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WEATHER

## WHEW, IT'S HOT

Beat the heat by staying hydrated this summer



Richland State Bank's sign measured the temperature at 96 degrees Wednesday just before 6 p.m. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

### Webster Parish under heat advisory until Friday

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With temperatures soaring to nearly 100 degrees this week and northwest Louisiana under a heat advisory, medical professionals are telling everyone to stay hydrated.

Cordarius Wayne, a certified

athletic trainer with Minden Medical Center Orthopedics, specializes in sports medicine, which means he sees a lot of heat-related illnesses during the hotter summer months. However, heat-related illnesses don't just apply to athletes.

The three main illnesses of which he warns is exertional heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat

cramps. Wayne attributes the body overheating to when a car engine overheats. If it gets hot enough, it stops working.

"The body temperature gets overheated," he said. "Your body temperature is 98.6 degrees, and when your body's core temperature gets into the hundreds, you

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MINDEN CRIME

## Fight leads to man's arrest

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A physical altercation at a Minden business led to the arrest of a Minden man.

Rex David Taylor, 49, of the 800 block of Brackin Street, was arrested Tuesday, July 14, and charged with simple battery, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer with force or violence.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says Officers First Class Clint Smith and Shawn Jenkins and Sgt. Chris McClaran responded to Steve's Muffler on the corner of Lewsville Road and Chandler Street in reference to a fight among several subjects.

"(Taylor's) wife had called the shop and told Steve (Nutt) that he was drunk and that he was coming up there to get his truck," Cropper said. "She told him not to let him have it because he'd had way, way too much to drink."

When officers arrived, reports say, two subjects were on the ground engaged in a physical altercation. The two men were split up, and after a preliminary investigation, officers learned Taylor had come to Steve's Muffler Shop and started the altercation. He kicked and punched one of the employees, according to reports.

Cropper says officers detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his person, and additional observation showed his balance was unsteady and his eyes appeared to be bloodshot and glassy.

Taylor was placed under arrest and taken to the Minden

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## MASH BASH blood drive underway at civic center



Amanda Spencer of Minden donates blood Wednesday during the annual MASH BASH blood drive at the Minden Civic Center. LifeShare Blood Center representative Mary Jo Henderson said the goal was to collect 40 units of blood Wednesday and they exceeded the goal. Henderson says enough blood was donated to save anywhere from 135 to 140 people. The blood drive remains open until 8 p.m. Thursday Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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The National Weather Service in Shreveport has issued a heat advisory in effect until 7 p.m. Friday.



Erving faces more charges

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## MINDEN CRIME

# Kiedre Erving facing more drug charges

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A woman arrested by Minden police Monday had more charges added to her rap sheet by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

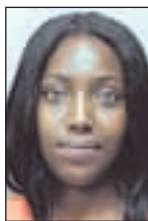
Kiedre Mone Erving, 28, of the 1300 block of East Street, was arrested at the Webster Parish Jail Tuesday on four warrants for

distribution of a Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine). Total bonds were \$250,000.

These warrants were in addition to the charges by Minden police. Webster officials say they made four undercover buys from her in the past few months.

According to reports, she was already housed on the fourth floor jail at the Webster Parish Court-

house on Minden charges. Lt. Shawn Baker and Deputies Joel C. Thomas and Bobby Igo III served the warrants. Minden Police Captains Dan Weaver and Marvin Garrett assisted with the investigation, officials say.



ERVING

She was arrested by Minden police Monday on possession of Schedule II CDS (crack cocaine) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II CDS (amphetamine salts) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule II CDS (hydrocodone) with intent in the presence of a minor, possession of Schedule IV (tramadol) with intent, open contain-

er, left of center and a fugitive from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

She and Keiundra Mosha Erving, 25, were stopped by Minden police on a traffic violation, and during the search of the vehicle, suspected crack cocaine, amphetamine salts, hydrocodone and tramadol were found inside, which appeared to be packaged for resale, Minden Police Chief Steve

Cropper said.

Also inside the vehicle was Erving's 10-year-old son in the back seat.

Both women denied ownership of the suspected narcotics and were placed under arrest. The vehicle was seized and towed. The suspected narcotics were placed into evidence, and Erving's child was placed into the care of a family member.

