



# Judge reverses officer's firing

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Former Minden police officer Tim Morris hopes to return to work soon, following a judge's ruling that reverses his 2013 firing and remands the case to the Minden Police and Fire Civil Service Board.

"I am ready to get back to work and move forward, working with this administration in a positive manner," Morris said Wednesday.

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**TIM MORRIS** 

Keith King Jr., head of the local civil service board, says he received noti-

fication of Judge Mike Craig's decision earlier this week. "We have 30 days to bring

it to the board," King said.

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"Judge Craig says the termination was too harsh, so now we have to go

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'THE START'

## Jake Cowley to perform at First Baptist Church Minden



N. Webster man arrested, accused of forcible rape

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A north Webster Parish man has been arrested on a Minden police warrant for forcible rape.

Police Chief Steve Cropper says his officers have been looking for Carttavious Qualls, 18, of the 1600 block of Walnut Road, Cullen, since the alleged rape occurred Feb. 14.

"My officers were called to Minden Medical Center by emer-

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Jake Cowley's premiere solo album First Start will get its first start at First Baptist Church Sunday, April 12. **Courtesy Photo** 

### Performance to be premiere concert for new album

ake Cowley, a 17-year-old Benton resident, will present his first solo album titled The Start at First Baptist Church of Minden Sunday, April 12.

This will be the inaugural presentation of the project, which is described as a process in the making since Cowley sang his first solo at the age of 23 months old when his dad placed him on the pulpit of their church so the congregation could see and hear him sing Jesus Loves Me, complete with key change.

Songs included on this project are portrayed as "an innovative, fresh approach to a young and vibrant gospel sound."

The concert, as well as the album, will not only feature Cowley's musical versatility but will highlight gospel greats Gordon Mote, Angela Primm, Gale Mayes and Chip Davis plus the First Baptist Minden Celebration Choir & Orchestra.

As a young Christian musician, Cowley says he has

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Jake Cowley sings his first solo, Jesus Loves Me, as a toddler sitting on his father's pulpit at **church.** Courtesy Photo

gency room personnel who had 15-year-old there claiming her mother's exboyfriend had raped her,' Cropper said. "Qualls and two



of his friends were at the mother's house, but the mother was not at home at the time. The daughter, who was there with her 11-year-old sister and a

cousin, claims Qualls followed her into the bedroom and forced himself on her. She told officers he was too heavy for her to get away from him, and that's where the 'forcible' part



**CROPPER** 

of the charge comes into play.'

According to police reports, the younger sister witnessed the act.

"Between the victim's account, the younger sister backing it up and DNA collected at the emergency room, the district attorney felt we had enough to charge him," Cropper said.

Cropper says officers were told Qualls was in Minden last week but could not locate him.

"We reached out to Springhill police, and Webster Parish Sheriff's Lt. Shawn Baker found him at his mother's house in Cullen," the chief said.

Qualls was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.



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#### COURT WATCH

# Sullivan found guilty of drug distribution

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Voltaire Sullivan was found guilty Wednesday of three counts of distribution of CDS Sch. II crack cocaine and one count of distribution of methamphetamine by a 12-person jury in 26th Judicial District Court.

The jury of eight women and four men was polled by written ballot,

following the verdict, and the ballots sealed by order of Judge Mike Nerren after ensuring the votes were

the same per charge. Sullivan was fingerprinted in court and remanded to jail by the judge until he returns for his sentencing trial June 29. No bond was set. A pre-sentencing investigation was ordered.

Beginning April 27, Sullivan is scheduled to be tried for possession of

CDS Sch. II crack cocaine, possession of CDS Sch. I marijuana, possession of a

firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm by a felon with controlled dangerous substance

**SULLIVAN** 

attempted simple escape. "I do not see you being

and

cumstances," Nerren told Sullivan, following the reading of the verdict. "But if something should happen and you are released, I am ordering you to be back on April 27 for trial on those matters.' Sullivan's defense attor-

released under any cir-

ney, Mary Ellen Halterman, says her client will be appealing the verdict.

We cannot do that until after sentencing,' Halterman said. "The

process takes a while." Bossier-Webster District Attorney Schuyler Marvin said although the jury's verdict took longer than he had hoped, it was the right one.

"They mentioned the quality of the videos was not very good," Marvin said, referring to three video recordings of undercover drug buys by a confidential informant. "But we're very happy with the way it went."

Marvin says he intends to multi-bill Sullivan, who has already been convicted on other felony charges.

"He is eligible for a habitual offender bill," Marvin explained. "I'm looking for a life sentence out of this case."

Sullivan could receive five to 30 years on each count for which he was convicted Wednesday.

#### CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

## LMD acts on Army recommendations for M6 propellent

#### MICHELLE BATES

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The Louisiana Military Department is acting on recommendations by the U.S. Army to delay potential explosions from compromised M6 propellant stored in 92 bunkers at Camp Minden.

