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WEBSTER COURT WATCH

## Man gets 38 years for att. murder

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One of two individuals charged with trying to rob a Cullen store pled guilty to related charges Friday. Mattavious Wortham was sentenced by 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Thompson to five years at hard labor with the Louisiana Department of Corrections without the benefit of parole or suspension of sentence on a charge of second-degree robbery. He was sentenced to 33 years at hard labor with the Louisiana Department of Corrections without the benefit of parole or suspension of sentence to the charge of attempted robbery with the use of a firearm, and 33 years at hard labor with the Louisiana Department of Corrections without bene-

fit for attempted second-degree murder. All sentences are to run concurrent, or at the same time, with credit for time served. The charges of distribution of a Schedule II CDS, resisting an officer with force or violence, conspir-

acy to commit armed robbery and racketeering were dismissed. Assistant district attorney Hugo Holland says they agreed to a plea deal simply because it can't be appealed.



**WORTHAM**

“While the state could have perhaps gotten a more severe penalty had we gone to trial, by taking this plea, we not only satisfied our main victim, but also circumvented the whole appeals process,” he said in an email to the Press-Herald. “There is no appeal from a plea and an agreed sentence like we have here.”

He went on to say that by the time he gets out of prison, Wortham will have had the chance to make something of himself and become a productive member of society.

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MINDEN CRIME

## Police arrest 1 on meth charge

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A 17-year-old Minden woman was charged with several distribution charges following a multi-agency investigation that led to her arrest.

Mallory Brooke Merritt, 17, of the 100 block of Milton Drive, was arrested Aug. 12, and charged with three counts distribution of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine). Bond was set at \$75,000.



**MERRITT**

Arresting officers were Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies Bobby Igo III, Joel Thomas, Lt. Shawn Baker and Minden narcotics detectives Capts. Marvin Garrett and Dan Weaver.

“Her name popped up several times, and we did an investigation on her, and bought methamphetamine from her,” Baker said. “We had an undercover agent that was familiar with her and sent him in and he made some (under-

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FINANCIAL NEWS



Regions Bank will consolidate the downtown Main Street branch with its Sibley Road branch in November. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## MOVING MONEY

■ Regions Bank to consolidate downtown, Sibley Road branches

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Regions Bank is consolidating its downtown Main Street and Sibley Road branches.

Regions Bank spokesperson Jeremy King says the Sibley Road branch will be expanding from a drive-thru to a full service walk-in bank.

“We’re doing a complete renovation inside of the Sibley Road location,” King said. “It’s going to be a nice experience for customers.”

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ELECTION 2015



**Todd Hollenshead**. Courtesy Photo

## Hollenshead running for Louisiana Senate seat

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**SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD**

Todd Hollenshead, a small businessman, farmer and Louisiana native, has announced his candidacy for the Louisiana Senate District 36 seat representing all of Webster Parish and parts of Bienville, Bossier and Claiborne parishes. The seat is currently occupied by Robert Adley of Benton, who is term-limited. The primary

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## Burn ban in effect

A burn ban is in effect for Webster Parish upon the recommendation of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish.

The ban went into effect Monday, Aug. 10 and restricts all burning inside of the parish.



LOUISIANA WEATHER

## STORMS MOVE IN

Clouds began rolling into the area Tuesday ahead of the wet weather expected for the next few days. Forecasters say a 50 percent chance of rain is expected Wednesday with a high of 93 degrees. Wednesday's wet weather will bring cooler temps for Thursday with a high of 83 degrees and a 60 percent chance of rain. A small percent of rain remains in the forecast through Tuesday with highs in the lower to mid 90s. View more photos of Tuesday's clouds on the Minden Press-Herald Facebook page. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



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## Oil lease sale Wednesday for tracts off of Texas

NEW ORLEANS — The federal government is offering 21.9 million acres off the Texas coast to oil and gas developers, though low oil prices are likely to limit interest.

The last two comparable lease sales in the western Gulf of Mexico brought \$109.1 million last year and \$100.1 million in 2012.

A March 18 sale in the far more popular central Gulf of Mexico brought the lowest number of bids since 1986, and officials said low prices were the reason. Since then, the price of U.S. crude has dropped \$1.44 a barrel.

The National Ocean Industries Association, an offshore trade group, said in a news release Tuesday that members looked forward to the lease sale "but do not anticipate jaw-dropping results under current conditions."

The group cited low prices, uncertainty over new regulations — including stronger rules proposed for equipment designed to prevent oil well blowouts — and an upward trend in lawsuits over permits and leases.

U.S. crude fell 22 cents Tuesday to \$41.65 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price was \$43.09 on March 18, when companies made 195 bids on 169 tracts off Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, with \$538 million in high bids.

Some of those bids may be withdrawn or rejected.

In last year's sale in the central Gulf, companies offered \$850.8 million in high bids. Five were rejected or withdrawn, dropping the total to \$845.9 million — from \$1.2 billion in 2013 and \$1.7 billion in 2012.

## Sibley Road branch to open lobby in November

### REGIONS

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Customers with safe deposit boxes are asked to contact the Main Street branch before Nov. 6 to either relocate their box to the Homer Road or Sibley location or close it out.

King says customers who move their box to another branch will receive a year for free.

No jobs are expected to be lost during the consolidation.

"Everyone at the Main Street branch will move and staff the Sibley Road branch," King said. "Regions Bank is committed to Minden and having two fully functioning branches in town."

King said the Sibley Road branch hasn't been used as a walk-in bank in around 30 years. Webster Parish historian John Agan says the Sib-

ley Road location was Webster Bank when it was constructed. The location was home to Minden Bank and Trust after it acquired Webster Bank before becoming Regions Bank.

The downtown Main Street branch is set to close at 2 p.m., Nov. 13.

The Webster Parish Police Jury owns the building and leases the first floor to the bank. The second floor currently houses the sheriff's administrative offices plus detective and narcotics divisions.

Ronda Carnahan, Webster Parish Police Jury secretary, says no plans have been made for the first once it is vacated.

"We haven't made any plans yet," she said. "We just received official notice today (Tuesday)."

The police jury purchased the Main Street branch building on May 1, 2008.

