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## TUESDAY

IN THE COURTS

# Drug dealer sentenced to 35 years

### Sullivan to be multi-billed, may get life sentence

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A convicted drug dealer received a hefty sentence Monday in court by 26th

Judicial District Judge Mike Nerren.

Voltaire Sullivan, convicted on four counts of distribution in March, was sentenced to 20 years on count two to run concur-

rent to 20 years on count three. He was also sentenced to 15 years on count one to run concurrent to 15 years on count four, giving him a total of 35 years.

District Attorney Schuyler Marvin nodded his agreement with the sentence, given Sullivan's criminal history.

"Mr. Sullivan was revoked on parole more than one time which shows that he is not capable of complying with lawful behavior," Marvin said. "We are sim-



**SULLIVAN**

ply wasting our resources to continue to pursue people who have already been given multiple chances and continue to show a pattern of criminal behavior. In this case, I do think that a multiple offender bill is appropriate and we intend to use it, which will

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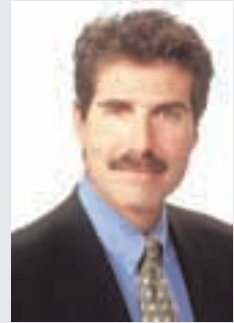
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EDUCATION

# HARPER DISMISSED

### School board in favor of moving students from J.E. Harper Elementary

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It was made clear during the meeting that no one was absolutely against building two new wings -

one on Phillips and one on Webster - but it was what to do with the Harper facility once it's vacated.

Broughton says he wouldn't support the effort if the school was torn down. Other members were in favor of repurposing the building, but Lott says he was against the idea because there was no clear plan on what to do with Harper and they would need a clear plan in order to garner the support to pass an extension of the current 29 mill ad valorem tax already in place.

"I would have a hard time supporting a proposal not knowing what we're going to do at Harper," Lott said. "We're going to have a wing at Phillips, a wing at Webster,

we're going to move 700 kids and \$6.5 million, and we're going to abandon the school that's one of the newer schools in town. Are we going to tear it down, rent it or use it for something else? That ought to be part of the package."

Ridgel says if they aren't specific in the entirety of the proposal, it won't pass.

"We need to be as specific as we can and let the folks know," he said. "When you start talking about taxes, you have to be specific."

Mitchell says during the public meetings both at Central Office and Harper, this option was discussed as well as funding options, even though nothing was concrete at the time.

During discussion, it became

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**RIDGEL**



CLERK OF COURT

# Webster issuing same sex marriage licenses

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Same sex marriage licenses will be issued beginning Tuesday morning says Webster Clerk of Court Holli Vining.

Upon recommendation from legal counsel from the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, Vining says they are getting the forms ready.

"I was waiting on a ruling from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, but upon legal advice, we will begin issuing marriage licenses (Tuesday)," she said. "We are in the process of getting our licenses changed over in preparation for in the morning."

The licenses currently have places for a "bride and groom" and "Mr. and Mrs." but those were changed Monday to accommodate the new law.

There is a 25-day rehearing period where the ruling can be questioned. As to whether that will happen, no one knows.

The United States Supreme Court issued a ruling Friday making same sex marriage legal in all 50 states. The court's 5-4 ruling means the remaining 14 states in the south and Midwest will have to stop enforcing their bans on same sex marriages.



**VINING**

# Trial set for man accused of domestic abuse battery

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Trial has been set for a Doyline man accused of domestic abuse battery.

Justin Lynn Rowell will go before 26th Judicial District

Judge Jeff Cox on August 7 on charges of domestic abuse battery (first offense) and simple assault. He has pled not guilty to both charges.

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 100

block of Avalon Shores in reference to a domestic disturbance. The victim told deputies he'd struck her during an argument. By the time law enforcement arrived on scene, Rowell had already left the residence, according to reports.

Later that day, they were dispatched back to the residence and Rowell was taken into custody.

Prosecuting the case is Assistant District Attorney Marcus Patillo, according to court records.



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WORLD NEWS

## European markets trim losses

The Associated Press

LONDON — Stock markets across Europe trimmed earlier losses Tuesday amid speculation that the Greek government is considering a last-minute effort to break the deadlock between the country and its creditors.

The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares was down 0.4 percent, having earlier traded more than 1 percent lower. Germany's DAX was flat at 11,073, while the CAC-40 in France fell 0.1 percent to 4,853.

Wall Street was poised for gains at the open, with Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures up 0.7 percent, after U.S.

stocks logged their worst day of the year on Monday.

Tuesday is crunch day for Greece as has a big repayment due to the International Monetary Fund. It's also the day that the country's bailout program with European creditors ends. Without an extension to the bailout program, the country will lose access to remaining rescue funds.

The fear in the markets is that the country will default on its debts and ditch the euro — developments that could derail a fragile economic recovery.

With the deadline looming Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the European Union's execu-

tive Commission, made a last-ditch effort to help Greece get a bailout deal, provided Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras campaigns for staying in the euro.

Though no official response has been issued, some traders see the fact that there are talks as a hopeful sign.

"Deep down there is a sense that some sort of compromise will be reached before the dead-

line — it's the eurozone way," said David Madden, market analyst at IG.

Greece will likely remain the focus of attention in markets this week, especially if no deal is reached. On Sunday, Greece is due to hold a referendum on the recent proposals by its creditors. The government has said it will urge a vote against.

Earlier, Asian stock markets bounced back Tuesday, recouping some

of the previous day's sharp fall. In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 gained 0.6 percent to 20,235.73 after dropping to its lowest point for the year Monday. South Korea's Kospi was up 0.7 percent to 2,074.20. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.1 percent to 26,250.03. China's Shanghai Composite jumped 5.5 percent to 4,277.22 while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was up 0.7 percent at 5,459.00.

In currency trading, the euro was down 0.2 percent at \$1.1196 while the dollar fell 0.1 percent to 132.46 yen.

In energy markets, benchmark U.S. crude was up 13 cents at \$58.45 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, gained 39 cents at \$62.40 a barrel in London.

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leave Mr. Sullivan serving life."

Sullivan was originally arrested August 1, 2013 on three counts of distribution of crack cocaine, distribution of ecstasy, possession of Schedule II CDS crack cocaine, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm, illegal possession of a firearm while committing a drug felony and attempted escape.

He was tried on the three counts of distribution of Schedule II CDS crack cocaine and one count of distribution of ecstasy, officials say. All other charges are pending.


"Unfortunately for Mr. Sullivan, he is now gone for a long time, but now people in the community will see what happens when you don't take advantage of being given second chances, and instead, simply thumb your nose at the system. I continue to applaud the efforts of the Minden Police Department that will not stop investigating narcotics."

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

## Jindal agrees to medical marijuana, lessened pot penalties

MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE—Louisiana's penalties for having small amounts of marijuana have been lowered.

Gov. Bobby Jindal signed the measure into law Monday, along with a bill that will eventually get

medical marijuana to people suffering from cancer, glaucoma and a severe form of cerebral palsy through a limited number of distributors.

Someone caught with less than 14 grams of marijuana now faces up to 15 days in jail and up to six months if caught with less than 2.5 pounds but more

than 14 grams. A second offense has dropped from a felony charge to a misdemeanor crime, carrying a sentence of no more than six months, under the bill by Rep. Austin Badon, D-New Orleans.

If someone gets caught on a second offense — and it's been more than two years since the first conviction — that again will be treated like a first offense.

But a repeat offender can only tap into that "cleansing period" once.

By conviction on a third offense of marijuana possession, a felony charge kicks in, carrying a penalty of up to two years in prison. The maximum penalty on later offenses

has dropped from 20 years in prison to eight years.

While those penalty changes were immediate, state officials expect it to take two years or more for medical-grade pot to make it into the hands of anyone with a prescription. That's because of the extensive regulatory process to choose and oversee a

state-sanctioned grower and 10 licensed distributors.

LSU and Southern University get first right of refusal to grow the medicinal crop, under the bill by Sen. Fred Mills, R-Parks. If both schools decline, a public bidding process is opened.



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### BOARD

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clear that the board will have to ask voters to extend the tax, which will sunset in 2024.

Board member John Madden, in Monday's meeting and in a previous special called meeting made it clear that a total of \$6 million might not be enough to cover all the expenses.

Attorney Grant Schleuter, with Foley and Judell in New Orleans, says mills would not have to be increased if they don't ask for more than \$6.5 million.

"There is no increase in the current 29 mills that's being levied for all of the outstanding bonds for District 6," Schleuter said. "\$6.5 million is the maximum that could be issued without a millage impact, but that's based upon reasonable estimates that you could go to the voters with

a not-exceeding \$6.5 million in general obligation funds."