## COURT WATCH

# Webster court news for July 10

**Kawaski Allen:** Charged with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS, possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II CDS, obstruction of justice by tampering with evidence, aggravated flight from an officer where human life is endangered, signaling required, open containers. Possession with intent to distribute Schedule II CDS, aggravated flight, and signaling required charges were dismissed. Sentenced to 10 years of hard labor at Louisiana Department of Corrections, credit for time served. To run concurrent to any other, first two without benefit, and substance abuse treatment.

**Bobby Austin:** Pled not guilty to simple burglary. Status conference set for Sept. 21. Trial set for Nov. 2.

**Artie L. Brown, III:** Pled not guilty to possession of a Schedule II CDS. Status conference set for Sept. 21. Trial set for Nov. 2.

**Robert W. Burns:** Pled not guilty to simple battery (domestic violence). Trial set for Nov. 20.

**Jeremy Dave Carnahan:** Charged with domestic

abuse battery - fourth or subsequent offense - and possession of drug paraphernalia - first offense. Status conference set for Sept. 9. Trial set for Sept. 14.

**Jonathan Lee Cobb:** Charged with second degree battery and disturbing the peace by fighting. Status conference passed to July 17. Trial set for Sept. 14.

**Bristol E. Dillard:** Charged with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS, possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II CDS, obstruction of justice by tampering with evidence. Pled guilty to amended charge of possession of marijuana. Possession with intent to distribute a Schedule II CDS and obstruction of justice charges dismissed. Sentence to 60 days in the Webster Parish Jail, suspended, with six months active supervised probation. Must attend two AA/NA meetings per week and submit to random drug and alcohol screening. Must pay \$500 plus court costs plus \$20 witness fees within 60 days.

**Kevin Elliot:** Pled not

guilty to simple battery. Trial set for Oct. 23.

**Naesha Nevershae Evans:** Charged with theft between \$750 and \$5,000. Status conference passed to August 3. Trial set for Sept. 14.

**Brian Gilbert:** Charged with armed robbery with the use of a firearm, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and illegal possession of stolen firearms. Status conference set for August 3. Trial set for Dec. 7.

**Dontavius R. Henix:** Charged with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS, possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I CDS marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids, speeding, failure to secure registration. Status conference passed to Sept. 11. Trial set for Sept. 14.

**Artemus Lydell Jones:** Charged with simple burglary. Probation warrant issued.

**Amanda Knippers:** Charged with possession of a Schedule II CDS. Probation revoked, credit for time served, serve original sentence.

**Daniel Merritt:** Pled not guilty to attempted

forgery. Status conference set for August 31. Trial set for Nov. 2.

**Jeffrey Mitchell:** Charged with distribution of a Schedule II CDS. Sentenced to seven years of hard labor at Louisiana Department of Corrections but two without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, five years active supervised probation, \$75 month fee, must pay \$2,000 plus court costs, prorated over two years.

**Michael Nipper:** Pled not guilty to distribution of a Schedule III CDS. Status conference set for August 3. Trial set for Dec. 7.

**Justin Lynn Rowell:** Charged with simple criminal damage to property valued at \$500 or more but under \$50,000. Status conference passed to July 17. Trial set for Dec. 7.

**Gregory Stroud:** Charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated - third offense - and operating a vehicle while license suspended/revoked/cancelled. Status conference passed to July 17. Trial set for Sept. 14.

## WEBSTER CRIME

# Pair arrested, accused of trying to burglarize truck

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A Webster Parish couple was arrested last week after deputies observed them taking items from a parked vehicle.

James R. Roton, 42, of the 600 block of Doc Steed Road in Minden, was charged with simple burglary. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Kelly D. Ely, 38, of the 1700 block of Dorcheat Road in Minden, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a Schedule I CDS and simple burglary. Bond was set at \$55,700.

Webster Parish Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bobby Igo Jr. says an off-duty deputy noticed the two apparently trying to break into the vehicle.

"With that, some deputies were dispatched



ROTON

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to the scene where they found some narcotics," he said.

Reports did not indicate what type of narcotics were found, but did report both Ely and Roton were seen taking items from the vehicle. A search of Ely's vehicle revealed the narcotics and the drug paraphernalia.

Lt. Ken Sivils was the arresting officer with the assistance of Deputy Jesse Lee.