In an email from Col. Pete Schneider, Louisiana National Guard public affairs officer, several recommendations were listed with actions taken. The recommendations are listed in the Technical Assistance Visit, or TAV report, that the U.S. Army released to the EPA and the public following a visit March 9-11 when they

received word one of the bunkers had been compromised.

"Safety is our top priority," he said. "We're going to do everything we can to remediate the things they brought up in that report. We're looking into those (blow out) doors. Ultimately, we want to get this stuff disposed of, and the committee is meeting now to select a contract."

The recommendations, listed on page 6 of the report, and the LMD's actions, provided by Schneider, are as follows:

■ Item No. 3: To repair vent to Magazine 2419 -The vent has been repaired. The LMD is also inspecting vents on all

magazines and will make repairs as required.

■ Item No. 7: Move material from underneath the cracked arch in Magazine 2310 to dry portion of magazine - Complete.

Item No. 8: Destroy safely the CBI (clean burning igniters) and M6 propellant in compromised packaging – Waiting for EPA guidance.

■ Item No. 9: Inform personnel on Camp Minden of the increasing risk of catastrophic auto-ignition event – Notification will be made March 27. Schneider says they are notifying the tenants and everyone at Camp Minden by written notification and by onsite visits to each

one.

■ Item No. 10: Inform public of the increasing risk of catastrophic autoignition event - Report posted to the EPA/Explo website and forwarded to Camp Minden Dialogue committee members. Copies of the report given to community leadership and emergency operations.

■ Item No. 11: Design and install "blow out" door - Recommendation being staffed.

■ Item No. 12: Prepare firefighting, law enforcement, mass casualty and evacuation plans - emergency response plans have been developed to include an exercise with first

responders that will be implemented within the next 45-60 days.

The report disclosed that the Army's concern of a catastrophic event is increasing the longer the munitions stored at Camp Minden remain untouched. In their visit, they found bunkers with heavy condensation, so much so it looked like it had literally rained inside, according to earlier reports from Col. Ron Stuckey, project coordinator for removal of the M6

and CBL Officials also found a vent "rusted" closed as well as mold on the packaging of some of the CBI stored in one of the magazines.

David Gray, with EPA Region 6, said in a statement Tuesday, his agency is working closely with LMD as well as the Army to monitor the situation as a review committee combs through 10 bids submitted to clean up approximately 16 million pounds of M6 propellant, arguably the largest stockpile of old munitions in the nation.

"Public safety continues to be our first consideration," Gray said in the statement. "EPA will continue to inform the public of any updated information regarding the risk posed by the materials abandoned at Camp Minden."

## **Court-Approved Supplemental Information About The** Deepwater Horizon Economic Settlement Claim Deadline



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### REMINDER Hungerfest 2015 is tonight at First United Methodist Church

Hungerfest 2015 is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. A meal of vegetable soup, crackers and iced tea will be served for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the door. A cake auction, led by Dr. Richard Campbell and Ken Warren, will follow the meal. Proceeds will benefit the United Christian Assistance Program.

# **OBITUARIES**

#### **Charlene** Perritt Funderburg

Funeral services for Charlene Perritt Funderburg will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden, with the Rev. Leon Boggs and the Rev. Jim Kennedy officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2015, at Rose-Neath



**FUNDERBURG** 

Funeral Home in Minden. Charlene was born Sept. 4, 1937, in Arkansas and entered into rest March 23, 2015, in Minden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Madgie Mashburn and brother, Buddy Mashburn.

She is survived by her husband, Edmond Funderburg of Minden; daughters, Brenda Bartlebaugh of Shreveport, Dr. Rhonda Webb and husband, Dr. Bill Webb of Pagosa Springs, Colorado and Sandy Miller and husband, Grady of Minden; sisters, Geneva Partridge of Minden and Betty Holcomb of Tyler, Texas; brother, James Mashburn of California; grandchildren, Rachel Clayton, Elizabeth Walkoviak, Michael Webb, Emily Miller and Jeffrey Webb; four great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Eddie Funderburg of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Denise Beebe of Memphis, Tennessee and Christie Barnes of Haughton; five stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Charles A. Smith, Dr. Jim Noble, Raymond Koonce, Tom Barnes, Dustin Clayton and Jason Walkoviak.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Michael Chanler, Dr. Anil Veluvolu, staff of Willis Knighton Cancer Center and Assessment Center, Minden Medical Center 3rd floor and ICU staff and John "Buster" Hightower.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or charity of donor's choice.

#### Cynthia 'Cindy' Ellen Tobin Gray

Memorial services for Cynthia "Cindy' Gray will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2015, at United Pentecostal Church in Minden, with the Rev. Jeff Ramsey officiating.