He says with the next available election date on Nov. 21, the board would have to have two school board meetings roughly 45 days apart and the intention to ask for a ballot proposition would have to be announced. So in order to meet these state law requirements, the board's intention would have to be announced at the board's July 13 meeting and run in the newspaper the required number of times as well.

Schleuter went on to say that general obligation bonds are the most secure bonds with the lowest interest rates.

A special meeting will be set to begin the process of gathering quotes for the project. The date and time will be announced as soon as it becomes available. The board will meet again at 6 p.m., Monday, July 13.

2015 FLOOD

## NWS: Red River to crest near 31 feet

SHREVEPORT — The National Weather Service says the Red River will crest near 31 feet Tuesday and begin a slow fall around midday Wednesday.

The Times reports the weather service briefed Bossier Parish Sheriff Julian Whittington, Mayor Lo Walker and others Monday about a 1.5 foot

lower prediction than the previous prediction of 32.5 feet. However, this crest is still a foot above flood stage of 30 feet.

Authorities say the new crest may produce some minor backwater flooding in southern Bossier Parish.

Residents wanting to have sandbags removed can place them on the

curb in front of their house and contact the Bossier Parish Highway Maintenance Department for pick-up. But Whittington encourages residents to keep them close since the river remains high and any significant rainfall could change the level.

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# OPINION

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Easier said than done

After recently convincing myself that I could be happy with the way I looked (weight) I soon learned that I could not reasonably ignore the slight gain creeping up on me.

Especially when at my last doctor's visit, he politely asked me if I was exercising, then clarified by saying walking. Knowing my limitations with the arthritis and back problems I had recently experienced, I wanted to offer up excuses for not doing so. I realized he knew my condition and those were not good excuses for not walking, so I hesitantly admitted that I was not.

A few days later, I determined that I would begin a routine of early morning walks, and I'm definitely not a morning person. Let me crawl out of bed about nine o'clock and I might could walk a bit. But, we know at nine it's already too hot to do anything outside.

In order not to change my mind, I told Hubby the night before that I planned to walk early the next morning. I even laid out my walking clothes (something cool and comfortable).

Waking early, as usual, I went out to pick up the newspaper. It was so cool and the surroundings were so peaceful looking. No traffic, which is unusual, and nothing to hinder my commitment except my attitude.

We had a cup of coffee as we scanned the newspaper and by that time Hubby was sure I wasn't sticking to my plans. So he asked what was for breakfast.

I knew that moment would either make me or break me, so I quickly got up and dressed, saying we would eat after we walked.

So, we made our first effort. I knew I couldn't go far on that first try, so we planned a short walk down the road. It was cool and serene. Almost a magical time. We felt energized as we made our way home.

A light breakfast followed and then we were ready to start the day. We had a few things that we wanted to get done, so we delved into the tasks and before long had them completed.

With my new plan to walk each day, I knew I had to also start eating healthier. Now, anyone who loves vegetables and corn bread like I do, and who enjoys cooking, knows that's going to be harder than it would seem.

Just yesterday we placed on the table barbecued port loin, purple hull peas, okra and tomatoes, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, corn bread and German Chocolate cupcakes. Now, what would be the healthiest dish served? Probably the okra and tomato dish, certainly not the cupcakes.

But, it was a new day, I could do better. So, hopefully, I will do so and if I can make myself continue walking each day, I might start feeling better and more energetic. It is so easy to get in a rut, get lethargic and not want to move out of the house all day. But I realize, for my health's sake, I've got to move.

So, if you're driving by early in the morning, give me a wave and a shout of encouragement. I'm going to need it.

Another tidbit on the battle with the critters, the precious little Bambis have found my blueberry bushes and are enjoying about as many of them as I am.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Mankiller money?

A woman will be on the new \$10 bill, bumping Alexander Hamilton aside. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew says he will choose the woman by year's end, based on "input from the public."

In one survey of the "public," the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation, Wilma Mankiller, placed fourth. I understand the wish to counter sexism prevalent in early America, but "Mankiller?" The name alone probably reveals something about the attitude of some of those voters.

Fortunately, more voted for Harriet Tubman. Tubman escaped slavery to become a leader of the Underground Railroad, then repeatedly returned to slave territory to help others escape. Tubman would be a good choice. What's more libertarian than helping people escape slavery and resist being governed without their consent? But I feel bad about Alexander Hamilton.

He was courageous in the American Revolution, co-wrote the Federalist Papers that defended the new Constitution and helped put the new republic on a sound financial footing when it was deep in debt. He was a poor immigrant with an absent father who rose to advise George Washington and become one of the most important men in the nation.

Hamilton was also decent and fair-minded enough to singlehandedly stop a mob when it threatened to harm an

unarmed Tory. In his spare time, he founded the newspaper New York Post, now headquartered a few floors below my office.

Hamilton biographer Ron Chernow, who opposes demoting Hamilton, argues that "Hamilton was undeniably the most influential person in our history who never attained the presidency."

Before the talk of replacing Hamilton, the movement to put a woman on U.S. currency targeted the \$20 bill. That would be a better choice.

Andrew Jackson was a violent man who ignored a Supreme Court ruling and killed thousands of Indians by forcing them off their land. But the government says it's not ready to replace the \$20 bill.

Jackson opposed central banking, founded in the U.S. by Hamilton. So maybe there's poetic justice in Hamilton getting pushed aside by the central currency-printing bureaucracy he helped create.

But none of us would have to fight about whom to put on currency if it weren't all created and printed by a central government. Bitcoin is private currency that comes in many forms. People who prefer dogs as the symbol of their money can even use the digital currency Dogecoin.

Private currencies aren't just a 21st-century novelty. Numerous banks used to print their own competing currencies. Contrary to the claims of John Kenneth Galbraith and other left-wing economists, private competition tended to prevent runaway inflation and deep depressions.

Economist Thomas Hogan writes, "There were 1,600 private corporations issuing banknotes and an estimated 8,370 varieties of notes" in the 19th

century, while the U.S. economy "grew at an average rate of 4.4 percent per year [and] the price level remained roughly constant."

The central bank known as the Federal Reserve was supposed to provide greater stability, but it didn't. Just 16 years after the U.S. created the Fed, the Great Depression began. And since then, the U.S. dollar lost 96 percent of its value.

Since government can't run the rest of the economy wisely, why let it be in charge of money itself?

The money printing that central banks love — to pay government's bills and try to trick, er, stimulate the economy into greater activity — isn't real wealth creation. It just means more pieces of paper float around representing the same amount of wealth. It distorts markets, creating things like housing bubbles, and eventually it will mean inflation. It also lets politicians think they can ignore our debt (\$18 trillion and counting) and keep spending.

Let private currencies compete and not only will we be on firmer ground financially, but also everybody will be free to choose whether they want to use Tubmans, Hamiltons or Mankillers to pay their bills.

Some people want Eleanor Roosevelt. Some want Ayn Rand. A movement on Twitter wants Caitlyn Jenner on their money.

Great! Go for it. If we had private, competing currencies, all these options could coexist. Choice is always better than the government's one-size-fits-all solution.

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## EDITORIAL ROUND UP

# Times-Picayune on Benson ruling

At this time of year, Saints fans want to focus on which rookies look ready to play and which free agents might fill the gaps evident during last year's disappointing 7-9 season. How sharp is Brandin Cooks post-injury? Which receivers are most in sync with Drew Brees? Is the offensive line less porous? How is the secondary shaping up?

But the battle over ownership of the Saints and Pelicans has overshadowed the offseason.

Orleans Civil District Judge Kern Reese's ruling Thursday (June 18) that owner Tom Benson is competent to make decisions about the Saints and the Pelicans should lessen those distractions, though.

Judge Reese ruled that Mr. Benson "is able to make reasoned decisions as to his person and his property and therefore this court will not order an interdiction of any kind in these proceedings."

The judge acknowledged that Mr. Benson's decision in December to leave the teams to his wife Gayle rather than granddaughter Rita LeBlanc was a "drastic decision." But he rejected arguments by daughter Renee Benson, Ms. LeBlanc and her brother Ryan LeBlanc that Mr. Benson was incompetent.

The decision wasn't unexpected, given the high threshold state law sets for taking control away from someone. The judge noted in his ruling that the "Civil Code makes it abundantly clear that ... interdiction is a last resort and, as a result, is warranted only when a person's interests cannot be protected by less restrictive" means. Case law in Louisiana has even likened it to "civil death," he said.

Judge Reese closed the proceedings to the public, so the public can't weigh the evidence. But there are hints in his ruling about what transpired.

In his closing argument, the three heirs' lawyer suggested that the judge shouldn't decide the case based on Tom Benson's best day, but on his worst. The judge found, though, that testimony showed Mr. Benson asked "rational, logical" questions about business matters on a day last December when he was recovering from knee surgery and in pain. That was, the judge noted, one of his worst days.