Both were placed under arrest and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

## HEAT

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have failure in your body. You can actually be brain damaged because your brain doesn't receive enough oxygen. It's like a car engine getting overheated."

Exertional heat stroke is the most severe, and if someone experiences this illness, he says, act immediately to decrease the body temperature by ice water immersion, or an ice bath and seek immediate medical attention.

Heat exhaustion is less severe, but no less impor-

tant. He says if you feel dizzy, are fainting, vomiting or have headaches, stop exercise or activity and go to a cool environment and elevate your feet above your heart. He recommends resting for the next day or two to recuperate.

Heat cramps are associated with intense muscle contractions, he says. If you experience these contractions, stop exercise or activity and increase the sodium in your diet. Many athletes, he says, drink pickle juice or a high sodium drink to stop the cramps. If your body is cramping, this means your muscles are experiencing a

loss of oxygen.

According to a Minden Medical Center news release, when the body becomes overheated, it cools itself through sweating, and when the body can no longer regulate its temperature, these conditions occur.

People at greatest risk for heat-related illnesses include infants and children up to four years of age, adults age 65 and older, people who are overweight, ill or are on certain medications.

"Outdoor workers, as well as people on low-sodium diets or those suffering from chronic heart, lung or kidney conditions are also

at increased risk," MMC officials report.

Wayne says people who are running fever, are suffering from diarrhea or fatigue do not need to exercise in the sun.

"That's when your electrolytes are low, so it's recommended that you go to a cool environment," he said, adding people can exercise at local gyms.

The American Red Cross also offers some tips during the hotter part of the summer.

■ Know those in your neighborhood who are elderly, young, sick or overweight. They are more likely to become victims of excessive heat and may

need help.

■ Ensure that your animals' needs for water and shade are met.

■ Be aware of both the temperature and the heat index. The heat index is the temperature the body feels when the effects of heat and humidity are combined. Exposure to direct sunlight can increase the heat index by as much as 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

■ Do not leave children unsupervised in parked cars. Even in less threatening temperatures, vehicles can rapidly heat up to dangerous temperatures. A child left inside a car is at risk for severe heat-related illnesses and/or death,

even if the windows are cracked open.

■ Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Choose lightweight, light-colored, and breathable fabrics (such as cotton), as well as broad-spectrum sunscreen (with protection from both UVA and UVB sun rays) to protect you and your child from the heat and potential sun-related skin damage. Hats and umbrellas can be used to limit exposure to harmful sun rays.

"Always wear skin protection," Wayne says, "sunblock with an SPF 30 and above."

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ACROSS THE NATION

# Civilians begin shadowing ‘Jade Helm’ war exercise in Texas

BASTROP, Texas — No citizens were rounded up and imprisoned at Wal-Mart. Tanks didn't rumble down city streets in a declaration of martial law.

Eric Johnston wore his handgun on his hip Wednesday, but didn't really believe soldiers participating in one of the largest U.S. military training exercises in history were coming to confiscate it.

Still, he was ready if Jade Helm 15 came to the worst. "I would like to think that if the situation were to turn afoul, many more of our people would stand up and come to assist," said Johnston, a retired Arizona sheriff's deputy and the Texas organizer of a national group called Counter Jade Helm.

In fact, the seven-state war exercise launched in the exact manner Army officials have spent months patiently describing to conspiracy theorists: With no fanfare or cause for alarm, and almost entirely out of sight to the general public. Pops of gunfire echoed beyond the front gates of Camp Swift near Bastrop, Texas, though that hardly seemed out of the ordinary on what is a training ground for the Texas National Guard.

Parts of Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Utah are

also hosting the three-month training exercise, which the Army has acknowledged as unique given the size and scope. Military officials have said the topography in selected areas is ideal to replicate foreign combat zones.

Suspicious intensified after some conservative political websites seized on an Army map that labeled Texas and Utah as "hostile" for the purposes of the simulation. Fears spilled into public view in April when about 200 people packed a community meeting here in Bastrop County and questioned an Army commander about whether martial law was imminent.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott even ordered the State Guard to monitor the military's movements, drawing sharp rebuke from critics who accused the new Republican governor of pandering to fringe theorists. At least two people mailed tinfoil to his office, with one note reading, "For your hat!"