Cindy was born Jan. 25, 1960, in Glascow, Montana and entered into rest March 22, 2015, in Sibley. She was a retired paramedic for north Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Gray of Minden; parents, Thomas D. and

Barbara Tobin of Sibley; son, Sean Gray and fiancée, Crystal Lafitte of Minden; daughter, Stephanie Gray Ferrell and husband, Chris of Sibley; brothers, Thomas L. Tobin of Sibley and Dennis A. Tobin of Sibley; granddaughter Maddie Ferrell of Sibley and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### Danny R. 'L.B.' Walker

Funeral services for Danny R. "L.B.' Walker will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, with the Rev. Ronnie Whitlock and the Rev. James Peesentie officiating. Interment will follow at Fuller Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.



WALKER

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Virginia Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Torchie Walker of Minden; daughter, Shan Walker Merritt of Minden; sister, Vickie Stanley of Minden; brother, Robert Walker and wife, Vera of Minden; grandchildren, Madison and Mallory Merritt, Maizie Garcia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Meeks, Randy Martin, Phil Lyles, Russell Collins, Ricky Hood and Joe Lazno.

### MORRIS

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back through the paperwork.'

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper fired Morris in May 2013 on the grounds he violated policy and procedure in a case of missing children. A four to one vote of the Minden City Council backed the chief's action.

In August 2013, Morris appealed the firing to the civil service board and they unanimously upheld the council's decision.

In his appeal to 26th Judicial District Court,

minated without an investigation by MPD and via a 'biased' appeal process. Morris also states his punishment (i.e. termination from MPD) was greatly disproportionate to his alleged violations regarding the missing children incident."

Morris' attorney Pam Breedlove says, according to the order, her client is reinstated with the Minden Police Department.

"The judge reversed the termination, saying it was disproportionate,' Breedlove said. "He remanded it to the civil service board to determine what discipline would be appropriate. According to law, if the termination was

disproportionate, the very maximum that can be done is a 90 day suspension."

Breedlove says, however, Morris cannot walk in the door immediately.

"He's no longer terminated, but the board needs to have their hearing and put him back in," she said. "He can't just show up to work tomorrow.'

Cropper, who was unsuccessfully challenged for his position as chief by Morris in the fall election, declined to comment, saying only that the issue is still in litigation and the city will be moving for**COWLEY** Continued from page 1

been blessed with mentors who have helped him achieve recognition for his talents, including selec-

tion by Singing News Magazine as one of the Top 10 New Gospel Artists of 2014. Last year during concerts in both Texas and Louisiana, Cowley was called to the stage by the leader and legendary star of gospel music Bill

#### Gaither.

The concert begins at 6 p.m., with doors opening one hour prior. For concert information, contact First Baptist Church at 318-377-4434.

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# OPINION



#### PERSPECTIVE

# Why state Medicaid expansion hurts everyone

**WE'VE HEARD A** lot about how Obamacare's Medicaid expansion will be costly to states in the long run. Yet this hasn't stopped some governors, who know that taking more money from the federal government makes their budgets look good (in the short term), while making themselves appear compassionate.

But we haven't heard enough about how expanding Medicaid will cause permanent damage to America, our health care system and our citizens.

For decades, government plans such as Medicare and Medicaid have typically paid doctors and hospitals less than private plans, and even less than the actual costs of the services in some cases. Health care providers covered their losses by raising prices to patients with private insurance.

This "cost shifting" contributed to increases in the costs of employer and individual health insurance plans. As private health insurance became prohibitively expensive for many Americans, more became uninsured or covered by government plans. And as more participants in government plans strained state and federal budgets, the gap between payouts from Medicaid vs. private insurers became even larger. Today, fewer and fewer doctors will even accept new Medicaid patients because of low reimbursement. Medicaid patients in the future may not even be able to find a doctor. In Ohio, only around 40 percent of doctors have been taking new Medicaid patients, a number that is likely to fall in light of the "bump out" Medicaid payment ending. This has led to doctors lobbying the state government to cover the payment itself -

over half a billion dollar hit to the state budget.

As baby boomers expand Medicare rolls and Obamacare pushes more Americans into Medicaid, cost shifting and fewer enrollees will make private plans even more expensive – a

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vicious cycle that could someday destroy the private health insurance industry.

And, as state governments make more of their citizens dependent on government health care, they also make themselves more dependent on the federal government. The Buckeye

Institute recently reported that Ohio's expansion rests upon a particularly shaky funding loophole to tax managed care organization (MCO) premiums while maximizing federal dollars. It's a loophole on the verge of being closed by Washington, leaving Ohioans with an unaffordable Medicaid system and few funding mechanisms. You might think doctors and hospitals would be sounding the alarm, but think again. Doctors are divided, and hospitals are actually leading the lobbying for Medicaid expansion in every state. That's because the hospitals think signing more people up for government-controlled coverage will give them easy reimbursement from taxpayers.. Those benefits, however, are outweighed by the long-term costs to keep the program running. When the money gets tight, doctors, patients

and hospitals will be hurting.