Two out of three doctors who testified said the 87-year-old Saints owner showed "mild cognitive impairment that has impacted his short term memory, but does not rob him of his own volition and ability to make reasoned decisions," the judge said in his ruling. Louisiana courts "have held that just because a person has memory lapses does not mean the court should impose the harsh remedy of interdiction."

Two of the doctors also said they saw no indication that Mr. Benson is "vulnerable to undue influence" by his wife Gayle, according to the ruling.

So, Tom Benson remains in control of his estimated \$1.7 billion fortune, including the Saints and Pelicans.

Whichever side you come down on in the family dispute, Thursday's ruling brings a measure of stability after months of turmoil. For fans who have given their money and their hearts to these teams, that should bring a sense of relief — at least for now.

Legal experts predict that the court fight over the Benson succession isn't over.

It was unclear immediately after Judge Reese's ruling whether Renee Benson and her children would appeal. One legal expert told NOLA.com ' The Times-Picayune that the thoroughness of the ruling on Mr. Benson's competency might make an appeal difficult to win.

But the Bensons have other ongoing court fights in New Orleans and Texas over the administration of family trusts. Also, the competency hearing before Judge Reese could set up a future challenge to Mr. Benson's will.

Despite all those questions, the family dispute ought to be more muted as the Saints get ready for the 2015 season. Let's hope it is, anyway.

Saints fans shouldn't have to fret about anything but making sure the Superdome is as loud as possible to help No. 9 and the Black and Gold dominate like they did in 2009 on the way to the Super Bowl.

As for receiver Brandin Cooks, he says he is ready for his second season as a pro. "I'm a lot more confident now that I know where I'm at and where I want to be and how I fit in with this offense. Now I can focus on that," he said as the Saints' minicamp wound down this week. "I'm expanding on being that playmaker that I am, to be more explosive."

That's what every Who Dat wants to hear.

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NANCY'S KITCHEN

## Orange Dreamsicle Cake

It is Monday, June 29 as I sit at my computer to write this for the Minden Press-Herald. It is a special day of memories for me because it is my precious daughter's (Carol Jeannette Farley) 60th birthday.

Carol has been a joy since the day she was born. She is a caring, loving, fun person and is the light of my (and many others) life. We have an outstanding mother-daughter relationship and she is always there for me when I, in my old age, need her help. God has truly blessed me since that day she was born in 1955.

Carol's husband, Herb, gave her a SURPRISE birthday party Saturday. Many of her friends and family attended. Herb

barbequed ribs and sausage; friends provided the potato salad, baked beans, all the trimmings and of course the cake with a black icing. Decorations were all in "black over the hill" theme. It was a BIG successful surprise for Carol and a fun time for all there.

Carol's favorite food is shrimp. Once when she was about 7 years old we were vacationing in Colorado and we had been driving through a rough, deserted terrain. It had been a long drive with no place to eat. Everyone was hungry and we finally came to a restaurant. Now we were from the Texas Coast where seafood is plentiful and what did Carol order? You guessed it...SHRIMP.

So the dinner I am preparing for her and family this evening is a shrimp casserole of course. Carol is not big on sweets or desserts. She does like Strawberry Shortcake and anything Orange Dreamsicle flavored so I have opted to prepare this

birthday cake for our dessert. It is a single layered amazingly delicious cake and easy to prepare... a KEEPER recipe for your files.

### ORANGE DREAMSICLE CAKE

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 2 pkg. Orange Jell-O
- 1 pkg. vanilla instant pudding
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tub. Cool Whip

Bake the cake as directed in a 9 X 13 inch pan. Let cake cool completely. Poke holes in cooled cake. Mix 1 pkg. Orange Jell-O with 1 cup boiling water and 1 cup cold water. Pour over cake. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours. Mix pudding mix with cold milk, the other Orange Jell-O, and vanilla. Beat by hand with a whisk until thickened. Fold in the whipped topping. Frost the cake with the pudding mixture.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MY SWEET, PRECIOUS CAROL.



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Isabella Vise and Gabi Brown sold lemonade in their neighborhood over the weekend to collect money to help the homeless. They raised \$83.70 in about an hour. These young girls have a true servant's heart and are eager to help and volunteer their time to pack bags at the Joe Leblanc Food Pantry at the next Kid's Night. Isabella and Gabi are the daughters of Chase and Ashley Vise and Trisha and Tim Brown. Submitted Photo

## Fundrasier for Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue

The fundraiser RESCUES on the Bayou to benefit the Webster Humane Association and Lumberjack Animal Rescue will be from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30, Saturday, July 11 at Pavilion at Cinnamon Creek RV Park in Dixie Inn. The event will include food, door prizes and music from the Exit 49 Band. Adult tickets will include a pulled pork sandwich plate and one raffle ticket. The cost before July 1 is \$15. After the deadline it will be \$18. Children's tickets for ages 4 until 12 will include a hotdog and will cost \$5 before the July 1 deadline and \$7 after. The guest of honor will be Braveheart. Braveheart is the voice of change for abandoned, abused and neglected animals all over the world. For tickets or more information, contact Trish Stanley at 318-371-5111.



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## SPORTS briefs

### NBA

#### Wade ready to

#### become a free agent

MIAMI (AP) — The relationship between Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat is about to be tested like never before, and the most accomplished player in franchise history may soon have a new home.

Wade will become a free agent Wednesday, electing to pass on a \$16.1 million option for next season and see what he's worth on the open market. His decision was announced Monday afternoon by a spokesperson in a 61-word press release, after both Wade and his agent Henry Thomas did not respond to requests for comment.

Wade played for all three of Miami's NBA championship teams. He's been an All-Star in 11 of his 12 seasons, and is Miami's all-time leader in plenty of categories including games, points, assists and steals.

"We want Dwyane back," Heat President Pat Riley said last week. "There's no doubt about that."

There's doubt it will happen.

As is usually the case, it will come down to money. Wade has left about \$27 million on the table during his career and wants those sacrifices rewarded in his next contract. But he's missed 25 percent of Miami's regular-season games over the last four seasons and that, combined with him turning 34 next season, likely is weighing heavily on how much the Heat want to offer.

### MLB

#### Anderson leads

#### Indians to victory

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Somewhere around the fourth inning, Cody Anderson realized he was chasing perfection.

"I kind of knew that everything was going pretty smooth," Cleveland's rookie right-hander said after taking a bid for a perfect game into the seventh inning of his second major league start on Monday night. "I just tried to keep throwing strikes and keep the approach the same."

Anderson, facing the Tampa Bay Rays for the second time in eight days, didn't allow a baserunner until Grady Sizemore homered against his old team on a 1-2 pitch with one out in the seventh. Rather than history Anderson settled for his first major league win as the Indians rolled to a 7-1 victory.

"That was impressive," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "He's two starts in, but he's faced a team for the second time, so they've seen him. Last time out, he flipped some good breaking balls. Today, he had a real good plan on his fastball ... and he had a real good change-up."

### DIXIE BASEBALL

# MINDEN ALL STARS TAKE WINS

#### Haughton 19 Minden Nationals 2

The Minden Nationals couldn't get the win over Haughton, but were led at the plate by Brayden Winston, Spencer Brantley, Levi Pope and Hayden Watkins, all with singles.

Haughton was led by Carter Shaw who had a home run and Brayden Stovall with a triple.

#### Benton 16 Minden Continentals 2

The Continentals were led by Landyn Huddleston with a triple, followed by Seth Mangrum with a pair of singles and Bryson Ranger who doubled and singled.

Easton Sanders, Reagan Coyle, Zander Rowell, Hudson Brown and Dawson Day all had big hits for Minden.

Benton was led by Whitt Van Hoy with a triple and single and Reed Martin, Jackson Jones and Case Jordan all added doubles for Benton.

#### Minden Continentals 11 Benton 4

The Minden Continentals and Benton squared off a second time, with the Continentals taking the win behind Reagan Coyle's double and single. Easton Sanders had a pair of base hits for Minden, followed by Bryson Ranger, Brody Bower, Seth Mangrum, Brandon Davis and Jaxon Smith with base hits.

Benton was led by Thomas

Allen who doubled, followed by Reed Martin with a pair of hits.

#### Shreveport Nationals 8 Minden Continentals 5

In the final game of the night, the Shreveport Nationals just edged the Minden Continentals.

The Continentals were led by the efforts of Seth Mangrum, Reagan Coyle, Easton Sanders and Bryson Ranger. Mangrum tripled, Coyle had a double and single, while Sanders and Ranger had a pair of singles each. Brody Bower and Zander Rowell chipped in with singles.

### AAA

#### Minden Nationals 23 Ruston 1

In AAA action in Farmerville, the Minden Nationals needed a win over Ruston to advance to the sub-district championship game, and they got it.