No other governor greeted Jade Helm with similar actions, and Abbott has deflected the mocking as overblown. His office had received 15 calls by lunchtime about Jade Helm, and aides were ready to answer.

Bastrop Mayor Ken Kesselus has spent weeks



**No citizens were rounded up and imprisoned at Wal-Mart. Tanks didn't rumble down city streets in a declaration of martial law.** Courtesy Photo

trying to dampen impressions that his city of 8,000 people is a hive of "wackos and conspiracy theorists."

"The last few weeks I've had 22 calls. One was from a guy in South Texas who thinks (President Barack) Obama is a communist, a Muslim and evil person and wanted me to warn

everybody to hold onto their guns," Kesselus said. "The other 21 calls were from press."

Johnston has 27 volunteers — some armed—positioned across Texas, including a monitor he described as a retired Army ranger. He described them as a neighborhood watch.

Johnston, who has a white handlebar mustache and conceals his gun beneath his untucked shirt, emphasized that Counter Jade Helm is not "radical" like other groups and doesn't believe a military takeover is around the corner.

But he has his concerns.

"It doesn't make sense that if they're going to practice infiltration skills if they're going to be in uniform," he said. "I don't think this is a prelude to martial law. But they're just not being transparent on what they're doing."

## OBITUARY

### Larkin Theodore Riser Sr.

Funeral services for Larkin Theodore Riser Sr., 93, of Heflin will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 17, 2015 at Rockett-Nettles Funeral Home Chapel in Coushatta with Bro. Mike Hawkins officiating and Bro. Ronnie Osborne assisting. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Creston. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time on Friday.

Mr. Riser was born Jan. 10, 1922 in Monroe and passed away July 15, 2015. Mr. Riser served his country in the United States Army and was one of the last surviving members of the Civilian Conservation Corp. He retired from Roundtree Olds Cadillac after 40 years of service and served as a deacon for many years at Heflin Baptist Church. He was an avid



**RISER**

outdoorsman who loved to fish and garden. His family was very important to him, especially his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all those who loved and knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ola Magee Matthews; father, Clem Matthews; two brothers, Graves Riser and Raymond Riser; two sisters, Dorothy Lee Evans and Inez Hutto.

Mr. Riser is survived by his wife of 68 years, Bessie Scallion Riser of Heflin; two sons, Ted Riser Jr. and wife, Jan of Sibley and Dennis Riser of Selma, Alabama; one daughter, Annette Williford and husband, Tommy of Heflin; three grandchildren, Leann Payne and husband, Bryan, Larkin Riser, III, and Justin Williford and wife, Ashley; three great-grandchildren, Austin, Allie and Anna.

Pallbearers will be Ted Riser Jr., Dennis Riser, Justin Williford, Tommy Williford, Bryan Payne and Larkin Riser III.

## ARREST

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Police Department.

The felony charge is the resisting, which Cropper

says occurred at the police station once Taylor had been arrested.

"They had him shackled and once they tried to put him into (a holding cell) he got (physical)," he said.

Once he was subdued and paperwork was complete, he was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.



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# OPINION

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EDITORIAL  
ROUND UP

## The Advocate on raid on the oil reserves

The U.S. government just has an instinctive knowledge of how to succeed in business: buy high and sell low.

That's the case with the latest raid on the oil reserve that is stored in Texas and Louisiana salt domes to provide a backstop for the nation's economy in the event of a national emergency.

Instead, the U.S. House voted to sell some of the oil reserve to fund an otherwise worthy cause, medical research.

As a physician, U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany could be expected to support the 21st Century Cures Act for biomedical research. After all, the bill was approved 344-77.

But Boustany, R-Lafayette, is from the oil patch and understands the economic and national security issues raised by the funding source.

In 30 years in medicine, Boustany told the House, medical innovation has helped save the lives of countless numbers of his patients, but the new bill is a "false choice."

"I believe it's irresponsible to flood the global market for petroleum with more product while Louisiana families are experiencing layoffs because of low global prices," Boustany said. "Selling barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should be done in a thoughtful and strategic manner when global prices are high, not as another coffer for Congress to raid at its convenience and at the expense of Louisiana's oil and gas industry."