### CITY OF MINDEN



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MINDEN

Minden Mayor Tommy Davis and economic director James Graham met with leaders of the Northwest Louisiana Technical College as the start of a tour of area facilities and businesses to study the needs of the area and start a dialogue on how to boost economic growth for Minden and the surrounding area. Davis and Graham started at NWLTC Tuesday and also met with officials from Clement Industries. Their tour continued Wednesday with Fibre-bond Corporation and Alpha Railroad and Piling. Pictured from left are Scott Price, interim campus dean, Davis, Graham, and Dianne Clark, interim director. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

## SENATE

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election is Oct. 24.

Hollenshead is concerned about the state's \$700 million annual budget deficit, the rising cost of college tuition, industry leaving the state, and the struggles facing Louisiana-based small businesses. He is pro-life, pro-traditional marriage, and supports gun rights.

"I believe our state needs new direction. We need leaders who will work hard for Louisiana and not be tied to the lobbyists and out-of-state special interests. I will listen to the concerns of our small-business owners, working families and the middle class and get to work for them."

"There is nothing like having a grandchild to make a person want to improve their community," Hollenshead said. "That is one of the main things driving me to seek this Senate seat. So that not only my children, but all of our children, have the same shot at the American Dream that I did."

Hollenshead also said he would fight for what is best for local schools and

retirees.

"It's time to get our state government back to the basics. To start, we need local control of our schools. Across the board, lobbyists and out-of-state special interests have too much influence in Baton Rouge. I will listen to voters and defend our common values."

Hollenshead is a senior project manager for Waste Management's Minden office. In his position, he manages heavy construction projects for clients across the country.

Hollenshead also raises Charolais cattle on his family's Bossier Parish farm. In 2010 he was named USDA Outstanding Farmer of the Year for Bossier Parish.

Raised in Bossier Parish, he has been married to the

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former Michelle Perry for 25 years, and they have four children and one grandchild. He and Michelle have been members of the same Benton church for over a quarter of a century.

Hollenshead earned a degree in geology from Louisiana Tech University after working his way through school in the oil-field of Caddo and Webster parish. He is a private pilot and also has been a Bossier Parish Sheriff's reserve offi-

cer for seven years. He and his wife are active in their church youth group, school tutoring programs, Boy Scouts, Court-Appointed Special Advocates, the ACTS retreat, and a local non-profit organization, Pick-it-Forward for Orphans.

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

## Sayings heard only in the South

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

Originally published on May 21, 2003.

Recently I sat at a dinner table across from our Minister of Music Todd DuBose and his wife, Alicia. I referred to someone as a "ring-tailed tooter" and they had no idea what that was. I had used that phrase all my life and had heard it used. Apparently it is just a local phrase. We Southerners have a language all our own. At least those of us who have passed at least our three score and ten



AGAN

(and almost four score) have heard it and have probably used it. I suppose it is English, but it is a southern variation on accepted English. And by the way a ring-tailed tooter is a kid that will do anything he thinks of and is very talented and may cause problems wherever he goes and that is a dictionary definition) Just so you'll know I'll give you a sample of my Southern vocabulary.

### 'CONDENSED' WORDS

Fix - When we say we are going home and fix supper we don't mean repair it, we mean prepare it. Even though the repair shop does "fix" our broken car

we don't mean to do that to our supper.

Whatcha - someone calls on the phone and asks "Whatcha doing?" Translated they mean "what are you doing?"

From Cats to Dogs  
Adam's house cat - How about "I don't know him from Adam's house cat." He really does not know the man at all, does he?

Druthers - And if I had my "druthers," there would not be a war. Of course, that means you would prefer not to have a war.

Dog drunk - He was driving the car and he was dog drunk. That means he was really drunk.

Poor white trash and red neck - The people call them "poor white trash" or a "redneck." All refer to a

low class person.

Peert - She may be nearly 80 but she is still right "peert." And that is a compliment meaning that she is still pretty quick to move around.

Yourn - Is that dog "yourn?" Translated that would mean is he your dog?

### UNDER THE WEATHER

Gully washer - That was a real 'gully washer' last night. The weatherman would say that it was a heavy rain.

Gourd - Quit doing that boy, use your gourd! Gourd meaning head.

Gals going to a meeting - They were dressed up like "gals going to a meeting."

Best clothes like we wear to church.

Cuda - I cuda told her how if she had asked. "Cuda" meaning could have.

Cramp colic - He died with the cramp-colic. At any rate he had a severe belly ache.

Highfalutin or hifalutin - He thought he was too "highfalutin" to drive a truck. The American Heritage Dictionary defines this as being arrogant, pretentious, or pompous, or of a person who thinks too highly of himself

Sweet Patooty - She is his "sweet patooty." That is one way of designating a girl friend.

"Keep your cotton-picking hands off my car!" - That translated means despicable, or wretched or trashy hands.

Coming up a cloud - It's coming up a cloud. That means that a storm is approaching.

I don't want to "aggrafret" you with a bunch of words that may not mean "diddly-squat" to you, and I sure don't want you to "get your bowels in a boil," but, "sugar-pie," I did want you to know that I was not just "whistlin' Dixie" when I said we had our own vocabulary.

Don't you agree?  
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 every Wednesday.

OBITUARY

### David Bruce "Buddy" Davis

On Sept. 15, 1936 a very special baby, David Bruce (Buddy) Davis was born to Bruce and Kate (Frazier) Davis in Minden. He was raised to love God, life, and to touch people from all walks of life, and that he did. Buddy was definitely a character just ask anyone who knew him.

He left his earthly home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Aug. 17, 2015 after a brief illness. He retired from Baird Industries in 1998 as a welding engineer. Buddy was a member of North Acres Baptist Church, a Mason, Scottish Rites, and Shriner. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved spending time at Larto Lake with his buddies and at Igo Farm Deer Camp with family and friends.

