only the power or authority itself. What are the things of Christ that you and I desire?—His power? His authority? His character? His love?

Kathryn Irizarry is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ALONG THE WAY

In God we trust

“In God we trust, His strength is sure. His mighty hand will ever guide us; this is our motto; In God we trust.” As our nation celebrates another ‘birthday’, and as the red, white and blue unfolds from village to cities across the country, let this motto sound out strong and clear—In God We Trust, without a trace of fear.

On our coins, from the beginning, our forefathers stamped this motto, wanting no misunderstanding of establishing the foundation of our government and laws upon this rock—“in God we trust”. So we pledge our allegiance...”one nation under God...with liberty and justice for all”, thanking God for freedoms we enjoy. And this all comes about because of Almighty God in whom we trust. Read the words to the patriotic song by the same title: “This is our country, home of the free, a land of beauty from sea to shining sea; With lofty mountains and spacious plains, beyond all this one truth remains, In God we trust. We are Americans, we’re proud to

be; We stand for justice, we fight for liberty; We pledge allegiance, uphold her laws, and we are blessed in this because... In God we trust, He is our fortress; In God we trust, His strength is sure. His mighty hand will ever guide us; this is our motto; In God we trust. For blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and blessed are those Guided by His Word. His mighty hand will ever guide us; This is our motto; our true confession, our declaration: In God we trust.” (In God We Trust; Stan



BILL CRIDER

Pethel) There are many Biblical references to obeying the laws and giving allegiance to those in authority. Keeping God’s Commandments at life’s forefront, and our eyes fixed on Jesus our Savior, we, then, can know true freedom as Paul taught, “If He has set you free, you are free indeed.”(Gal 5:1)

We continue to be distressed about the Middle East war/conflict. Young men and women are still in harms’ way. We know the cost of freedom comes at a

heavy cost. Review facts from past wars. We fought to protect our citizens and allies, preserve freedoms & liberties at stake, and to prevent terror & evil forces spreading to other parts of the world. May our leaders always be willing to listen to our Heavenly Father when making decisions that affect so many around the world. What a disaster when God’s wisdom is not sought & applied. Praying for our president his staff is so important as well. We must never doubt the mighty works of our great God and how He works among us. There is still hope!

We’ll celebrate Independence Day again; hoist our flag high, displaying the red, white and blue colors. We will shoot fireworks and enjoy picnics with family and friends. But we must never forget our young men and women are defending our freedoms as we celebrate. Our nation is a great nation, not because of the weapons of war, military might or our great wealth. We can only be great in the eyes of God if we humble ourselves, pray and seek His direction for our nation.

“If My people will pray and will bow down their hearts— And will humbly

seek all that is true; If My people will turn from their ungodly ways—And acknowledge Me in all they do; Then I will hear from heaven and forgive their ways. I will bring