The Nationals had a huge game at the plate, blasting five home runs on the night while racking up 23 runs.

C.J. Watts had the biggest night of anyone, blasting two home runs and adding two singles. Maddox Mandino continued to swing a hot bat too, crushing a home run, a triple and a single. Cooper Chase got in on the action by blasting a homer, and Bryce Powell launched a home run of his own. Jake Wilkins had a double and a single, while Dayton Sims and Brandon Winston added singles.



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## Minden football



The Minden Crimson Tide had a good showing at the Benton 7-on-7 tournament. Courtesy Photo/Russell Hedges

### NBA

## Lakers get first shot at Aldridge

The Los Angeles Lakers and Houston Rockets will get the first opportunities to meet with LaMarcus Aldridge shortly after the free-agency period officially begins at 12:01 a.m. ET Wednesday.

Aldridge also will meet with the San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Mavericks, Phoenix Suns and Toronto Raptors on Wednesday and with the New York Knicks on Thursday, league sources told ESPN.com.

According to one source, the chance of Aldridge staying with the Portland Trail Blazers is

"very unlikely."

Knicks star Carmelo Anthony has already called Aldridge, sources told ESPN Magazine's Chris Broussard.

The Knicks will emphasize that in the Eastern Conference, the road to becoming an All-Star and a playoff team is much less clogged than in the West.

ESPN.com reported in May that the Spurs and Mavericks strongly believe they'll have a great shot to lure Aldridge back to his home state of Texas. But sources said last week that Aldridge is actually thinking more and more

about a free-agent jump to the Lakers.

The Lakers, sources added, firmly believe they will now be in the Aldridge hunt. And there is a rising sentiment, sources said, that the Lakers have edged past the Mavericks on Aldridge's wish list even though he was a high school star in Dallas.

The Spurs, sources say, continue to be Aldridge's most likely destination if he goes through with the idea of leaving the Blazers to start anew. The contingent for San Antonio's pitch to Aldridge is expected to include Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Gregg Popovich, according to multiple media reports.



ALDRIDGE

### LOUISIANA OUTDOORS

## Time to give summer bass a try

School is out, vacations are underway and folks with a bent toward fishing are keeping the waters of local lakes astir with activity.

One of those anglers who will be on the lake at every opportunity is Greg Terzia.

Owner of Greg Terzia's Bait and Tackle in Ruston. According to Terzia, June is a good time to catch some quality bass on either of his two favorite area lakes, Caney and D'Arbonne.

"On Caney, the deep water bite will now be in full swing. Unlike other north Louisiana lakes, Caney offers a deep water fisherman's dream, and is full of deep water humps, ridges, brush piles, creek bends, and road beds," said Terzia.

"This type of deep water structure is where you can find the fish congregating by June. I nor-

mally try to key on structure between the depths of 12 to 20 feet. Baits that will be key this month are Norman DD22 crankbaits, Zoom Ole Monster worms, Mop Jigs, Alabama Rigs, and Shakey heads.

"You'll also need to keep a Heddon Zara Spook Jr. tied on for when they come up schooling over the deep water structure.

"Night fishing will also be good this month. There are lots of docks on Caney that now have underwater lights that are not visible until you get right up on them. These lights are awesome, because they draw a lot of fish to them. I have had a lot of success fishing these lights at night with a 8" Blue Fleck Red Lake Fork worm. Also," Terzia

added, "I've also had good success burning shad colored crankbaits through the lights, which draw reaction strikes."

Switching to favorite lake number two, Terzia loves to be on D'Arbonne for hot action matching the thermometer. Both will be hot by late June.

"This is by far one of the best months to fish D'Arbonne. The bass should be pulling to channel holes feeding on gizzard shad and can be caught on Norman DD22 crankbaits, Shakey head worms, Zoom Ole monster worms, and Carolina rigs," Terzia said.

"Most of these fish can be found where the main channel makes big bends throughout the lake. If you're not much of a deep

water fisherman, there's good news for you; the shallow water bite is also awesome and you can bust them fishing lily pads up Corney and Little D'Arbonne.

"My baits of choice for this shallow water pattern are Yellow Magics, Chug Bugs, Spro Frogs, Wobbleheads, and 1/4 ounce Rat-L-Traps fan casted around the flats," Terzia said.

"The shad will really begin to bunch up as water temperatures warm. Darbonne has always been a funny lake to me when it comes to summer time fishing because the fish can be found in some of the weirdest areas. You can bet you will find fish on the channel ledges, that's a given, but keep your eyes peeled for schoolies in the flats as far as a football field's length away from the channel," Terzia said.

"These fish can be found grouped up blowing up on shad, and at times in less than a foot of water. My two favorite baits to throw at the shallow water schooling fish are a 1/4 ounce chrome Rat-L-Trap and a Carolina rig, rigged with a Christmas Tree Red Zoom finesse worm. Areas you can find these schooling fish will be spread all over the lake, but my favorite part of the lake to hammer them is up Corney Creek."

If enjoying an exciting day chasing bass around northern Louisiana is your "thing", follow the advice of this bass-catching guru. Greg Terzia knows how to get 'er done.

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# Trump Dumped

## NBC to Donald Trump: You're fired; Televisa drops pageant

NEW YORK — NBC said Monday that it is ending its business relationship with mogul and GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump because of comments he made about Mexican immigrants during the announcement of his campaign.

The network said it would no longer air the annual Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, which had been a joint venture between the company and Trump. Miss USA has aired on NBC since 2003, and this year's edition was set for July 12.

"At NBC, respect and dignity for all people are cornerstones of our values," NBC said in a statement.

Trump's reply: a "weak" NBC should prepare to meet him in court.

Late Monday, Mexican media giant Televisa said it will no longer air the Miss Universe pageant and won't do business with Trump on any other communication project.

Televisa, one of the largest TV groups in the hemisphere, said in a statement that Trump's "disrespectful" remarks offended the entire Mexican population. The company said it "strongly rejects all forms of discrimination, racism and xenophobia."

A representative for Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

NBC's action comes less than a week after Univision similarly decided to ditch Trump and the pageants. Trump has also been a fixture on NBC as host of "The Apprentice" and its

celebrity offshoot, and an agreement that he would no longer be on the show predated the current controversy. The network said Monday that it and producer Mark Burnett are exploring ways to continue "Celebrity Apprentice" sans Trump.

Trump said he anticipated losing the business relationship and that he's not apologizing for his statements because they "were correct."

"Whatever they want to do is OK with me," Trump told reporters in Chicago after a campaign speech before the City Club of Chicago, which is comprised of civic and community leaders.

But in a statement issued by his company in New York, Trump said "NBC is weak, and like everybody else is trying to be politically correct. That is why our country is in serious trouble."

He said he'd consider suing, as he plans to do with Univision. He also took a shot at NBC's decision to demote, but not fire, news anchor Brian Williams for telling false stories about some of the reporting he was involved in.

"They will stand behind lying Brian Williams, but won't stand behind people that tell it like it is, as unpleasant as that may be," he said.

During his presidential kickoff speech, Trump said Mexican immigrants are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists and some, I assume, are good people." He called for building a wall along the southern



border of the United States. Trump later said that his remarks were directed at U.S. policymakers, not the Mexican government or its people.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, a group of 39 Latino advocacy organizations, had called on NBC to get out of business with Trump. Similarly, a petition urging the same thing on the Change.org website had gathered more than 218,000 signatures.

In a sense, NBC's hand was forced by Univision's decision. NBC's parent company, NBC Universal, owns Telemundo, the chief competitor to Univision among Spanish-language networks in the United States. Telemundo lost the contract to air Miss USA and Miss Universe to Univision.

"If they need and value the Latino community, they needed to show they knew the depth of the insult that came from

Trump," said Felix Sanchez, organizer for the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

Dozens of protesters — from immigrant and Latino rights groups — waited outside of a downtown Chicago restaurant where Trump spoke. Their chants included "No more hate!"

Maritza Vaca, with the Chicago-based Accion Hispano, said immigrants have rights and was upset by Trump's comments. "It

is racism," she said. "For him to be running for president is ridiculous."

NBC said it is still determining what it will air in place of the pageant next month. Miss USA drew 5.6 million viewers when it aired in June 2014, a full million more than the year before. That would have been a very good rating if it had been repeated, although television viewership in early July is usually lower than at any time of the year.

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MEMBERS: Vera Davison, Vice President; Jerri M. Lee, Steve Lemmons, Steve Bruce Ramsey, Daniel Blanton, Thomas Perry, Kirkland, Charles Odom.

ABSENT: Jim Bonsall, Dorthy Walker, and Allen Gilbert

Ms. Vera Davison called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Davison then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Ms. Davison asked for comments concerning the agenda. There were no comments.