Seniors on Medicare will also have difficulty finding a doctor because of low reimbursement. Indeed, more physicians will eschew insurance plans altogether, opting to limit their practices to those patients who are able to pay directly.

Since reimbursement from government programs already favors hospital-based services, more physicians will leave private practice to become employees of large hospital systems. Private physician practices will become increasingly hard to find.

If federal and state governments do not change this destructive cycle, America's health system will increasingly become a two-tier system in which people of means pay for their health care directly while everyone else waits in line for whatever they can get. All the same people who ruined America's health care system PERSPECTIVE

# What's gone wrong with Democracy?

**THE ECONOMIST MAGAZINE** recently published "What's gone wrong with Democracy ... and what can be done to revive it?" The suggestion is that democracy is some kind of ideal for organizing human conduct. That's a popular misconception.

The ideal way to organize human conduct is to create a system that maximizes personal liberty for all. Liberty and democracy are not synonymous and most often are opposites. In Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison explained, "Measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority." Democracy and majority rule confer an aura of legitimacy and respectability on acts that would otherwise be deemed tyrannical.

Let's look at majority rule, as a decision-making

tool, and ask ourselves how many of our life choices we would like settled by majority rule. Would you want the kind of car you own to be decided through a democratic process, or would you prefer purchasing any car you please? Ask that same question about decisions such as where you shall live, what clothes you purchase, what food you eat, what entertainment you enjoy and what wines you drink. I'm sure that if anyone suggested that these choices be subject to a



WALTER WILLIAMS

democratic process, we would deem it tyranny. Our Founders saw democracy as a variant of tyranny. At the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Edmund Randolph said, "...that in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy." John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." Alexander Hamilton said, "We are now forming a Republican form of government. Real Liberty is not found in the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments. If we incline too much to democracy, we shall soon shoot into a monarchy, or some other form of dictatorship."

By the way, the word democracy appears in

through government intervention will fight to make sure everyone is forced into a government plan.

As Ohioans debate Medicaid reauthorization, they face an expansion program 53 percent over budget for the first half of fiscal year 2015. Tying up state finances, raising taxes and further regulating the industry don't solve the underlying problem.

There are too many short-term thinkers in the health care debate. It's time for proponents of Obamacare and the expansion of Medicaid to understand that they are anything but compassionate. They are dooming many Americans to second-rate health care.

Former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint is president of The Heritage Foundation.



none of our founding documents.

The Founders of our nation recognized that we need government, but because the essence of government is force, and force is evil, government should be as small as possible.

The Founders intended for us to have a limited republican form of government where human rights precede government and there is rule of law. Citizens, as well as government officials, are accountable to the same laws. Government intervenes in civil society only to protect its citizens against force and fraud, but does not intervene in the cases of peaceable, voluntary exchange. By contrast, in a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives. The law is whatever the government deems it to be. Rights may be granted or taken away.

Alert to the dangers of majority rule, the Constitution's framers inserted several anti-majority rules. In order to amend the Constitution, it requires a two-thirds vote of both houses, or twothirds of state legislatures to propose an amendment, and it requires three-fourths of state legislatures for ratification. Election of the president is not done by a majority popular vote, but by the Electoral College.

Part of the reason for having two houses of Congress is that it places an obstacle to majority rule. Fifty-one senators can block the wishes of 435 representatives and 49 senators. The Constitution gives the president a veto to thwart the power of 535 members of Congress. It takes two-thirds of both houses of Congress to override the president's veto.

If you don't have time to examine our founding documents, just ask yourself: Does our pledge of allegiance to the flag read to the democracy, or to the republic, for which it stands? Or, did Julia Ward Howe make a mistake in titling her Civil War song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"? Should it have been "The Battle Hymn of the Democracy"?

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## Around Town

#### **Upcoming Events**

Eggs and Issues, a breakfast with area legislators prior to the 2015 session, will be at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 1 at the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce office, 110 Sibley Road. Tickets are \$10. RSVP 377-4240 by March 27 at or info@mindenchamber.com

Tickets are on sale for the Minden Lions Club "Spring Chicken Charbroil" Cost is \$8 per ticket and may be acquired from any Lions Club member. Lunches may be picked up from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 in the Walmart parking lot. Proceeds go to the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and the Lions Crippled Children's Camp.

#### Tuesday, March 24-Thursday, March 26

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church Annual Youth Revival at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Guest evangelist is Pastor Reggie Lofton of Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Dubberly.

#### Thursday, March 26

UCAP Hungerfest will be at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 903 Broadway. The meal is \$5 and consists of vegetable soup, crackers and iced tea. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from UCAP at 204 Miller St. A cake auction will be held following the meal.