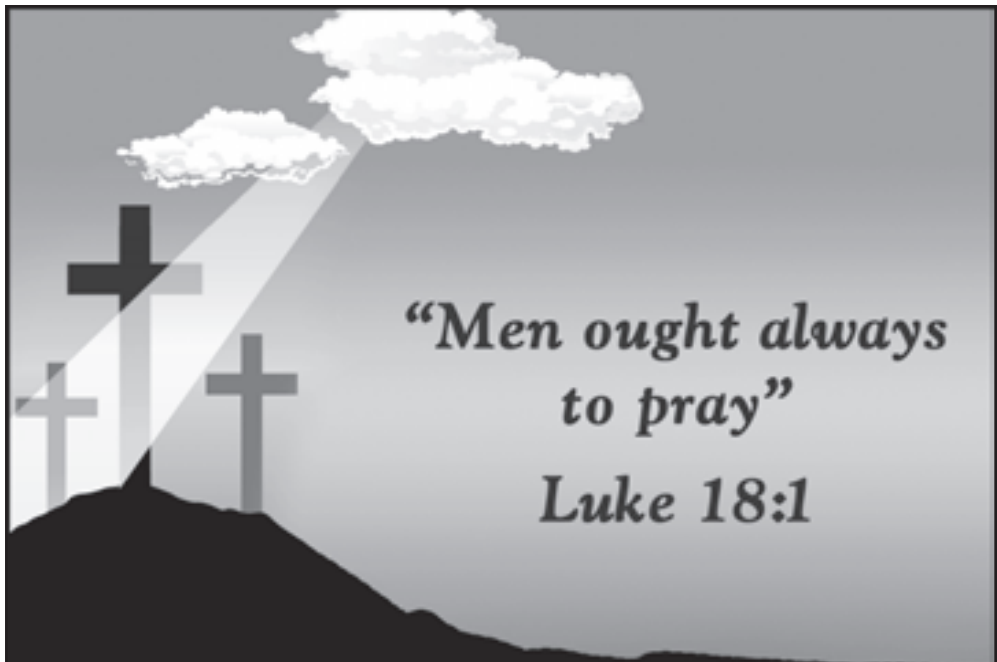
healing to their land. If My people will pray.” (If My People Will Pray, Jimbo Stevens)

Let’s salute our flag; let’s commend our soldiers for their sacrifice and com-

mitment; let’s pray for our leaders who make tough decisions; let’s honor our heroes, but may our life’s motto ever be “In God We Trust”.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Persevere by God’s grace

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” 1 Peter 5:10 NASB

As Peter draws this letter to a conclusion, he reemphasizes that the suffering and persecution the believers were facing would only last a lit-

tle while. Though the time might seem long to those going through the ordeal, it was only a blink of an eye in light of eternity. Peter reminds the suffering believers that because of God’s grace He would provide the strength needed to face each day. It is by God’s grace that the believers would persevere and be preserved. It is by

God’s grace that believers will spend eternity in glory with Christ. It is all by God’s grace.

Lord Jesus, even as I face the struggles of this day, I trust You to guide me through it. I stand in awe and amazement at Your great grace that saves me, strengthens me, and provides eternity for me and all who trust in You.

Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.



MAX HUTTO

Smile! It will make you and others happy!

There is a very interesting psychology experiment where you trick people into either smiling or frowning without their knowing it (by telling them to hold a pencil either in their teeth, to make them smile, or with their pursed lips, to make them frown), and while they hold that facial position you tell them a joke. Those who are holding the smile usually rate the joke as being funnier, presumably because they are already halfway laughing to start with. The moral of the experiment, if experiments can be said to have a moral, is that our bodies often take the lead in making us feel happy or sad, or calm or anxious. Droopy, lackadaisical posture will make you feel defeated while standing up tall and strong will make you feel like a winner. So smile, even when you don't feel much like smiling, or perhaps especially when you don't feel much like smiling. And an added benefit to smiling is that it tends to spread the happiness. Have an attitude and a countenance that is worth catching.

-Christopher Simon



Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.
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Overstuffed plot spoils irreverent, silly 'Ted 2'

"Ted 2" asks a question that we never needed, or particularly wanted, to know the answer to: Is Ted, the magical, foul-mouthed, pot-smoking teddy bear, a person in the eyes of the law?

While it's unfair to judge a comedy simply for a ridiculous premise, here, it also happens to be the unlikely killer of the overstuffed "Ted 2." And resolution does not come quickly enough in this nearly two-hour rumination on civil rights and abject stupidity.

Part of the charm of "Ted," writer-director Seth MacFarlane's better-than-it-should-have-been story of a grown man and his sentient stuffed animal, was how unaffectedly it treated its talking teddy. Ted just is. No one thinks too hard about the why of it. Combining that silly foundation with Mark Wahlberg's endearingly dopey intensity was a stroke of brilliance. The movie was allowed to only be about their friendship, and it worked.

Making a sequel to an original comedy is always a tough game, though. More often than not, the desire to please fans and recreate the magic of the first produces nothing more than an exaggerated rehash.