Mr. Charles Odom moved, seconded by Mr. Perry Kirkland to announce that the Webster Parish Police Jury will meet Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Webster Parish Courthouse, 410 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055, to levy the 2015 Millage Rate for the Library Taxing District. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is discussion of proposed changes to polling places. A recommendation was made to not take action at this time and have further discussion at the Jury Regular meeting.

A Resolution was presented that will give signature authority to Ms. Vera Davison, Vice President in addition to Mr. Bonsall,

Mrs.

Carnahan, and Mrs. Balkom. As the Vice President, Ms. Davison can sign documents in Mr. Bonsall's absence. Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ronda C. Carnahan  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Vera Davison  
Vice President

June 30, 2015  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2014-2015 budget of the Webster Parish Sheriffs Office Bayou Dorcheat Correction Center Fund is to be amended as follows:

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Revenue	
\$5,002,000.00	
Debt Services	
\$4,719,943.75	

June 30, 2015  
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### BUDGET ADOPTION INSTRUMENT

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, be and same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Webster Parish Sheriffs Office during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed estimates of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, be and same is hereby adopted to serve as a Budget of Expenditures for the Webster Parish Sheriffs Office during the same period.

SECTION 3:

The adoption of this Operation of Budget of Expenditures be and is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth with the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2014-2015 fiscal budget year.

SECTION 5: Define the authority of the Chief Civil Deputy to make changes between line items in the budget with the Sheriff's approval (5-10%). Define the authority retained by the Sheriff (all changes between line item exceeding 5-10%, all changes to total revenue, expenditures, and fund balance.)

ADOPTED at Minden, Louisiana on this 24th day of June, 2015.

June 30, 2015  
Minden Press-Herald

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Leo's is no different. During World War II, Leo was a young man living in the small town of Drunen in Holland. He was tall with short cropped hair and gifted as an athlete. So gifted that he served as an alternate for the triple jump in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, Germany. He also served in Holland's Royal Army.

"I think he loved adventure," Leo's son Martin Elshout said. "It must have taken a tremendous amount of courage to do what he did."

Leo's only daughter, Maria, described Leo as, "a hard worker and a family man."

By September of 1944, Holland was in its fourth year of German occupation, and according to memoirs left by Leo, "We were sick and tired of them."

It was still September when a glider broke loose and crash landed in a wooded field about two miles south of Drunen. Leo witnessed the glider's descent while riding his bike and rushed to the scene where he found four British soldiers talking with civilians.

Leo made the quick and courageous decision to take the soldiers to safety in the woods before Germans discovered them.

Tommy Elshout, Leo's middle child, described the cold truth of the situation.

"If the Germans would have discovered what he was doing they would have put a bullet in his head," said Elshout.

Leo recruited two cousins, Jo and David, to help hide the soldiers, and under the cover of night the soldiers took shelter at Jo's house.

Once things calmed down, British SSGT. Harold Leakey told Leo another glider would be landing in the woods and he wanted Leo to go and meet them.

When Leo went to meet the battle of gliders the next day, he found 15 American soldiers this time.

Leo said the Americans weren't as trusting of him as the British, despite the

fact that he had a letter of recommendation from SSGT. Leakey.

Cousin David came back for Leo and the Americans to take them to a monastery where shelter would be given, but the Americans weren't sure they trusted their Dutch caretakers.

According to Leo's memoirs, the American Staff Sergeant, a man from Shreveport named Russell Vaught, stuck his pistol in Leo's back and said, "Lead the way, incase something happens, you get it first."

Luckily, Leo never got it from Vaught, and their trust grew stronger as the days passed without the Germans discovering the Allied soldiers.

"He never blamed the American soldiers for being too careful," Tommy Elshout said. "Leo and Russell actually became friends after the war."

Soon, word came to Leo and the soldiers that the Allied front was getting close to the German occupied town, meaning conflict was eminent. To make matters more complicated, a resistance leader from another town heard of Leo and told him he had 29 British troops in hiding he didn't know what to do with.

So of course, Leo made arrangements to move his 19 soldiers and the other man's 28 soldiers into a big barn behind a cafe' owned by some friends in the nearby town of Elshout.

Always on the move to avoid detection, the soldiers were taken into an asylum where they thought they would be able to wait out the impending fight.

However, one night the German soldiers came into the asylum and occupied the downstairs kitchen to feed their soldiers.

Luckily, the Allied troops were upstairs.

With tensions high and the German soldiers back out on guard, only one German guard remained in the kitchen. Seeing an opportunity to distract the guard, Elshout said he came in with a bottle of schnapps and drank the German guard under the table. With the guard neutralized, the 47 soldiers escaped unharmed.

One week later, the 47 troops were returned to their units safely, just in time to take part in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Battle of the Bulge was the bloodiest battle of World War II in terms of U.S. casualties, and Leo said sadly he lost a few of his boys there.

After the war, Leo was awarded the British King's



Leo Elshout. Courtesy Photo

Medal of Courage as well as a Presidential Citation from Dwight Eisenhower.

Following the battle, Drunen was liberated from the Germans, but at great cost. Lives had been lost and businesses had been destroyed. As Leo and the rest of the Dutch began picking up the pieces, Leo received a letter from New York. It was the Americans whom Leo had helped.

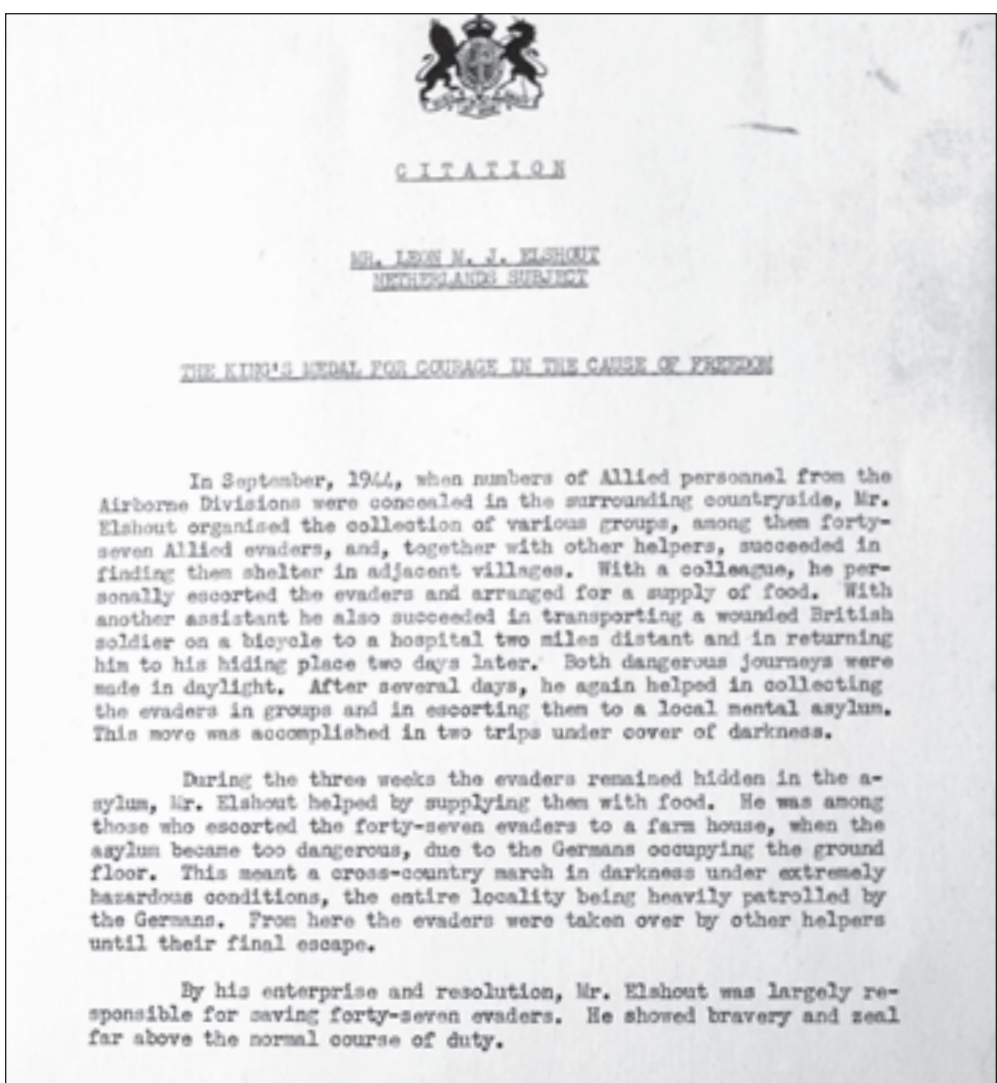
They were disappointed to hear of the destruction left behind and wanted to help the man who had kept them alive behind enemy lines.