He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Barbara Davis Brunson and Christine Davis Tucker, and brother Louis E. Davis.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Elaine Shelley Davis of Shreveport, daughter, whom was the light of his life, Annette Davis Igo and husband Bobby of Minden. His grandchildren Neely Igo Hardaway and husband Reagan of Shongaloo, Katie Igo Boltinghouse and husband Jason of Benton, Bobby Igo III and wife Heather of Minden, Peyton Davis Igo of Shreveport and his girlfriend Brittney Mouser, great-



DAVIS

grandchildren Rayla Hardaway, Cassie Hardaway, Kate Boltinghouse, Sami Boltinghouse, Aniston Igo and baby Igo due in March. He is also survived by his sister LaNelle Davis Roberts and husband Buzz of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, sister-in-law Kitty Davis of Haughton, brother-in-law Bill Tucker of Elysian Fields, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Through his family his legacy will live on as he has taught them the meaning of love.

A celebration of life for Buddy will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 at North Acres Baptist Church in Minden with the Rev. Steven Smithson officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral in Minden. The family will

receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Rose-Neath in Minden.

Pallbearers will be Mark Davis, Robin Rowland, Curtis Bellew, Billy Ponder, Bill Tucker, William Pierce, Chris Evans and Mark Gibson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Igo, Paul Davis, Alan Lee, Fred Evans, Sutton Orenbaun and Claude Reeves.

The family would like to thank Dr. Bob Massingill, Dr. DeSai, Dr. Singh and Dr. Kelly Carlisle, and the nurses and staff at Christus Schumpert Highland Hospital.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriners Hospital or the donor's choice.

## Reports: Wortham tried to kill Cullen store owner during a October 2014 robbery

### WORTHAM

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"He can get a GED, learn a skill such as a painter or carpenter or electrician, and hopefully, one day in 2048, he will walk out of Angola a wise, harmless and productive human being," he said.

Cameron Sumlin, one of the victims in the case and part owner of the store Wortham tried to rob, says he was satisfied with the plea deal and the sentenced imposed.

"I'm really satisfied in the justice system," he said. "I personally called every day three or four times a day making sure that this case was not messed up. DA Schuyler Marvin and Assistant DA Hugo Holland, they comforted me, and we were all able to come to an agreement on the plea deal. I'll be an old man by the time

he gets out."

The other defendant in this case, Bernell Lewis, Wortham's cousin, pled guilty to attempted armed robbery, an amended charge offered in exchange for his testimony against Wortham had the case gone to trial.

Cullen police reported two suspects entered a business and went around a counter to the area where a safe was located, Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd said at the time of Lewis' arrest.

Lynd says they did not get into the safe and they did not get any money.

"The suspect fired a shot at the owner, who was not injured," Lynd said at the time of his arrest. "The individuals then left the business on foot."

According to Wortham's bill of information, he tried to kill the business owner during the commission of the robbery.

"My main concern is that he took 30 minutes out of his life to destroy himself," Sumlin said. "He's a young man, and my main concern is for the youth that's here to see that it's not worth it."

Sumlin claims Wortham was part of a gang in the Cullen area called LOE, or Loyalty Over Everything, and he wants the youth to see how quickly a life can be destroyed by bad decisions.

"You give your life away to the state of Louisiana, when he could have gone to work for Walmart for 30 years and retired and been living well," he said. "The main thing is the youth will look at this, and say, 'Hey man, I'm going to go get a job and not try to do something like this, because it's not worth it.' We just hope this will be a deterrent, that someone will think five times before they do something like this."

He thanked Cullen police chief Mary Hoof, Lynd and the Webster Parish DA's office for working so well together, saying he appreciates their efforts to bring this case to a close.

While no injuries were

reported when the incident occurred, Sumlin says his father, the person who was shot at as well as the store's owner, is doing well.

"I'm just glad that my dad is still with us," Sumlin added. "This idiot

could have killed my dad."

The incident occurred October 2014, and the arrest was the result of a joint investigation by the Cullen and Springhill police departments.

## Police say undercover meth buys were made

### ARREST

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cover) buys from her." He says they bought about one gram of methamphetamine from her on three different occasions, worth about \$100 each buy.

Merritt was located at her Milton Drive residence, placed under arrest on the three distribution warrants and taken to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, where she was booked.




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# OPINION

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EDITORIAL  
ROUND UP

## U.S. parks fund deserves renewal, permanent funding

It seems everything in Washington, D.C., can generate controversy these days — even the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Created in 1965, the fund uses energy royalties to acquire and enhance America's parklands. In theory, it's about \$900 million annually; in practice, the amount is smaller, as the U.S. Congress diverts funds paid into the fund by energy companies toward other programs or budgets.

Now, the Land and Water Conservation Fund's existence is imperiled.

The law that created the fund is set to expire at the end of September, and the bill that would reauthorize it is stalled, although it has bipartisan support.

Sections of most major national parks were acquired using conservation fund dollars, including the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the Keweenaw National Historical Park in Michigan.

The fund operates another program that offers federal matching grants for local park improvements, such as biking or hiking trails, community parks and playgrounds. All told, Michigan parks have received \$322 million from the fund since its inception.

Both parts of the fund's work are important and don't absorb tax dollars. Ongoing acquisition is crucial, even in established parks, to provide a robust barrier between public lands and private development. Matching grants bring needed money to local parks.

As federal programs go, this fund is like ice cream — that someone else is paying for.

So why the opposition?

In part, ideology. Some Republican lawmakers don't believe the federal government should purchase or hold land, or think the fund's proceeds would be better applied elsewhere. Some lawmakers believe states are best suited to decide which lands become part of public parks and to make those purchases. Others say federal purchase of private land — which then leaves the tax rolls — harms local governments.

Two bills are under discussion in the U.S. Senate. One would reauthorize the fund, and the other would reauthorize the fund while providing for its full and permanent funding (i.e., all money paid into the fund are spent for its stated purpose).

Michigan Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, both Democrats, have signed on as cosponsors to the latter. Just three Michigan members of the U.S. House of Representatives — Reps. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak, and Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield — are cosponsors of that chamber's bill to permanently reauthorize the fund.

The fund's work should find fans on all points of the political spectrum — a secular environmentalist motivated purely by science, and a devout person of faith who believes the biblical charge to serve as good stewards of creation should support this conservation work equally.

This is a program that works and benefits all Americans. If Congress can't pull together on something as benign as the conservation fund, we'd give grim odds for bipartisan cooperation on any subject more challenging.