We cannot disagree that the glut in oil supplies, although good for the national and world economy in general, is hurting us here in south Louisiana in a more immediate way.

We would put the stress on the "strategic" in the description of the reserve.

The reserve is not there as a piggybank for Congress. It was set up to be tapped in genuine cases of national emergency. It was used to fuel the economy during the supply disruptions of the 2005 hurricanes in Louisiana — Katrina and then Rita, the latter probably doing more to hurt directly the oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico.

Other uses for it are tempting, such as when gasoline prices rise and consumers are aggravated.

That short-term political approach is wrong and invites depletion of a strategic resource for a political emergency.

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PERSPECTIVE

# Pandering over a flag

New Orleans recorded its 100th murder on July 9, which was 55 days earlier in the year than the Big Easy recognized its 100th murder in 2014.

What does the city's mayor, Mitch Landrieu, have to say about those alarming figures?

Not much. He's been busy of late trying to rewrite history.

More specifically, Landrieu has proposed the city remove four monuments/statues from the public square.

They are the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee at the center of Lee Circle; the statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis on Jefferson Davis Parkway; the PGT Beauregard statue at the entrance to City Park; and the Battle of Liberty Place monument on Iberville Street near the city's riverfront.

We have to assume Landrieu was so moved — emotionally — in the wake of the tragic murders of nine black Americans in a church in Charleston, S.C. last month that he felt compelled to eradicate New Orleans of its Southern heritage. After all, the murderer in Charleston, a 21-year-old white male, had

been previously photographed posing with the Confederate battle flag. Accordingly, the mere presence of the Confederate flag or any statue or monument that reminds us of the South's rich, colorful history represents nothing more than a nod to the oppression of minorities. Slavery, if you will.

At least that's the train of thought among progressives, better known as modern day liberals. Landrieu is one of 'em.

What liberals like Landrieu, and some conservatives, too, fail to understand is that it's impossible to rewrite history. Our past cannot be driven from society. It's who we are. It's who our ancestors were. Good or bad, or a combination of both.

Oh sure, it's rather easy for "polite" society to fall in line in support of removing the Confederate flag from public property. It's an easy call for elected officials — every, last spineless one of them — to declare their "vision" for a "new" South. And it's especially easy for the president of the United States, a black man, to express to his disgust over another senseless murder of a black American somewhere in the heartland.

But ballyhoo to disremember the Confederacy, for the lack of a better description, has backfired thus far. According to a Gallup poll conducted earlier this month, some 54 percent of the American people believe

the Confederate flag represents a "symbol of Southern pride." Though that figure is down from 69 percent in 1992, one cannot ignore the fact that a majority of the American people do not believe the flag is racist.

That a majority of the American people don't buy into the media-driven craze that the Confederate flag — that the South in general — represents all that is wrong in America today tells us that perhaps middle America might be more worried about something else. That something else could be job security, their children's education, their health, illegal immigration or terrorism.

And perhaps we've been led into this superficial discussion about race in America because elected officials, including President Obama, and the fringe elements among us recognize it's far easier to pander to the public's emotions about a flag than it is to address their common concern about the 100-plus murders already in New Orleans this year.

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PERSPECTIVE

# The venality of the 2016 presidential election

Already, results of the first election of the 2016 presidential race are in! It's the Money Primary, controlled not by voters, but by super-wealthy donors. In this exclusive election, Jeb is way out front of the GOP pack with a record haul of \$100 million, while Hillary has bagged \$45 million to lead among the Dems. But wait... here come the Koch brothers from out of nowhere, overwhelming all the other campaigns with nearly a billion dollars for their secretive effort to put the presidency under their private control.

Thanks to the absurd Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court's corporate minions, running for America's highest office in our democratic republic has been perverted into the venality of a gold rush. Candidates shamelessly grub for cash in the suites of corporate plutocrats, molding their issues, policy proposal and the election debate to fit around the narrow interests of those moneyed elites.

The handful of donors and political sycophants involved in this obscene, open corruption of the system are blithely playing with dynamite. By using money to shove the vast majority of people out of the democratic process, they're mocking America's essential egalitarian ideal that we're all in this together; destroying their own moral legitimacy; and fueling an explosive fury, aimed right at them, among alienated voters.