The next letter Leo received was from Tinsley Connell, one of the Americans Leo had grown close with. Connell was offering to sponsor Leo to come and live in the United States, an offer he took without much hesitation.

During the six months or so it took to get the paperwork in order, Leo met and married his wife.

Although he had to leave for the U.S. without her, she quickly was granted sponsorship and joined him there, where they made a new life for themselves in Minden.

Along the way, Leo and his wife Lanie were blessed with five children: Jerry, Martin, Tommy, Maria and Mike.



Leo eventually opened his own auto repair shop and was a constant at the pro-shop of Pine Hills Country Club where he made a lifetime-worth of friendships.

This year, the Pine Hills Memorial Classic will be played in his honor at the request of those he touched in his time on Earth. His youngest son Mike will be presenting a

short memorial to Leo at the tournament dinner on Saturday, July 11.

"I swell up when I think about it," Martin said. "I'm very proud to say he was my dad."

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And it was a day etched into the memories of the Minden High School class of 2002. To commemorate and remember the lives lost that day, the senior class built a memorial on the campus of their school as their mark for a day that raised patriotism to a new level.

Former principal Morris Busby says it was one of those days where everyone remembered where they were and what they were doing when the news broke the United States had been attacked.

“It was really quite interesting,” Busby said. “When they were getting ready for the presentation, they ended up spending the night out there at the football field. They worked with the art teacher on the design and came up with the twin towers and the pentagon shape.”

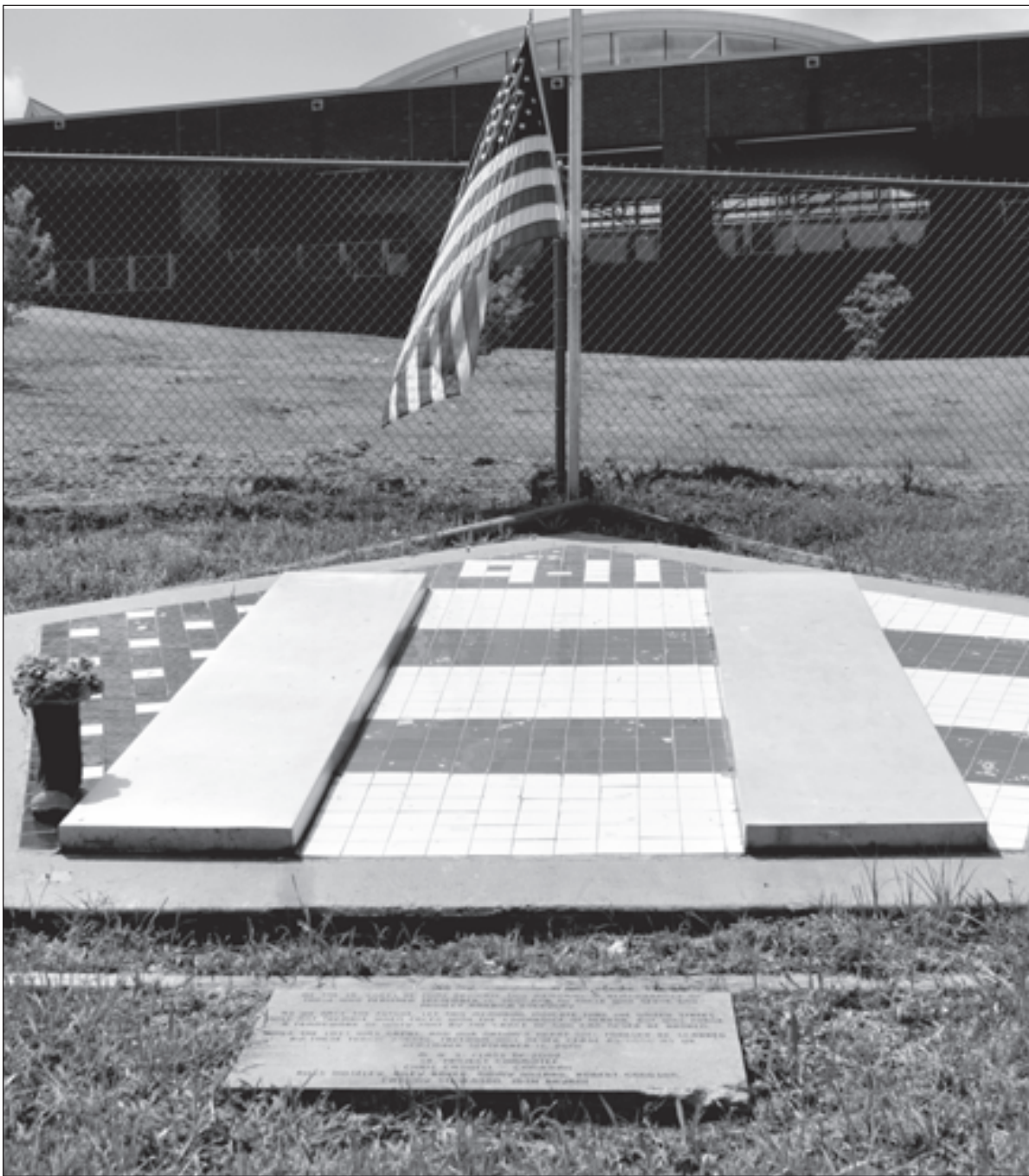
Busby says they collected the money for construction, adding it was entirely a senior class project.

“They brought it to me and asked if they could do it, and I said, ‘Hey, it’s a great idea,’ so they did,” he said. “It was a good project; in fact, I think it was one of the best senior projects we’ve had during that time.”

Chris Caswell, who headed up the fundraising and construction of the memorial, is a graduate of the class of 2002.

“I was always really patriotic and it hit everybody really hard,” Caswell said. “That was our senior year, and I came up with the design and brought it up as a senior class gift, and everybody voted on it and liked it.”

There was a core group of about 10 people that actually did the work, Caswell says. Most of the work was done by the students, except for major things



The Class of 2002 built and dedicated a memorial in memory of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Chris Caswell was chairman and fellow committee members who worked on the project include Russ Moseley, Riley Baker, Timmy Dillard, Robert Goodson, Cassidy Stevenson and Josh Bryant. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

like pouring the concrete. All the materials were paid for through fundraisers, he says, and many of the materials were donated.

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. James Russell Moseley, who

recently made the difficult decision to put his military K-9 partner, Canvas, down, was also a member of the same graduating class. Caswell praised Moseley for his patriotism and the work

he put into the memorial. 9/11 was also one of the main contributing factors in his decision to join the military, Caswell says.

“He was one of the major helpers,” he said. “He and I grew

up together and we were roommates in college. It was really tough on all of us to see that, and we wanted to make sure that everybody coming behind us realized what happened to our country. So we decided to put it at the football field so that every time the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem was done, they would realize what it is from the shape and the twin towers.”

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The monument is shaped like the Pentagon in memorial to those who lost their lives that day when a plane plowed into the side of the nation’s military defense site. The twin towers signify memorials to the nearly 3,000 lives lost following the collapse of the two signature buildings.

Busby says the day of the attacks, everyone, faculty, staff and students gathered around televisions and watched the events unfold.

“That day sticks in my mind, with that day being a school day, it was just scary awesome,” he said. “Nobody knew at first what might be next or what might happen. I remember in particular, I had to go to Baton Rouge for a meeting, and on the way to Baton Rouge, it was so eerie, because that was the day they’d grounded all flights. There were no flights for a couple of days, and all you could hear on the radio was ideas of what happened and why. It was just a weird day to be away from home.”

Caswell says his hope is the graduating classes that have come behind him and those to come will take care of the memorial, even though he still goes to the school and checks on it and cares for it himself. It was a project very near and dear to his heart, he says.

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It seemed as if the 19 hour bus ride would never end due to excited day-dreams of the adventures to come. Each delegate anticipated the moment we had only heard about from previous attendants of the NRECA Youth Tour. Nearly 2,000 other students and 47 states would join together to create long lasting memories. I stepped off the bus seeing hundreds of faces flood the lobby of our hotel. I knew then, this journey would change my life; and it did.

I recently embarked on a historically beautiful adventure to Washington D.C. with 26 other Louisiana Youth Tour delegates. This amazing opportunity, sponsored by several Louisiana cooperatives, enabled our group to experience our own version of the historic moments found in textbooks. Moments spent looking upon the intricate memorials reminded me of the sacrifices taken to advance today's society. In those glorious moments, our dependency on technology vanished as each delegate fully embraced the beautiful seconds spent in front of massive sculptures. Faces gazed upon the symbols of those who devoted their lives to create a better future for our generation and amazement set in as we observed the document that declared our independence from Great Britain.