In an admirable effort to go a different route, MacFarlane has instead done something hopelessly bizarre: He's given his film too much sincerity and story, and it practically crushes whatever fun does exist.

This time, we meet up



with Ted (voiced again by MacFarlane) at his wedding to fellow grocery store clerk and gum-smacking bombshell Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth). Their newlywed bliss soon curdles and they decide to have a baby to save the marriage.

Because the natural way of going about this business is not an option (for a few reasons), Tami-Lynn and Ted decide to try adoption. It's then that a state authority asks whether or not a stuffed animal should be afforded the rights of a human.

And very quickly after that, Ted loses his job, his marriage is invalidated,

and audiences are forced to endure a horrifying thing: a whiny, self-righteous Ted.

So, best friend John (Wahlberg), now a sad-sack divorcee, and Ted hook up with Samantha Jackson (Amanda Seyfried), a newbie law associate who's willing to take their case pro bono, and a few montages later, they're off fighting the good fight in excruciating detail.

Seriously, there are almost interesting debates over Ted's humanity and a few fairly earnest references to the 13th Amendment and Dred

Scott. It's a wonder "Ted 2" didn't venture into artificial intelligence territory.

Still, it's very rare for a MacFarlane venture to be completely unfunny. Even "A Million Ways to Die in the West" had moments. The highlights in "Ted 2" are almost worth it. There's a Busby Berkeley-style opening number, a fantastic Liam Neeson cameo, a riff on what the F stands for in F. Scott Fitzgerald, a "Jurassic Park" bit and a few others.

There's even an over-the-top fight at New York Comic-Con (with more than a few "Transformers" peppering in the back-

ground, though it's unclear whether that's poking fun at Wahlberg's association with the franchise or promoting it).The sequence had some promise in spite of the vitriol fueling the joke, but it's all too late.

MacFarlane continues to be a unique and probably misunderstood artist in popular culture. His venomous humor, basic moral code, crass sensibilities and fondness for classic showmanship are, at the very least, an interesting combination for a modern entertainer. But they haven't quite meshed yet, at least on film.

The misadventures of a

couple of crass knuckleheads should be simple fun, and it's quite all right to try for a more substantive story in something so trivial. But the silliness of the first has ceded to something that's also a little more hateful and bitter.

Ted and John should've stayed on the couch and out of the courtroom.

"Ted 2," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "crude and sexual content, pervasive language, and some drug use." Running time: 115 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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On the agenda is a
request from GPS
Properties LLC for a
zoning change on
property owned by
them located at the
municipal address
of 133 Juniper
Lane. The zoning
change being
requested is from
R-3 (Single Family
Residential) to B-4
(Hwy. Commercial).

The purpose of this
zoning change is to
clear the property
to make a gravel
lot to be used
for parking and
equipment storage.

Legal Description:
LOT #63,
D E E R F I E L D
SUBDIV., UNIT #3
IN NE/4 OF SW/4,
IN SE/4 OF SW/4
& IN NW/4 OF
SE/4 SEC. 26-19-9

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parties will be
given a chance
to be heard.

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On the agenda is a
request from Aurlia
Jane McLemore
Carver for approval
of a preliminary
subdivision plan
for a lot split on
property owned
by her located on
Park Highway.

Legal Description:
A 0.32 ACRE,
MORE OR LESS,
TRACT OF LAND
LOCATED IN THE
S O U T H W E S T
Q U A R T E R
(SW/4 OF SE/4),
SECTION 15,
TOWNSHIP 19
NORTH, RANGE
9 WEST, MINDEN,
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SECTION 15, AND
RUN WEST FOR
A DISTANCE OF
555.70 FEET TO A
POINT; THENCE
RUN SOUTH
FOR A DISTANCE
OF 516.00 FEET
72° \$ 6 (7 0 °
INCH IRON ROD
LOCATED ON THE
APPARENT EAST
RIGHT OF WAY OF
PARK HIGHWAY,
FOR THE POINT
OF BEGINNING;
THENCE RUN
SOUTH 89
DEGREES 50
MINUTES 26
SECONDS EAST
FOR A DISTANCE
OF 199.47 FEET
72° \$ 6 (7 0 °
INCH IRON
ROD; THENCE
RUN SOUTH
00 DEGREES
16 MINUTES
44 SECONDS
WEST FOR A
DISTANCE OF
69.00 FEET TO A
6 (7 0 ° 1 1 & 5 2 1 0
ROD; THENCE