Adult Christian Education Class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway. Topic for sixth week: The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ (Mark 14:1-16:8).

The NAACP Minden Branch will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest 14th District Building. Membership and complaint forms will be available on site. All members and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact branch president Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

#### Saturday, March 28

Wealth Creation Initiative Workshop set for 10 a.m. at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. The workshop is sponsored by the Watchmen's Fellowship Alliance and Creighton Hill Community Development Corporation, Inc. For those interested, call Pastor 377-0949 Royal Scott at or email chcdc101@yahoo.com. Cost is free.

Lakeside High School yearbook staff presents its annual Elementary Beauty Pageant at 3 p.m. in Lakeside's Jr. High gymnasium.

Free community-wide Easter Egg hunt from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at North Acres Baptist Church, 1852 Lewisville Road. Ages 0-5th grade. Grand prize drawing at 12:50 p.m., with egg hunt to follow. Games, refreshments, face painting. For more information, call 377-4315 or visit www.northacres.us.

Stop Paying Rent class, sponsored by Creighton Hill Community Development Corporation, will be at 10 a.m., in the fellowship building at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. Topics will include a variety of financial items. Facilitators will be Tamekia Farley and Willie Roberson, certified housing counselors. Cost is free. For more information or to register, contact Roberson at 318-834-3698 or Sandra Scott at 318-949-5768, or email chcdc101@yahoo.com

THE ARTS



### **Donation helps fund Richardson art program**

A generous donation was made to Cultural Crossroads by Chesapeake Energy to E.S. Richardson Elementary School's art program through state Rep. Gene Reynold's office. Pictured are, from left, Reynolds, Dani Deshotel, executive director for Cultural Crossroads and Paul Pratt, with Chesapeake Energy. Chris Broussard, Cultural Crossroads chairman, says Reynolds had a choice as to how the funds were used, and he chose the art program at the school. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

## **EDUCATION**

### Lakeside student to attend Medical Congress

Perry, a sophomore at Lakeside High School, has been nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston June 24-26.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists to stay true to their dream, and after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Perry was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, the medical director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, to represent Lakeside High School based on his acaachievement, demic leadership potential and determination to serve

medicine.

During the three-day Congress, Perry will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school;

SIBLEY – Chandler humanity in the field of witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, executive director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. "Focused, bright and determined students like Chandler Perry are our future, and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him."



The annual meeting of the Springhill CME Church Cemetery Association will be at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall (Germantown Highway 534). All persons who have an interest in the cemetery are asked to attend.

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#### SPORTS briefs

### NBA

Pelicans fall to **Rockets**, 95-93

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Dwight Howard corralled a no-look pass from James Harden along the baseline and went up quickly for a forceful one-handed stuff.

That first-quarter high-light alone would have been a promising sign for a Rockets squad gearing up for the playoffs. Erasing a 17-point deficit on the road against a desperate Pelicans team made for an even more satisfying night.

Harden had 25 points and 10 assists, Howard had seven rebounds and a block on Anthony Davis in his return from a two-month absence, and Houston handed New Orleans its fourth straight loss with a 95-93 victory on Wednesday.

"We came back from a big deficit and the one thing I kept telling the fellas was, we've got to stop playing around with the game," Howard said. "We're on a big mission to win a championship, and we've got to wake up and play."

Howard, who had missed 26 games with a right knee injury since last stepping on the court on Jan. 23, was held under 17 minutes by coach Kevin McHale. He finished with only four points, but said scoring is not among his immediate priorities on a team with plenty of offensive options.

"I felt pretty good. It seemed like as soon as I got out there it was time to sit back down, so it was kind of an adjustment," Howard said. "I'm just happy to be back out there playing. The main thing for me is just really helping the team on the defensive end. The other stuff will come."

NFL Vikings won't budge on Peterson PHOENIX (AP) -The Minnesota Vikings don't plan to trade Adrian Peterson and fully expect him to be with the team for the 2015 season. His agent and Peterson believe otherwise. Vikings coach Mike Zimmer was emphatic about keeping Peterson at the NFL owners' meetings Wednesday. "We're good to go. I mean, he's under contract and we expect him to honor it," Zimmer said. "I think when he goes into the Hall of Fame, he's going to want to go in with the jersey that everyone remembers him as. That will be as a Viking.'



PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Temple hit nine threepointers and led from start to finish as the Owls ended Louisiana Tech's National Invitation Tournament run with a 77-59 victory Wednesday night in quarterfinal action at the Liacouras Center.

With the victory, Temple (26-10) advances to the Final Four of the NIT at Madison Square Garden next week. Louisiana Tech (27-9) saw its season come to an end in the final game of the collegiate careers for Speedy Smith, Raheem Appleby and Michale Kyser.

The trio ends their collegiate career with three regular season conference titles, three NIT appearances and 101 total victories.