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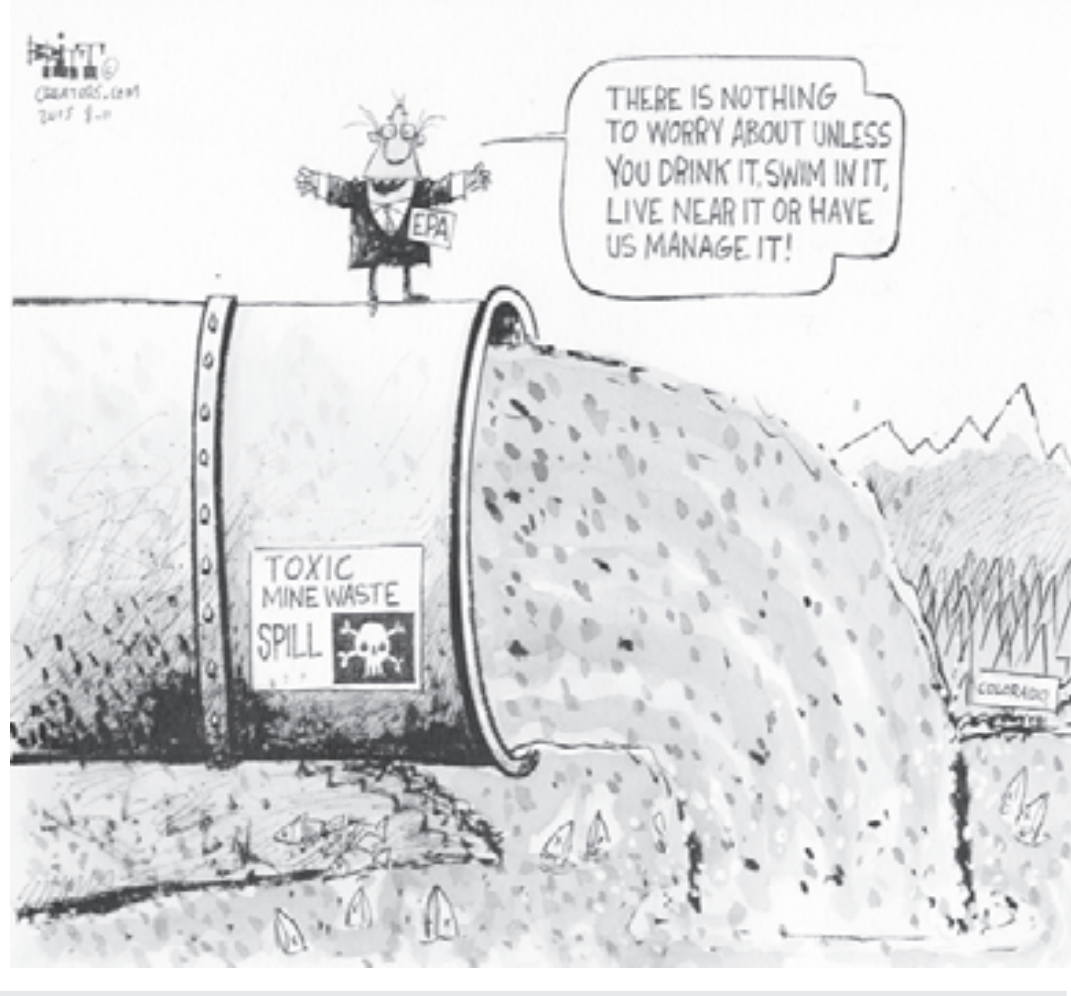
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PERSPECTIVE

## Stay the course

While the national presidential race is capturing most of the media and public attention these days, followed closely in Louisiana by the gubernatorial and legislative races, one board's elections this fall have not made the front page of many newspapers. In fact, polls indicate that familiarity with this board is usually less than 20 percent of the voting public. You may have never heard of it, and not know who represents you on it. However, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, known as BESE, is critically important to students, parents, taxpayers, and Louisiana's business community. BESE is an 11-member board, with eight seats elected by the voters of Louisiana's eight BESE districts and three appointed by the governor. The board is responsible for creating education policies that have a direct classroom impact.

During the last election cycle, Louisiana's business community made it a top priority to help elect a majority reform-oriented BESE so that more of our students would receive a quality education and be prepared for the workforce. That spirited campaign delivered a clear message of hope and progress to the people of this state and Louisiana's voters responded loudly in that election that they wanted to put the needs of students first. The election results were a victory for reform-minded candidates and they have proven to be a victory for our students and parents for the last four years. Strides have been made and improvement has been felt thanks to the hard work of educators in the classroom and parents at home, as well as the strong leadership provided by the members of BESE. In fact, BESE's policies over the past seven years have contributed greatly to some impressive student achievement gains.

For example: In six years (2008-14), the percentage of students who scored at Basic or above on state tests increased by nine points, from 60 percent to 69 percent;

A record number of students completed high school on time — from 66 percent in 2008 to 74.6 percent in 2014, one of the fastest gains in the nation. Further, since 2008 the dropout rate has decreased from 7 percent to 4.5 percent;

Another top gain is the number of public high school graduates entering college — from 15,958 in 2008 to 22,972 in 2014

Astounding improvements are being realized in New Orleans, once Louisiana's lowest achieving school district. The number of failing schools decreased from 117 in 2004 to eight in 2014. Additionally, the percentage of students scoring at Basic or above on state tests was raised from 37 percent in 2007 to 63 percent in 2014. The high school graduation rate there improved from 58 percent in 2008 to 72.7 percent in 2014.

Louisiana is finally coming out of the abyss of low educational achievement. This accomplishment has many contributors, including a BESE that is focused on student needs. With the belief that every student can graduate college or become career ready, BESE and the Legislature have expanded school choice, providing options that have never existed before in Louisiana public education.

For example, BESE policy has empowered students across Louisiana to take classes offered via Course Access. Because of this change, specific educational courses for children of all ages and demographics are now available in Louisiana. This past year alone, middle and high school students took over 19,000 courses via Course Access. Of these courses, 13,000 included dual enrollment courses, and 6,000 included courses not previously offered at the student's school. New doors are opened every day to Louisiana students thanks to these policies.