Aside from the many great exhibits, It was at Arlington Cemetery where I felt the strongest emotions take their toll. As we ventured along the path that wound through thousands of ivory headstones, we all took a moment to acknowledge that the endless sea of perfectly placed markers represented thousands who died for American freedoms.

We patiently watched as the honorable soldier guarding the Unknown's tomb precisely paced back and forth. The crowd dripped with sweat on the boiling hot Tuesday; however, there was still no sound from the onlookers who baked in the sun. A bell chimed overhead signifying that it was time for the guard-changing ceremony to begin. The changing began following orders from a highly-ranked officer. Guns were properly

inspected, the incoming guard's uniform was checked for perfection, and synchronized steps were the only sounds to be heard.

The beauty in observing this historic ceremony is simple, yet holds a deep symbolism. Those who lost their lives died in the name of our amazing country. Each tomb within the gates of Arlington National Cemetery told a story of bravery, honor, and sacrifice.

My memories from Washington D.C. will forever burn in my mind and impact my life. This wonderful opportunity allowed me to meet new friends and immerse myself into American history; but more importantly, the trip gifted me a new respect for the brave men and women who serve to protect our Home.

Take time this Fourth of

July to remember why we have Independence Day. Without those who serve in the armed forces, law enforcement, or public safety branches we would not have the freedoms we experience each day. My week-long journey to our nation's Capitol gifted me a new respect towards the life American citizens are so fortunate to live.

Written by Lakeside High School senior, Abigail Reynolds. Abby won the Claiborne Electric essay contest that sent her to Washington D.C. along with fellow classmates, Lane Hammons and Megan Osborne. Her essay calculated how much excess cafeteria food is left over each month by Webster Parish schools. She noted how this amount, totaling to nearly \$55,000, could be reused by repurposing excess meals to area homeless shelters.



Lakeside student Abby Reynolds, Lane Hammons, and Megan Osborne are touring Washington, D.C. as part of the Louisiana Youth Tour. The three Lakeside students were selected for superior essay writing. Courtesy Photo



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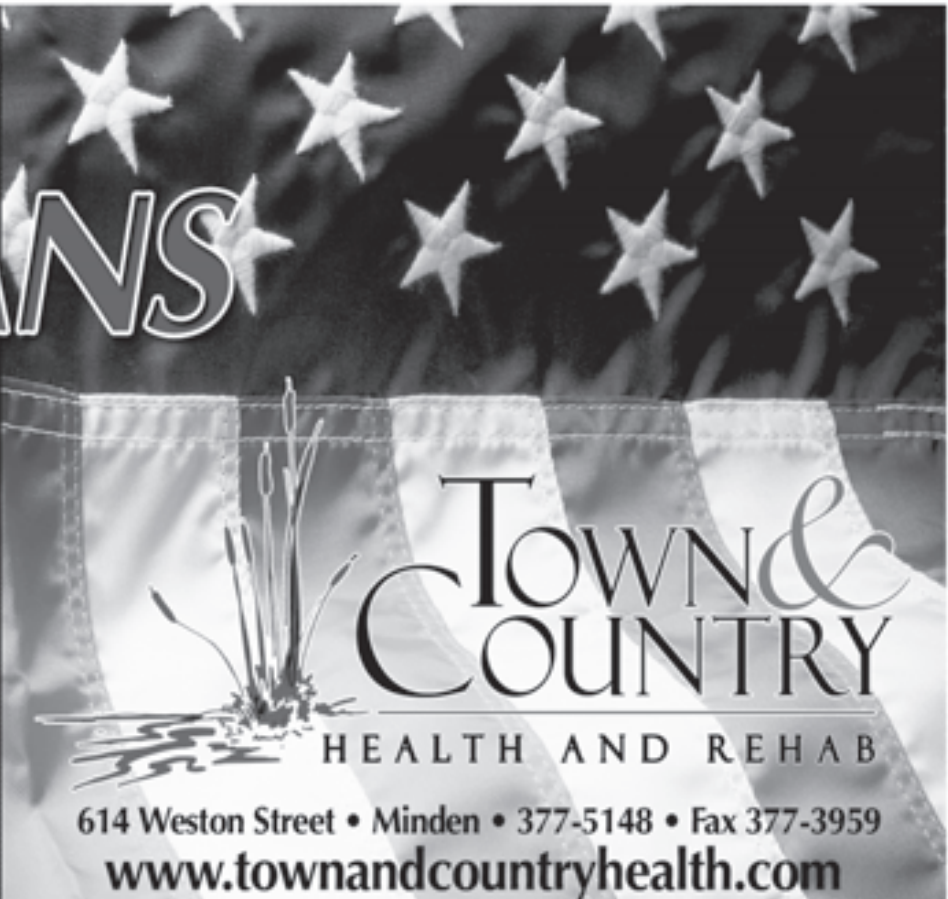
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# 'Service: A Lambert family tradition'

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Most class of 2015 graduates are busy enjoying their final summer before beginning the next chapter of their lives.

Meanwhile, Thomas Lambert is gearing up to begin a journey that will take him to Annapolis and beyond.

On July 1, Lambert will say goodbye to his friends and family to start a life of service in the U.S. Naval Academy.

Lambert, a 2015 graduate of Lakeside High School is in for quite a challenge, but if anyone is ready it's the kid with a rich family history of service, sacrifice and leadership.

"I grew up hearing about my great uncle George," Lambert said. "He went to the academy and graduated in 1935. He was an All-American football player and captain of the boxing team. He sank with the USS Buck in 1943."

Lambert also had another great uncle, Phillip, who survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor while stationed aboard the USS Maryland.

Other men of service in Thomas's family include Joe Lambert (World War I), Clifford Lambert (World War II), A.G. Fullerton (Korean), Arthur Lambert (Korean), Ronald Lambert (Persian Gulf), and Jerry Lambert (Air Force).

While Lambert's father Scott didn't serve himself, he said Thomas was always aware of the impact the military had on his family

history.

"I think it played a big role in his choice," Scott Lambert said. "Thomas had always heard stories about his uncle George. Back then, reaching the service academy was the pinnacle and I think Thomas was influenced by that family history."

Thomas said when he started thinking about life after high school, the Naval Academy was always the front runner. In fact, when Scott offered Thomas a chance to attend any wrestling camp in the country prior to his senior year, Thomas came home with a flyer for a Navy wrestling camp.

It was at that camp that Navy wrestling coaches got their eyes on Thomas and began recruiting him to come wrestle for Navy. It didn't take Thomas long to accept an offer to wrestle at his dream school, and following induction day on July 1, Thomas will be sitting in his first team meeting.

Thomas said his dad has been nothing but supportive of his choice.

"From the very first application I had to fill out he was real into it with me," Lambert said. "He's always been very supportive."

There was one other man in the family whose support Thomas needed, his older brother Garrett.

"We've always been super close," Thomas said. "I think he's bummed about me leaving and being so far away, but at the same time he said he's really proud and he knows

this will do me justice in the later part of my life."

Garrett, who is currently deciding where he will attend medical school, said he couldn't be more proud of his brother.

"He's a guy who's successful in everything he does," Lambert said. "He's the type of guy I would want in my fox-hole."

As to how big brother will handle not having little brother around the home?

"It's going to be a pretty hard adjustment not being able to speak with him as often, but we'll get through it."

At Lakeside, Thomas was a key cog in Warrior athletics, starring on the football team as a quarterback, earning All-State honors twice in wrestling, finishing as State runner-up at 170 pounds his senior year and serving as a three year starter on the baseball team where he finished his senior year as an All-District and All-Parish selection.

Thomas said he will try and take the leadership skills learned at Lakeside on to the Naval Academy.

"I think playing quarterback will help a lot," Lambert said. "It's taught me how to handle pressure and what to do when things aren't going the way you want them to."

Lambert also excelled in the classroom, compiling a cumulative 3.89 grade point average for his high school career and is a member of the National Honors Society.

The other thing Thomas



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# GEORGE CALVIT: A true WWII hero

**JUANITA AGAN**  
Special to the Press-Herald

This month we are remembering the men who fought in World War II to coincide with the dedication of the monument in Washington, D. C. that honors the veterans of this war. Today's Cameo is of one who not only fought but was awarded the Silver Star for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. One by one our heroes are being claimed in death and it is important that we remember these who served and served so well that they have been honored by our government. That man is George Calvit

George Calvit was born in Minden, the oldest of five children. He finished Minden High School in 1939, and married the class Salutatorian, Dorothy Colclasure, in 1940. They had three daughters, two who are living, and the middle daughter died as a little girl.