"This group was special," said head coach Mike White. "It's been tough. It's been tough since we lost at the conference tournament. It's been a tough couple of weeks. I am proud of the way we handled it, and the character that we showed. We had a couple of nice wins against some good teams in the NIT."

The Bulldogs made a living during the season with their non-stop-pressure, full court defense, but on Wednesday night Temple handled it, not allowing Louisiana Tech to get easy buckets in transition. The Owls committed only five turnovers in the

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL **OWLS DOWN THE DOGS**

game while shooting 49 percent from the field and 9-of-18 from beyond the

"They were (really good) both times that we played," White said. "The goal was in front of us to get revenge. We just didn't play well enough. I thought we were a little lethargic early. The key for us was less pressure and keeping them out of the paint. I thought it resulted in a lower energy level. We scrapped it at the half. I said if we are going to go

down, we are going to go down swinging.'

Quenton DeCosey led the Owls with 21 points and 11 rebounds while Jesse Morgan added 17 points and Will Cummings 15 points and six assists. The threesome combined to hit 8-of-15 three-pointers.

"I thought Cummings and Decosey kept making plays," White said. "We just didn't play with the same energy level (as Monday night). We missed some easy shots early in

the game, and I thought that was big. It was a tough game for us."

Temple scored the first five points of the game before a jumper by Erik McCree at the 18:15 mark got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard. A McCree three-pointer just over a minute later closed the gap to 8-7 before Temple made a run. Back-to-back threepointers by Cummings and Jaylen Bond gave the Owls their first double digit lead of the game at 23-13 with 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

A Cummings layup with 7:03 to play in the opening half upped the lead to 34-20, the biggest of the first half by Temple. Tech fought back as buckets by Kyser, Smith and McCree in the final two minutes of the half cut the Temple advantage to 41-33 at the

half. "I thought we played with more energy near the end of the first half," White said. "I thought Speedy stepped up and got his hands on the basketball. I don't know how many times in the last few years we only forced five turnovers in a game. It was just really, really good guard play by them.'

Tech made a run early in the second half as Alex Hamilton's layup with 18:44 to play pulled the Bulldogs to within 43-38. But once again the Owls answered as a Decosey three-pointer started a run that led to a double digit lead. Tech would be unable to cut the deficit to single digits the rest of the way.

"Decosey is so talented with the basketball in his hands," White said. "Those guys did what they wanted. Then Morgan makes two three's ... our focus was a little bit short. He nailed two big ones. It seemed like they hit timely ones. We would make a little run and then they hit some big ones every time."

McCree led Tech with 14 points while Kyser and Appleby ended with 10 points each. Smith ended with eight points and five assists before leaving the game with an injury midway through the second half.

Not so fast, agent Ben Dogra told The Associated Press.

"Adrian and I feel it is in his best interest, and it would be his desire, to play elsewhere in the NFL," Dogra said. "This is not personal in any way, it is business."

Peterson's contract has three years remaining, with a \$12.75 million salary for 2015. None of the remaining money on

the deal is guaranteed. Peterson, 30, has not yet been reinstated by the NFL from his suspension under the personal conduct policy. The star running back and 2012 league MVP has balked at returning to the team, questioning the Minnesota organization's support of him after he was suspended for disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.



#### Minden Press-Herald and Powerade ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Lakeside's Josh Prince. He is this week's MPH/Powerade Athlete of the Week after going 3-3 with a triple, double, single and 3 RBI in a 14-0 win over Red River.

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## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES Lodatto making moves on ice



**BLAKE BRANCH** blake@press-herald.com

There isn't a whole lot of roller hockey being played in northwest Louisiana. In fact, there isn't any

being played at all in Minden.

Minden. That doesn't matter to Josh Lodatto. The Minden High gradu-ate and sophomore at Louisiana Tech has always been willing to do what it takes to play the game he loves, and for that he has reaped tremendous benefits. "When he first started we were going back and forth from Minden to Shreveport every Saturday just to play

from Minden to Shreveport every Saturday just to play hockey," Lodatto's father Danny said. "He's so moti-vated; he knows the game well and he's a team player. He's always looking for ways to make the other guy score." The sophomore team cap-tain recently wrapped up his second season as a Bulldog, and for the second straight

and for the second straight year he led the entire nation in points with 121 total (77 goals, 44 assists). For those unfamiliar with hockey, points is the combination of a player's goals and assists.



For a guy who has been tops in the country back-to-back seasons, Lodatto is as humble as they come. "No, I never thought I'd be leading the nation," Lodatto said. "It's an honor. I couldn't do it without all my teammates for sure." teammates for sure.

Lodatto said in his short time at Tech, he's already seen plenty of progression in himself as well as his teammates

"I love it," Lodatto said.