For students more interested in technical training than traditional college prep coursework, BESE created Jump Start, a program that provides students with high-quality career and technical training that leads to industry-based certifications and helps the student become employed

immediately upon graduation. Jump Start now has 47 career pathways that result in career diplomas with industry credentials. This program is opening up new career options and educational opportunities for students that previously slipped through the cracks. Finally, the system is aligning to put the needs of the student first.

This student-centered approach taken by BESE and many other educators is beginning to change the way we view ourselves. In the past, we only saw our limitations and generationally poor outcomes and assumed we could never reverse that low-performing legacy. Now, our educators, parents, students and community leaders are beginning to see the benefits of strategic partnerships and smart reforms, many of which BESE developed and implemented.

This election cycle is critical for many different races, but perhaps the most important election of them all is not on the radar of most people. Take the time to get educated on the issues and support candidates for BESE that pledge to keep Louisiana's momentum going. Some candidates running for BESE aim to move away from reform policies and go back to the old days of prioritizing the needs of the adults in the system over those of the students in the classroom. Don't take that bait.

We are on the right track and the faith Louisiana put into a reform-minded BESE board four years ago is paying off for our students. It didn't happen by accident and improvement will not continue without a conscious effort.

Maintaining a BESE that is supportive of reform is critical to the ongoing progress of education in our state. It's vitally important to elect the right BESE candidates this fall, as well as legislative candidates who will not retreat and constantly strive for a better way. We've come too far, gained too much, and have too much further to go to just turn back now.

Stephen Waguespack is the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the largest and most effective advocacy organization in the state.



STEPHEN WAGUESPACK

PERSPECTIVE

## Academic fascism II

Last week's column highlighted college campus absurdities and the ongoing attack on free speech and plain common sense. As parents gear up to fork over \$20,000 to \$60,000 for college tuition, they might benefit from knowing what greets their youngsters. Deceitful college officials, who visit high schools to recruit students and talk to parents, conceal the worst of their campus practices. Let's expose some of it.

Christina Hoff Sommers is an avowed feminist and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. She's spent a lifetime visiting college campuses. Recently, upon her arrival at Oberlin College, Georgetown University and other campuses, trigger warnings were issued asserting, in her words, that her "very presence on campus" was "a form of violence" and that she was threatening students' mental health. At Oberlin, 30 students and the campus therapy dog retired to a "safe room" with soft music, crayons and coloring books to escape any uncomfortable facts raised by Sommers.

The problem for students and some professors is that Sommers challenges the narrative, with credible statistical facts, that women are living in a violent, paternalistic rape culture. As a result, she has been "excommunicated from the church of campus feminism" in order to protect women from her uncomfortable facts. This prompted Sommers to say, "There's a move to get young women in combat, and yet on our campuses, they are so fragile they can't handle a speaker with dissenting views." I wonder whether there will be demands for the military to have therapy dogs and safe rooms in combat situations.

The University of New Hampshire published a "Bias-Free Language Guide," which "is meant to invite inclusive excellence in (the) campus community." Terms such as "American," "homosexual," "illegal alien," "Caucasian," "mothering," "fathering," and "foreigners" are deemed "problematic." Other problematic terms include "elders," "senior citizen," "overweight," "speech impediment," "dumb," "sexual preference," "manpower," "freshmen," "mailman" and "chairman." For now, these terms are seen as problematic. If the political correctness police were permitted to get away with it, later they would bring disciplinary action against a student or faculty member who used the terms.



WALTER WILLIAMS

Florida State University has an "Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Statement," which says, "Behavior that may be considered offensive, demeaning, or degrading to persons or groups will not be tolerated." That's both broad and troublesome. Say that you're a Muslim student and offended by homosexuality. Can you demand termination of campus activities that support homosexual activities?

A 2014 report by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (<http://tinyurl.com/mjvn4kl>) found that 59 percent of the 427 higher-education institutions it analyzed have policies that infringe on First Amendment rights. FIRE found that the University of Connecticut prohibits "actions that intimidate, humiliate, or demean persons or groups, or that undermine their security or self-esteem." The University of South Carolina prohibits "teasing," "ridiculing" and "insulting."

In 2012, FIRE listed the "12 Worst Colleges for Free Speech" (<http://tinyurl.com/o94rour>). In no particular order, they are the University of Cincinnati, Syracuse University, Widener University, Harvard University, Yale University, Saint Augustine's College, Michigan State University, Colorado College, Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University, Bucknell University and Brandeis University.

University presidents, other academic administrators and faculty members all too often find the well-worn path of least resistance most attractive. They give support to claims of oppression and victimhood. These close-minded people are simply the "grown-up" leftist hippie generation of the 1960s and '70s.

You might ask: What's Walter Williams' solution to these problems? For starters, benefactors should stop giving money to universities that endorse anti-free speech and racist diversity policy. Simply go to a university's website. If you find an office of diversity, close your pocketbook. There's nothing like the sound of pocketbooks snapping shut to open the closed minds of administrators.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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## Around Town

### EDUCATION

## School board welcomes new teachers

### Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan

The revisions to the Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan for the 2015-16 school year will be available for viewing at the front office of the Webster Parish School Board. Revisions will be considered for adoption at the next school board meeting in early September.

### August 16 - 20, 2015

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have annual revival. 3 p.m. Sunday Darrell Johnson of New Star Baptist Church Ringgold will act as evangelist. August 17 through 20 nightly at 7 p.m. Pastor Albert Mickel, Macedonia Baptist of Marrero will be special guest.

### August 20, 2015

St. Rest will host a Betty Rose Watts Community Lunch at noon.

### August 21, 2015

St. Rest Baptist Church's 2015 women's conference will be August 21 from 6 until 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. August 22. For more information contact the church at 377-5455.

### August 23, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its fifth Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. James Smith

Mt Comfort Baptist Church will be hosting their Annual Homecoming/Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. The Rev. James Bonner from Morning Star Baptist Church will be the evangelist for this special occasion.

The Shepherd's Hut is celebrating its third anniversary at 3 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. All are invited.