RUN NORTH
89 DEGREES
50 MINUTES 26
SECONDS WEST
FOR A DISTANCE
OF 199.13 FEET
TO A FOUND 5/8
INCH IRON ROD
LOCATED ON THE
APPARENT EAST
RIGHT OF WAY OF
PARK HIGHWAY;
THENCE RUN
NORTH FOR
A DISTANCE
OF 69.00 FEET
ALONG SAID
A P P A R E N T
RIGHT OF WAY
TO THE POINT
OF BEGINNING.

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On the agenda is a
request from G &
Y Still Partnership
for approval of a
preliminary
subdivision plan
for the subdivision
of property owned
by them located on
Guy Miller Road.

Legal Description:
A 35.17 acre,
more or less, tract
of land, located
in the Southeast
Quarter of the
Southwest Quarter,
(SE/4 of SW/4),
and also in the
Northeast Quarter
of the Southwest
Quarter, (NE/4 of
SW/4), Section
11, Township 19
North, Range 9
West, Webster
Parish, Louisiana,
more particularly
described as
follows: Begin at
a found pine knot
in a rock pile with
a set iron rod in
the center and run
North 0 degrees
14 minutes 50
seconds East
2084.66 feet, (call
North 0 degrees 16
minutes 03 seconds
East), to a set 5/8
iron rod located on
the North Right of
Way line of Guy
Miller Road, for the
Point of Beginning;
thence run, along
said Right of Way
line, for the next
9 calls, South 44
degrees 10 minutes
46 seconds West
96.56 feet; thence
South 38 degrees
51 minutes 16
seconds West
55.35 feet, thence
South 33 degrees
32 minutes 40
seconds West
72.72 feet to a
set 5/8 iron rod;
thence South 30
degrees 14 minutes
33 seconds West
334.48 feet to a
set 5/8 iron rod;
thence South 33
degrees 03 minutes
45 seconds West
43.67 feet; thence
South 40 degrees
17 minutes 56
seconds West
40.90 feet; thence
South 45 degrees
40 minutes 58
seconds West
47.92 feet to a
set 5/8 iron rod;
thence South 49
degrees 09 minutes
53 seconds West
313.41 feet to a
set 5/8 iron rod;
thence South 48
degrees 24 minutes
19 seconds West
237.09 feet along
said Right of Way
line to a set 5/8
iron rod; thence run
North 41 degrees
14 minutes 15
seconds West
205.35 feet to
a found iron rod;
thence run South
89 degrees 59