"All the guys are great. Each year we've gotten better." With his time at Tech halfway gone, the Lodattos are trying to soak up every minute of hockey they have left

"It's probably winding down," Danny Lodatto said. "It's going to kill me when-ever it winds down. Being from Minden, I think it's martty cost what her's here pretty neat what he's been able to do. We wouldn't change it for the world."

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# Thessalonian Comfort

With every church the Apostle from this church. Paul was instrumental

in starting, he maintained follow-up. They were like children to him. All possible was done to see that they were firmly established. Some churches seemed to have many problems requiring stressful interactions. What a comfort he must have found in the

IRIZARRY church at Thessalonica as revealed in his first letter to them. Paul always included admonitions, but he obviously derived much comfort

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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father" 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3. They were a people who had "received the word in much afflic-

tion, with joy of the Holy Ghost: For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and

Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing" verses 6, 8. Not only did they come into the faith "in much affliction", they risked their lives in spreading that word!

Paul had more to commend. "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" 2:13. All that men speak must be compared with scripture, but

when seen to be consistent, how important that we accept the truth of God's Word so that it can effectually work in us.

Oh that our churches could hear "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren . . .but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more" 4:9, 10. Whatever Christlike qualities a church may have, there is always room for further growth, but what a testimony of their love!

This church, so attuned to God and His Word, looked for-

ward to the same day of the Lord that we await, and they waited in readiness. "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light" 5:1, 2, 4, 5.

Pray that our churches can provide more "Thessalonian comfort" and truly be "children of light."

#### ALONG THE WAY

# And he did this for us

With the approaching Easter celebration, the Christian world focuses attention on this special reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection. The four Gospels record events of Jesus' betrayal, illegal trial, cruel beatings, and the shameful crucifixion on Calvary's cross. These are

all reminders that 'He did this for you and me.' He said to His disciples, "I have come to seek and save that which is lost." And we know who this is! From the beginning of



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downs in their commitment. (Just like us today), but they continued to go their own way many times defying God. .

But "in the fullness of time", God sent His Son into the world, to become like us so He could become our Deliverer, providing a pathway directly to God. It

should have been no surprise - for this Messiah was promised by the prophets of old. They foretold of His coming, laying out bits and pieces as the Heavenly Father revealed His plan IO. them. Then CRIDER Jesus did came forth, with a powerful presence! The Gospel writers reveal details surrounding His birth; fewer details are recorded of his childhood and early adult life. With the coming of John the Baptist, (preparing the way for the Messiah), Jesus steps into the spotlight. After His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus began his earthly ministry and the revelation of God's plan began to rapidly appear on the pages of history. Jesus had one mission. He knew the will of his Father, He knew his purpose on earth. He saw everything around against the backdrop of the Cross.

came into the world as a babe, taking on fleshly nature. It was to identify with mankind, to reveal our sinfulness and our great need for a Savior. Romans 3: 23 tells us 'we are all sinners and are displeasing to God'; 6:23 reveals to us the wages (rewards) of our sins is death. But here is hope for the sinner, revealed to Nicodemus in John 3:1-17.(Prayerfully read and mediate on it). This is the most precious promise that rises from the New Testament. How could anyone refuse such an offer? But they do!

Through Jesus' redemp-

## THE UPWARD LOOK Shepherds of the Flock

under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you

are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;" 1 Peter 5:2 NIV

Peter is exhorting the leaders of the church to shepherd God's flock. In John 21, Jesus had used this same term to describe what Peter was to do. To shepherd a flock means to tend, care, and guide them. It carries the idea of leading, protecting, and providing for the flock. A person does this

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is task of pastoring not out of compulsion but willingly serving as God desires. While a pastor should be paid fairly for

his work, he serves not for the sole purpose of earning money but because he eagerly desires to serve God and His people.

Lord Jesus, thank You for allowing me to serve You. Guide all who shepherd Your flock to serve and honor You this day by caring for Your people.

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



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time, God had an eternal plan: creation of the world and all therein,

plant man and woman in the Garden of Eden, giving them domination over it... His desire was to have fellowship with them. Having created them 'in His own image' for this purpose, His heart was broken by the fall of Adam and Eve'. They separated themselves from Him, creating deep gulf between them. (Sin always will do that). Divine. Fellowship was broken. Throughout Old Testament days, God pursued man to turn back to Him and honor the Covenant He established with Abraham – that was to be passed on through his lineage. There were ups and

Paul shares why Jesus

tive death, we can have eternal life. And that's why He came to earth – to die a sinners' death. God's gift to us is His miracle of Eternal Life. So during these days, look with me toward the Cross, be reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Walk through the loud streets of Jerusalem with him, envision the long agonizing trip up Calvary's mountain with the cross on his back, hear the jeering crowd and the loud pounding of the mallets as the nails were piercing his hands and feet. See the suffering Jesus hanging on the cross as his life's blood flowed down His side. And be reminded... He did this for us.....