### August 25, 2015

Dance Fest 2015: Square and Round Dance Open House featuring Southern Swings Square Dance Club and Red River Rounders Round Dance Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dancing will take place from 6:30 until 9 :30 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free. For more information contact Genevieve Carlisle at grgarlisle2@gmail.com or Johnnie Ingles at 318-469-2929.

### August 30, 2015

West Lake Baptist Church will have a plate lunchfund raiser at noon. Money raised will go towards paving a parking lot. Lunch includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. Plates are \$8.



The Webster Parish School Board welcomed 29 new teachers to the school district for the 2015-16 school year. The Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce provided breakfast and Minden Floral distributed roses for the teachers. Rep. Gene Reynolds welcomed the teachers and shared educational legislative updates for the school year. Jerri DePingre' and Sara Chreene shared information about the WEEF grants that will be available to teachers later this year. Other professional organizations and insurance representatives spoke with the teachers as well.

Pictured from left are Stephanie Barnette, chamber administrative assistant; Greg Lee, board chair; Jerri de Pingre', chamber president; Jimmy Hall, owner of Party Express Catering and chamber champion; State Rep. Gene Reynolds. Courtesy Photo

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## SPORTS briefs

### NFL

#### Brady, Goodell back in court Wednesday

NEW YORK — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady returns to practice and lawyers for the NFL and its players union face a federal judge Wednesday after settlement talks failed to reach a deal in football's deflation scandal.

Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell along with their lawyers faced off for about four hours in New York City on Wednesday in an 11th-hour effort to strike a deal, two sources familiar with the legal case told The Associated Press.

The failure to reach agreement in the scandal that's become known as "Deflategate" means it is more likely that U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman will be left to decide whether the NFL acted properly when it suspended Brady for four games to start this season. A ruling was unlikely Wednesday.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the case, said the talks occurred away from the Manhattan court handling the case. The location was not disclosed.

Lawyers already have submitted written arguments supporting their positions.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# West turning heads

## FORMER SPRINGHILL STAR STICKING WITH CHIEFS



ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — In an otherwise sloppy training camp practice, former Springhill running back Charcandrick West gave Chiefs coach Andy Reid a moment to smile.

The diminutive backup headed out on a passing play, and quarterback Chase Daniel lofted a pass to him. But the throw wobbled off to the right, and West had to reach back with one hand to snare the ball. Then, in one fluid motion, he spun up field and ran for a touchdown.

Not only did Reid smile, the crowd watching let out a collective, "Oh!"

"Charcandrick, he can do everything," Reid said. "The Chiefs need him to do a little bit of everything, too."

The former undrafted free agent out of Abilene Christian fought his way onto the team a year ago and played in six games. But West was merely a special teams player, making more tackles (one) than he had carries, catches or yards from scrimmage.

But the Chiefs evidently thought highly enough of West that they were willing to release Cyrus Gray early in training camp, all but giving him



the No. 3 running back job. Those carries, catches and yards will still be hard to come by with Jamaal Charles and Knile Davis ahead of him, but like any other player, West is only an injury away from moving up a rung on the ladder.

"He's got great quickness. So that's a positive from that standpoint. It makes him a little bit different from the other two," Reid said. "He's a little bit

smaller, so it's a different look than the other two guys in a positive way."

West had a chance to showcase that speed in Saturday's preseason opener in Arizona, when Charles basically got the night off and Davis got banged up. He responded by hauling in a 20-yard catch to help set up a touchdown, and ran six times for 49 yards. His 92 yards from scrimmage were a team-high in the

34-19 victory.

Perhaps most importantly, he proved that he isn't a liability in the passing game.

Sure, he has shown that he can catch the ball. But generously listed at 5-foot-10, 205 pounds, West had yet to show the coaching staff that he could pick up a blitz.

"He's working hard on the pass protection part of it right now, not as far as knowing who to pick up —

he's a smaller guy, so he's just working on his fundamentals and his techniques," Reid said. "His pass game, the actual routes and the run game, he's doing a phenomenal job."

West has even caught the attention of his fellow running backs.

"He's learning the playbook. You can tell it's slowing down for him," Davis said. "Kind of like myself in my year-two, he's more confident with the playbook. He's playing faster."

Speed has never been a question, though. West has always had plenty of it, from his boyhood days in Springhill to his college days in West Texas.

It is part of what caught the attention of Chiefs special teams coach Dave Toub, who is often responsible for deciding the last couple of players on the roster. If all else is the same, he will put his vote in for the player — wide receiver, defensive back, running back — who can contribute on special teams, whether it's the return game or on coverage.

It wasn't only speed that got Toub's attention, though.

"He's tough — tough as nails," Toub said. "He'll stick his face in there on any sized guy. He's an ankle biter and a tackler. He gets in there and is a real good tackler."

He's proving to be a pretty good runner, too.

### RUNNING

#### Pistorius to be released after 10 months

JOHANNESBURG — After being locked up for 10 months for killing his girlfriend, double-amputee runner Oscar Pistorius is scheduled to be released from prison and go into house arrest on Friday, unless the Department of Justice intervenes.

What his steps after that will be are less clear. The first amputee to run at the Olympics might race again. Or he might wind up behind bars again if he is found guilty of murder. Prosecutors are seeking that verdict, saying his manslaughter conviction was insufficient. They appealed to the Supreme Court, which is to consider the case in November.

For killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day in 2013, Pistorius got a five-year sentence.

Steenkamp's parents and several other people gathered on a beach in Port Elizabeth for a ceremony on Wednesday, their daughter's 32nd birthday. Footage from South African broadcaster eNCA showed them throwing red and pink roses into the Indian Ocean and embracing. The family asked journalists to keep a respectful distance and would not comment.

"We are still struggling with coming to terms with losing our precious daughter Reeva and her loss is felt even more this week," parents Barry and June Steenkamp said in an earlier statement.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

# Lady Apaches fall to Lady Spartans



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BASTROP — The Glenbrook Lady Apaches lost for the first time in two weeks on Monday, falling 3-2 to the Prairie View Lady Spartans.

The Lady Apaches swung the bats well, totaling eight hits for the game, but Prairie View scored the run they needed in the sixth to take the win.

Amber Lovitt singled in the first inning before advancing on a wild pitch and scoring on a fielder's choice off the bat of Alyssa Martin.