In a recent nationwide poll, 84 percent of Americans say that money has too much influence in elections, resulting in those who are elected to push policies that favor the donors. The majority also reject the Supreme Court's coddling of fat cat donors, with three-fourths of the people wanting limits on how much any donor can give and wanting to make "dark money" front groups publicly reveal the sources of their money.

Of course, the aloof political-money class won't stop their own corruption, but We the People can — and must.

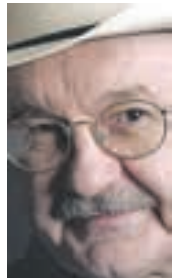
Our voices are drowned out by the political-money elites and Republican politicians who say that taking unlimited sums of campaign cash from corporations and billionaires is the American way, absurdly claiming that money is "free" speech. Democrats disagree, but say they can't unilaterally disarm, so they join the ever-escalating arms race for fat-cat money. Is politics of-by-and-for moneyed interests the only way — i.e., is democracy doomed?

Not if you run a campaign for a candidate of real substance, offering ideas that actually appeal to working people, getting them excited enough to become involved in the grassroots work of democracy — including putting in small bits of their own money. "That's populist poppycock," squawk the political pros and fundraising consultants, "impossible in the real world."

Well, welcome to Bernie's world. Bernie Sanders, the unabashedly progressive senator from Vermont, is running an all-out people's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. He's proposing a genuinely bold agenda for change, summing it up as "the revolution we need to rebuild our middle class, reclaim our democracy, and save our planet."

To the shock of the political know-it-alls who had dismissed him as a non-contender, Sanders is catching on big time. With straight talk and rejection of politics as usual, he's drawing huge crowds, generating a groundswell of enthusiasm that other candidates can only dream about, and moving up in the polls as more people learn about him. Even more shocking to the cognoscenti, Bernie's supporters are chipping in serious money into his campaign pot — more than \$15 million in only three months. More impressive than the amount, Sanders notes, "We did it the right way." No billionaires, Super PACs or dark money. Instead, more than 99 percent of his funding is coming from people giving under \$250. Indeed, the average donation is just \$33.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY



## WEBSTER UNITED MINORITY VOTER'S LEAGUE

As a political vehicle in the mission of the Webster United Minority Voter's League is to improve the quality of life through empowering community by recruiting, registering and training voters in the areas of education, economic development, and community services. Pictured is, front row, Linda Moody, Ivory Jean Clayton, Tan Burley, Janice Taylor, Sueletha Frazier. Back row, the Rev. Raymond Hampton, Rev. George Rice, Darrell Banks, Tunisia Hampton. Not pictured, Cateria Scott, Gwen Bradford, Jeffery Bradford, Rev. John Fincher, Miko Duty and Fayrine Kennon-Gilbert.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Charlie Daniels Band to perform at Margaritaville

Charlie Daniels is partly Western and partly Southern.

His signature "bullrider" hat and belt buckle, his lifestyle on the Twin Pines Ranch (a boyhood dream come true), his love of horses, cowboy lore and the heroes of championship rodeo, Western movies, and Louis L'Amour novels, identify him as a Westerner. The son of a lumberjack and a Southerner by birth, his music - rock, country, bluegrass, blues, gospel - is quintessentially Southern.

His resume includes recording sessions with artists as diverse as Bob Dylan, Flatt & Scruggs, Pete Seeger, Mark O'Connor, Leonard Cohen and Ringo Starr. His songs have been recorded by Elvis Presley and Tammy Wynette. This touring legend has been documented by ABC Newsmagazine

20/20.

On Saturday night, January 19, 2008, Charlie's lifelong dream became a reality. He was inducted as a full-fledged member into the Grand Ole Opry. "It is an honor that I can't begin to articulate, there is no way I can express what it means to me", says

Daniels. "And to make it special, I was joined on stage by Russell Palmer, the man who taught me my first guitar chords all those years ago." "I pursued my dream in music and by the goodness of God have been able to have a wonderful career, which has spanned fifty years".

Tickets go on sale Friday, July 17 starting at \$20 via Ticketmaster. Tickets are also available at the Margaritaville Retail Store.

## Around Town

July 16, 2015

Mt. Pilgram Baptist Church will have its annual revival service at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker is the Rev. Rickey Taylor, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of South Bend Indiana.