**AGAN**

George volunteered for the U. S. Marine Corp in 1942. After his training he was sent to the South Pacific. He served two tours of duty in the South Pacific, but the battle for the Island of Iwo Jima was when our Minden boy distinguished himself by his bravery

George was a gunner on a .37 mm anti-tank gun with 26th Regimental Weapons of the 5th Division of Marines that 19th of February, 1945. He said that the Marines went in waves on LCVP boats. As they landed on the beach Mount Suribachi was on their left and high plateaus were on the right. They were enfiladed from the left and from the right.

Each division has around 20,000 men, and that day the 4th and the 5th Division of Marines with about 2/3 of the 3rd Division was in on the invasion. When they hit the beach they immediately sank 8 to 10 inches in the black sand that covered the island. For about 20 feet straight ahead the beach was level and covered with this sand, and in front of that was a slight slope also covered with the sand. They soon discovered that only the track vehicles could negotiate the slight hill and all the rest could not climb up the sandy slope. They spent the afternoon and the night on that beach since they could not get off. All night they were subjected to mortar fire and small arms fire. In his platoon were about 30 men. That night half of them were casualties. They were assigned two men to a foxhole. George shared his foxhole with Lt. Griswold, his platoon leader. Each was to take a watch. Lt. Griswold took the first watch which was about four hours.

When morning came my friend awoke to find that the Lieutenant had watched all night and let him sleep. Lt. Griswold

was so worried and concerned over the fact that half of his men were casualties that he could not sleep. Later Lt. Griswold was transferred to the Infantry division and he was also awarded the Silver Star.

George was at a crossroads on the island and trying to fasten a flamethrower to a Marine's back. The Japs lobbed three mortars into the group of men. Shrapnel flew everywhere, striking the man he was placing the flamethrower in the leg, and striking my friend in the back and the legs. After the medics picked most of the shrapnel out of him, he returned to his unit and the fighting.

Later he and his buddies sat down on the edge of a crater, when they were subjected to a line of artillery fire. George had pulled off his field jacket, folded it and laid it down on the rim of the crater beside him. The artillery fire knocked them into the crater. Again he had to have shrapnel picked out of his back and legs. When George picked up his jacket, it had been riddled with holes.

Many officers and platoon leaders were being killed and others who replaced them were being killed too. George was asked by his commanding officer to transfer to the Infantry as a squad leader. He did and assumed the leadership. He directed the men to go around a huge rock. As they went to the right he went left and immediately hand grenades were tossed at him by hidden Japs. He and his men grabbed them quickly and tossed them back into the caves. They were able to grab them as fast as the Japs threw them until more people started throwing them and at last two of the

grenades exploded, with shrapnel striking the left side of George's face and his shoulder.

The officers were being killed along with the non commissioned officers. They asked for volunteers to direct fire for the tank into the Japanese pillbox. George volunteered and knelt outside the tank and with the telephone directed fire. This time the area was sprayed with machine gun fire. George was shot in the right shoulder and thru the right lung, three ribs were torn loose and the lung collapsed. He crawled behind the tank to keep from being shot more. They came and placed George on a stretcher and carried him to the hospital there on Iwo Jima. They gave him morphine and left him to sleep. His sleep was filled with dreams of being out in water. When he awakened from the morphine induced sleep he was being sprayed with a wet substance on his face. It was the wound in his shoulder that had not been treated and was gushing blood. They immediately flew him to Guam to a hospital better equipped to take care of him. His description of himself is both funny and sad. He had been out in the field for a long time, many days without a bath or a shave. In the hospital there on Iwo Jima they had cut away his clothes to see the wounds but had

left him his gun holster and his automatic .45 pistol. He said he was quite a sight with the beard, the filth on him, naked except for the gun and holster, which was all he had with him.

There in the hospital nurses came to him and told him that they would send one of the national service organizations to advance him money to buy toilet articles, I'll not identify the organization but when she brought him the paperwork to sign for the advance she insisted he sign with his normal, official signature. Since his right arm was injured George told her he couldn't sign his usual signature, could he use his left hand. She told him no and tore up the paperwork and left. When the nurses came back and asked if he had his supplies, he told them what had happened. They were appalled and among the nurses they made up the \$20.00 the wounded Marine needed and got the supplies for him.

When his turn came to be sent to Hawaii to the hospital he was carried to the ship in an ambulance and left there. It was about 115 degrees in the shade. His wounded right arm was bigger than his leg with swelling. His fever was high and he was in constant pain.

Someone came to see about him and called in a doctor. He promptly

ordered him back to the hospital there in Guam and eight doctors came together and examined him. Finally they told him that they did not know what was wrong with his arm - either it was gangrene, or the shot to prevent gangrene had caused a reaction. Either way they felt like amputation at the shoulder was the only answer to save his life.

He said that he had rather die than have his right arm cut off. They constructed a trough and filled it with ice. His arm was laid in the trough for about 45 minutes at the time. Then it was taken out and allowed to warm up. Later it was put back into the ice pack and again removed. After three days some of the swelling subsided. George said that he could not say enough good things about the

Army nurses and their efficiency. He said they far exceeded the Navy nurses that had treated him. They flew him to Hawaii in a DC-3 or better known as a C-47. As they flew into the harbor he looked down and saw the U.S. S. Franklin that had been so damaged at Iwo Jima by a kamikaze suicide plane. To stop the fire that it set three chaplains threw their bodies on the burning men to try put out the fire on their bodies and try to save the men's lives. The chaplains died but they were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their bravery, posthumously.

George was sent back to the states and hospitalized in Norman, Oklahoma. He was back home in Minden on medical leave when the Atom Bomb was dropped,

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# Stories behind two American songs

## The Star-Spangled Banner

This powerful poem put to music was selected by Congress in 1931 as the official national anthem of the United States.

Written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, this song portrays one man's delight at seeing the American flag still flying proudly after watching the shelling of Fort M'Henry by the British. The poem was first published under the title "Defense of Fort

M'Henry," and was sung to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven."

## God Bless America

This song that many consider the unofficial national anthem of the

United States of America was composed by Irving Berlin (1888-1989) for his show "Yip, Yip, Yaphank." But Berlin later felt the somber tone that particular song did not fit in with the upbeat, comic elements of the show, and put it on

hold for 20 years until 1938 when war was threatening Europe. Kate Smith first sang the song on her radio show on Armistice Day, 1938. Berlin was an immigrant from Siberia, and came to America when he was only 5 years old.

## AGAN

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but was to be sent to Philadelphia and active duty.

En route there he heard the news that Japan had surrendered and he arrived in Philadelphia just in time for all the Victory parties. George could not believe he had been awarded the Silver Star, because he thought he was doing what he should do.

His Citation from the United States Marine Corps reads as follows:

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, takes pleasure in awarding the SILVER STAR MEDAL to CORPORAL GEORGE A. CALVIT, JUNIOR, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE for service as set forth in the following:

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was in the assault with tank support, CORPORAL CALVIT, on his own initiative, skillfully directed the fire from a tank against an enemy machine gun nest which was holding up his platoon and the company to their left. The heavy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire which the tanks drew had driven off several men attempting to act as guides. CORPORAL CALVIT stood up beside the tank and fearlessly pointed his weapon at the target and fired tracers into it to designate the enemy gun until the enemy fire seriously wounded him. His bravery and determination were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

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H. M. SMITH,  
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U. S. Marine Corps.  
There were 5,931 Marines killed and 17,372 wounded at Iwo Jima. Of

the 21,000 Japanese defending the island only 216 lived to be taken prisoner. If the cost of taking 8 square miles was nearly 28,000 dead and over 17,000 wounded, think what the cost in lives would have been for America to try to invade Japan. His answer to the question about should we have dropped the bomb is a decided YES. He saw his friends killed and maimed all around and he knows the terrible price in lives from both sides. That bomb prevented probably a million more lives from being lost.

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column.

## LAMBERT

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had going for him at Lakeside was his Lakeside 'family.'

Scott said Thomas's success wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of coaches Bob and Will Gray, Joey Pesses and Michael Welch.

Admittedly harder to corral than his older brother Garrett, Scott also wanted to thank Beverly Hood, Mark and Melissa Griffith, Hewitt and Sherry White and Lakeside principle Johnny Rowland for treating Thomas like one of their own over the years and helping keep him in line, along with Thomas's best friends Luke Griffith and Coulson White.

"Me and Thomas's bond is great," Scott said. "But there were a lot of people who had a hand in his success."

Thomas isn't sure what role he wants to play for the Navy yet, but he has expressed interest in two areas: Engineering and aviation.

All of that comes later, what comes first is Plebe summer.

"It's pretty much their version of basic training," Thomas said. "It's a lot of physical and mental strain to see where you fit in physically and mentally among your class."

The six-week program is the first step down a tough road, but it's a road paved by past generations of Lambert's, of which Thomas is next in line.

"He has a deep vein of patriotic blood flowing through him," Scott Lambert said. "As a father, I couldn't be more proud of his decision."

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