Trailing 3-1 in the top of the seventh, Glenbrook got back-to-back singles from Megan Sims and Faith

Earnhardt. With one out in the inning Kate Marvin singled to load the bases and Amber Lovitt scored Sims on a groundout.

With two outs, trailing by one Aubrie Dickson hit a fly ball to centerfield that was caught to end the game.

The loss snapped a six-game winning streak for the ladies, but they will look to start a new streak against Union Christian on Thursday at home.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Elliot, O-Line ready for another title run

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ezekiel Elliott and the Ohio State offensive line could make most quarterbacks look good.

For all the headlines generated by the Buckeyes' ability to replace a star quarterback with another star quarterback last season, the development of the running game was every bit as important to Ohio State's national championship season.

No matter if J.T. Barrett or Cardale Jones takes snaps for the Buckeyes this season, Elliott could be the focal point of Ohio State's offense. The junior ran for 1,878 yards and 18 touch-

downs last year and enters this season on pretty much every list of Heisman Trophy hopefuls.

At the start of last season, Elliott and an offensive line breaking in four new starters struggled to get rolling. In a September home loss to Virginia Tech, Elliott ran eight times for 32 yards. But when Ohio State turned it on down the stretch, Elliott and the offensive line were dominant.

"Zeke was the exact same player all year, but then the people around

him just needed to play better in order for him to really show what he was capable of," tackle Taylor Decker said.



ELLIOTT

Elliott had 153 yards and two scores at Michigan State, then had three 200-yard games in the postseason. Against Wisconsin, Alabama and Oregon, Elliott ran for 698 yards and eight touchdowns.

"The key with Zeke is if you can get him to the second level, his skill set is unbelievable," offensive

line coach and co-offensive coordinator Ed Warinner said.

The offensive line now returns four starters, including Decker, who considered entering the NFL draft early before deciding to return to Columbus, and guard Pat Elflein. There might not be a better group of blockers in the country.

"I think we're definitely farther along than we were last year at this point, especially from a chemistry standpoint and an experience standpoint," Decker said. "But I think it would be dangerous to sit there and believe that we're the best."

Elliott does not shy away from praising the guys who make his life easier.

"I think they're going to be the best group on the team because after last year and the experience they gained and how tough they are and how hard they work, I don't see anyone outworking them or anyone being better than them," Elliott said.

The Buckeyes are a safe bet to start the season No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25, which will be released Sunday. Here are some things to know about the team that will try to give coach Urban Meyer his fourth national championship.

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## Like N.W.A., 'Compton' likely to inspire imitations

Underestimate the crossover appeal of N.W.A. at your peril.

More than 25 years after the Los Angeles hip-hop group went double platinum with their unheralded debut album largely without the benefit of radio play, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre and the rest shook up Hollywood in the dog days of summer.

"Straight Outta Compton," the N.W.A. biopic produced by Cube and Dre, blew away industry expectations over the weekend with a \$60.2 million debut, even higher than the \$56.1 estimated on Sunday. The film, co-financed by Universal Pictures and Legendary Pictures for just \$29 million, was propelled by a provocative trailer, savvy digital marketing, strong reviews and the same kind of audacity that made N.W.A. famous in the first place.

Just as N.W.A.'s debut album stood out from the pack in 1988 when hair metal bands like Def Leppard and Guns N' Roses were dominating the airwaves, "Straight Outta Compton" stands far apart from the majority of movies to land at the multiplex this summer.

The only other film with a largely African American cast to hit theaters this summer was the independently made "Dope." It's a long term trend that's attracted increasing scrutiny. A recent study by the University of Southern California found that nearly three-quarters of all speaking or named characters in the top 100 highest-grossing movies of 2014 were white.

So "Straight Outta Compton" — a fresh and brash alternative to the usual summer spectacles — arrived with a wave of enthusiasm behind it, rising to the level of must-see cultural flashpoint. The social conditions of N.W.A.'s rise from South Central Los Angeles also bear particular relevance to recent protests over abusive and biased police enforcement.

On Sunday, filmmaker Ava DuVernay, whose Oscar-nominated January release "Selma" struggled at the box office despite rave reviews and similar relevance, tweeted a passionate response to "Compton," saying it "captured the plight of the black artist."

"We rapped along, clapped, laughed, cried. For all that has happened," said DuVernay. "All the stifling of our voices as young black people in that place



at that time while a war was going on against us."

The success of "Straight Outta Compton" could encourage studios to embrace more racially charged stories. Certainly, many will hope for such an effect, even if it stands against the prevailing risk-averse nature of today's Hollywood.

"I don't think this movie is going to change anything, but I do think we're in the midst of a change. I think it's subtle," says David Poland, editor of Movie City News. "There is going to be a little less resistance in the next couple of years to movies about women and movies about people of color and things like rap — cultural things of the generation that is now 30."

Before Universal jumped in, Warner Bros. passed on "Straight Outta Compton" in part because of the project's riskiness. Those concerns earlier appeared to be justified. Marion "Suge" Knight, who's portrayed in the film, is awaiting trial for allegedly running over two men in January

after an altercation with Cle "Bone" Sloan, a technical adviser on the movie.

There were also fears of violence at theaters, particularly after several shootings at movie theaters in recent months. Universal helped some theaters pay for extra security, but no violence materialized.

What did materialize was the diverse audience of a mainstream hit. According to Universal, the film, which stars Corey Hawkins (as Dr. Dre), O'Shea Jackson Jr. (as his father, Ice Cube) and Jason Mitchell (as Eazy-E) was 46 percent African American, 23 percent Caucasian and 21 percent Hispanic.

"This is a universal story," said director F. Gary Gray in an earlier interview. "It can inspire people from all walks of life. And if you hire unknowns, the story will stand on its own. You won't be distracted by a celebrity mimicking another celebrity."

Phil Contrino, chief analyst for BoxOffice.com, believes "Straight Outta Compton" has

already inspired more films like it, even if N.W.A. remains a singular entity particularly ripe for the biopic treatment.

"I guarantee executives before this movie opened were having conversations about what kind of rap biopic can we do next, what's the next landmark story that hasn't been told," said Contrino. "This will definitely lead to a new wave of music biopics."