Luke 18:1

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# Where Are You Going?

Someone recently remarked, in jest, that he was going to Hell after telling a joke that was a bit indelicate, even if it wasn't exactly blasphemous. His remark got me thinking about the ultimate destination of our souls, and what we ought to think and profess about that. There are some who say we should profess a high degree of certainty about going to heaven, perhaps in the hope that believing it strongly enough might make it true, or perhaps just in the hope that we can raise the bar a bit on our morals by professing that we are future saints. St. Paul tells us that we are saved by faith rather

than by works, but he is quick to add that we shouldn't boast. (Romans 3: 26-27) Who is so sure of their own faith, after all? Isn't

it God's job to examine our hearts and decide whether we are going to heaven or not, and isn't the more humble approach to say that we just don't know, and should not presume to decide for God? It certainly isn't obvious that any of us deserves eternal bliss, or that our professions of faith will grant us instant entry into heaven. Since all have sinned and fallen short, perhaps the more honest and humble approach would be to say that we just don't know where we're going, but that we certainly hope we're going to heaven.

- Christopher Simon



They have all fallen away; they are all alike depraved; there is none that does good, no, not one. Psalm 53:3



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#### PRIMETIME TELEVISION

## Winfrey's network to do series on dad with 34 children

NEW YORK — Oprah Winfrey's OWN network said Wednesday it is making a television series on the life of an Atlanta man who claims to have fathered 34 children with 17 different women.

The series, set to premiere

in September, is a spin-off of the network's "Iyanla: Fix My Life" series where the spiritual life coach tried to help the man, a video producer named Jay Williams, get his life in order. The untitled new series will follow Williams as he tries

to establish new connections with his children and their mothers.

OWN said the "extreme situation" will challenge Williams' intentions to live up to his responsibilities.

Winfrey's network said it

will also premiere another series following someone's life. "Evelyn" will feature Evelyn Lozada of "Basketball Wives" and her life with baseball player Carl Crawford and their first child. The series is due to premiere in July.

The network's "Oprah's Master Class" series will feature Winfrey interviewing Ellen DeGeneres, Robert Duvall, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Smokey Robinson within the next year.

#### A NEW DIRECTION

# 1D says Zayn Malik has left the group

LONDON — And then there were four: Zayn Malik said Wednesday he is leaving charttopping boy band One Direction "to be a normal 22-year-old."

In an announcement that broke teenage hearts and sent social media into a tizzy, Malik's bandmates said they were sad to see him go "but we totally respect his decision and send him all our love for the future."

Malik, who quit the band's world tour last week citing stress. said in a statement that his time with One Direction "has been more than I could ever have imagined."

"But, after five years, I feel like it is now the right time for me to leave the band," he said. "I'd like to apologize to the fans if I've let anyone down, but I have to do what feels right in my heart.

"I am leaving because I want to be a normal 22-year-old who is able to relax and have some private time out of the spotlight." Although rumors had swirled that Malik was unhappy in the band, fans expressed surprise at the news.

"I'm a bit shocked as to why he's leaving," said 19-year-old student Sophia Staite.

"It seems strange. It seems they could have gone on for much, much longer, they do have the best fan base of any group or singer. It's quite sad because they have always been quite a close band.'

One Direction, which is currently on a world tour, said it would continue with the four remaining members and would tour came after he hit back at and fellow band member Louis cannabis and joking about drug record a new album later this rumors of trouble in his relation- Tomlinson, with the money to be use.



vear. Last week Malik flew home from a tour stop in the Philippines, citing stress.

ship with fiancee Perrie Edwards of the band Little Mix.

Before his departure authorities in the Philippines imposed a \$5,000 "weed bond" on Malik

forfeited if either was caught using or promoting illegal drugs.

A video that circulated online last year appeared to show Malik Tomlinson smoking

The next scheduled date on One Direction's "On the Road Again" tour is in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Saturday.

One Direction formed in 2010 after five teenagers — Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Niall Horan, Tomlinson and Malik - auditioned individually for the British TV talent show "The X Factor." Simon Cowell had the idea of putting them together as a boy band.

They didn't win the competition, but they went on to top charts and win young hearts around the world with their cheeky personalities and perky pop.

Cowell said he had grown "very, very fond — and immensely proud" of Malik over the years.

"As for One Direction, fans can rest assured that Niall, Liam, Harry and Louis are hugely excited about the future of the band," he said.

But music industry watchers, and fans, expressed uncertainty about whether the band could continue without Malik.

"It's just changing everything in their dynamics," said student Alia Alhaddad, who had been glad to see a handsome performer with Pakistani heritage in a successful band.

"It's nice to see someone familiar in a band like that," she said.

"His voice is different from the rest of them, he makes a difference to the group. In terms of their separate careers, it's hit or miss."

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