minutes 55 seconds
West 377.03 feet to
a found iron rod;
thence run North 0
degrees 43 minutes
23 seconds East
1316.19 feet to a
found iron pipe;
thence run South
89 degrees 56
minutes 16 seconds
East 1309.03 feet
to a found rebar;
thence run South 0
degrees 14 minutes
50 seconds West
544.72 feet to the
Point of Beginning;
AND a 4.13 acre,
more or less, tract
of land located
in the Northeast
Quarter of the
Southwest Quarter
(NE/4 of SW/4),
and the Southeast
Quarter of the
Southwest Quarter
(SE/4 of SW/4),
all in Section
11, Township 19
North, Range 9
West, Minden,
Webster Parish,
Louisiana, lying
South and East of
Guy Miller Road,
more particularly
described as
follows: Begin at
a found Pine Knot
in a rock pile with
a set iron rod located
at intersection of
the East line of the
Southeast Quarter
of the Southwest
Quarter, said
Section 11 and the
edge of a pipeline
clearing, for the
Point of Beginning;
thence run North 89
degrees 14 minutes
58 seconds West
for a distance of
570.52 feet along
said pipeline
clearing to a set
iron rod located
at intersection of
the East line of the
Southeast Quarter
of the Southwest
Quarter, said
Section 11 and the
edge of a pipeline
clearing, for the
Point of Beginning;
thence run North 89
degrees 14 minutes
58 seconds West
for a distance of
570.52 feet along
said pipeline
clearing to a set
iron rod located
at intersection of
the East line of the
Southeast Quarter
of the Southwest
Quarter, said
Section 11 and the
edge of a pipeline
clearing, for the
Point of Beginning;
thence run North 45
degrees 40 minutes
58 seconds East for
a distance of 52.57
iron rod; thence run
North 40 degrees
17 minutes 56
seconds East for
a distance of 47.52
iron rod; thence run
North 33 degrees
03 minutes 45
seconds East for
a distance of 48.95
iron rod; thence run
North 30 degrees
14 minutes 33
seconds East for
a distance of 334.23
iron rod; thence run
North 33 degrees
32 minutes 40
seconds East for
a distance of 68.22
iron rod; thence run
North 38 degrees
51 minutes 16
seconds East for
a distance of 49.78
iron rod; thence run
North 44 degrees
10 minutes 46
seconds East for
a distance of 33.29
inch iron rod at the
intersection of the
South right of way
of Guy Miller Road
and the East line
of the Northeast
Quarter of the
Southwest Quarter,
said Section 11;
thence run South
00 degrees 14
minutes 50 seconds
West for a distance
of 718.7 feet to the

Point of Beginning.
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from Madden
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Company, Inc. for
a zoning variance
on property owned
by them located
at the municipal
address of 1020
Germantown Rd.
This property is

zoned R-1 (Single
Family Residential).

The purpose of this
zoning variance
is for a family
member to place a
mobile home on the
property to be used
as their personal
residence for a
period of no more
than 10 years.

Legal Description:
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PORTION OF
40 ACRES
FRONTING ON
GERMANTOWN
RD - NW/4 OF
SW/4 SEC 11-19-9

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S A R M Y X P T M X U X P Y G B M ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT TINY TOT USES WAY TOO MUCH TWISTED HUMOR. I TOLD HIM HE SHOULDN'T BE SUCH A WRY-BABY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals D

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Forbid-den (Var.)

5 Actress Thurman

8 Chaste

12 Unsigned (Abbr.)

13 Persona-grata link

14 A single time

15 Hexago-nal state

16 Space-craft compart-ment

17 Cicatrix

18 Long, harsh speech

20 Bar

22 With feet turned inward

26 Froot —

29 Little louse

30 Attempt

31 Partner

32 Addition-ally

33 Actor LaBeouf

34 Mid-afternoon hour

35 Ostrich's cousin

36 Enthusi-ast, plus

37 Fit together

40 List-ending abbr.

41 Zurer of "Dare-devil"

45 Quaker pronoun

47 Space

49 Staffer

50 Saharan

51 Hearty brew

52 Bridle part

53 Gilligan's home

54 Wire measure

55 Hardly a purebred

DOWN

1 Lacking slack

2 Con

3 Wild porker

4 Blue

5 Let off the hook?

6 Cattle call?

7 C-3P0, for example

8 Suggest, as a theory

9 Strip

10 Nipper's co.

11 Always, in verse

19 Insult

21 Pismire

23 Boredom

24 Green land

25 Twosome

26 Set down

27 Medley

28 Salad dressing ingredient

32 Blend

33 Weapon of a sort

35 Greek H

36 Tina of "30 Rock"

38 Chopin piece

39 Bouton-niere site

42 Stead

43 Tend texts

44 Circus shelter

45 Mai —

46 Storefront sign abbr.

48 — Baba

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