Franklin Leonard is a little more cynical. The founder of The Black List and a former development executive for companies like Will Smith's Overbrook Entertainment thinks that some will dismiss the success of the film as an exception, not the rule.

"There are other films like this that are ready to be made. I remember going to a boss of mine while I was working at a production company and suggesting that we try to do a Run-D.M.C. biopic," said Leonard. "The assumption was that there was no market for that movie.

Obviously we've seen now that could not be further from the truth."

Leonard hopes that there are smart executives out there who understand that this is not an anomaly.

"There's a massive opportunity for someone who can finance these types of films to make money on the stupidity and racism and cultural bias of an entire industry," said Leonard.

For now, the force of "Straight Outta Compton" has startled Hollywood in the usually quiet late summer days — about the same time of year that N.W.A.'s debut shocked the country in early September 1988.

"The release date turned out to be perfect in terms of audiences being ready for something of substance that's also entertaining," said Nick Carpou, head of domestic distribution for Universal. "This kind of result points to the fact that there was an audience out there for this. And boy did they come out."

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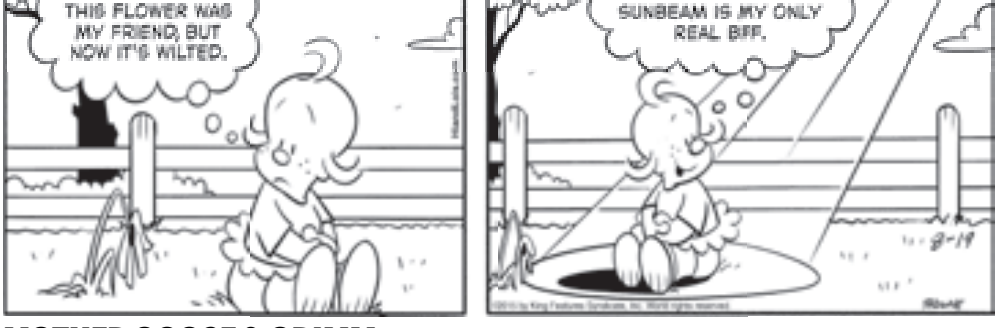
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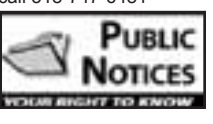
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**ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

SHALL NOTIFY David Tolbert OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BIDDING CONFERENCE.

Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained without charge and without deposit from Mr. David Tolbert, 100 Louisiana Blvd, Camp Minden, Minden, Louisiana (318) 382-4204.

A mandatory Pre-Bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Building A-100 Rm 120 (Conference Room), Camp Minden, Minden, LA. Attendance at this conference is mandatory. Prospective bidders must attend the Pre-Bid conference in order to submit a bid. The Louisiana Military Department point of contact is Mr. David Tolbert, 100 Louisiana Blvd, Camp Minden, Minden, Louisiana 71055, (318) 382-4204.

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Pineville, La 71360, Attention: Captain (CPT) Jeremy Futrell, until 10:30 a.m. CST on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

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All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and Additional Bid Items (ABI) and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bidders planning on attending the mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting must possess the following License Classification: HIGHWAY, STREET AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, equal to 100% of the Contract amount, including Additional Bid Items (ABI), if applicable.

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The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause. In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, LA Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived.

The Louisiana Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between the Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

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City of Minden

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHENEVER A DENTIST FILLS A TOOTH, DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WILL HAVE TO FIND THE CENTER OF CAVITY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
**1** Star athlete, for short  
**4** Banned bug spray  
**7** No stay-at-home  
**8** Alicia Florrick's work-place  
**10** Cole Porter's "Gay" city  
**11** Like a lot  
**13** Square one  
**16** Aviv preceder  
**17** Regions  
**18** Moving vehicle  
**19** Say it isn't so  
**20** Lexicographer's bk.  
**21** Gets dirty  
**23** Crouch  
**25** Actress Jessica  
**26** Libertine

**DOWN**  
**2** Swerve  
**3** Knot for human consumption?  
**4** Evade  
**5** Writes a "Dear John" letter  
**6** Small combo  
**7** Fence opening  
**8** Shrewd  
**9** Miscellaneous data  
**10** Calif. hours  
**12** Make into law  
**14** Charged bits  
**15** Potent stick  
**19** 24 horas  
**20** Payable  
**21** Soup eater's noise  
**22** West Indian fetishes  
**23** Average  
**24** 100 centavos, in Guatemala  
**25** Illustrations  
**26** Force away  
**28** Grind your teeth  
**29** English composition  
**30** Airy airs  
**31** A single time  
**32** "Yecch!"  
**34** Rainbow  
**35** Turner or Fey

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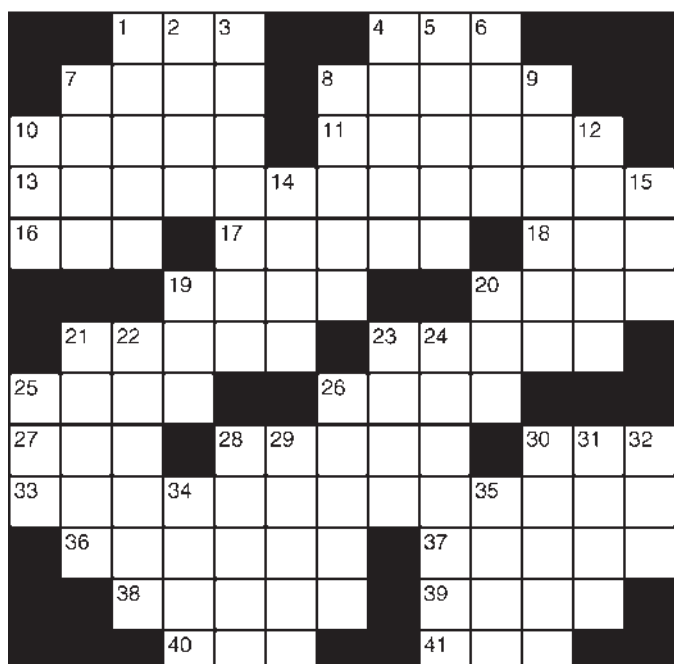
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