The Minden City Council will meet in a Council Workshop at 10 a.m. in the Pelican Conference Room at Minden City Hall. The discussion will include the proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

July 19, 2015

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will have its annual Usher Day at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Asby K. Glesson.

Yellow Pine Christian Church pres-

ents "Jungle Safari," a Vacation Bible School for ages 7-12, from 6 until 8 p.m through July 22.

July 26, 2015

Mount Comfort Baptist Church will have its annual Women's Day at 11

a.m. with Sister Barbara Doss as the speaker.

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Cowboys, Bryant  
get deal done

IRVING, Texas -- The Dallas Cowboys and Dez Bryant have a deal.

As the deadline to come to an agreement on a long-term deal loomed, amid threats of skipping training camp and possibly regular-season games, Bryant signed a five-year deal worth \$70 million on Wednesday that will pay him an average of \$14 million per season, league sources told ESPN's Chris Mortensen.

Bryant's deal includes \$32 million in fully guaranteed money, including a \$20 million signing bonus and guaranteed salaries of \$3 million in 2015 and \$9 million in 2016, sources told ESPN. That guaranteed money will increase to a total of \$45 million if Bryant is still on the team's roster on the fifth day of the league year in 2016, kicking in another guaranteed \$13 million for the 2017 season, sources said. Bryant's base salary for 2018 and 2019 will be \$12.5 million per year, sources said.

A two-time Pro Bowl receiver, Bryant arrived at the Cowboys' facility Wednesday afternoon, and a photo of him signing the deal was tweeted by a reporter for DallasCowboys.com.

NFL

Broncos, Thomas  
sign new deal

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Demaryius Thomas hasn't lost any of his impeccable timing.

The Denver Broncos' star wide receiver signed a five-year, \$70 million contract just before the deadline Wednesday.

It's the richest contract in franchise history and includes \$43.5 million guaranteed.

Had the sides not hammered out a deal, Thomas would have played this season under the \$12,823,000 franchise tag, which still would have been about as much as he'd made in his first five seasons combined.

"Thrilled to reach a long-term deal with Demaryius," general manager John Elway tweeted. "He is one of the NFL's top WRs & will continue to be a big part of the Broncos' success!!"

That was a far different tone than the last time Elway spoke publicly about Peyton Manning's top target.

It was just before the draft and Elway was asked about Thomas boycotting the team's offseason program, his only perceived leverage under the franchise tag designation. Wanting Thomas on hand as new coach Gary Kubiak installed his offense, Elway fumed then, "there's zero value in him not being here."

# Stay Hydrated



Press-Herald file

With football practice beginning soon for local high schools, it is vitally important to remember heat related safety tips to combat the hottest summer on record. Rule Number One: Drink water. Lots and lots of water.

## Be Smart in Summer Heat: Sports practice to begin soon

### Overheating

Exercising outside can be one of the great pleasures of summer. But a sweaty body and racing pulse may be signaling more than your performance—it could be a sign of life-threatening heatstroke.

Heatstroke can strike with scant warning, even after as little as a half hour if you are exercising hard, doctors say. Although drinking plenty of water can help, you can still get heatstroke even if you aren't dehydrated, particularly while exercising. Complicating matters, experts have sharply divergent guidelines on how to treat a person suffering from the condition.

Heatstroke hits when exertion or external heat, or both, overwhelm the body's ability to regulate its temperature. As internal temperatures climb, cells of the body can be damaged—causing organ failure, brain dysfunction and, potentially, coma or death.

"It's like you are in an oven and your cells are being roasted," says Douglas J. Casa, a professor of kinesiology at the University of Connecticut and a co-author of the American College of Sports Medicine's guidelines for treating heatstroke.

Athletes are at special risk, and the bulk of heatstroke deaths in high-school and college sports are in football, where heavy gear and sometimes insufficient breaks during practice contribute to overheating, researchers say. Heatstroke is fully preventable in football and other sports, says Fred Mueller, director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. "Give them rest breaks. Let them sit in the shade. Let them drink all the water they want," he says.

Most football deaths occur during practice, not during games, when players get frequent breaks, says Dr. Casa, an exercise physiologist who works as an athletic trainer to treat and prevent injuries in athletes.

Running is also risky, as it doesn't have a natural break in play like team sports, says Dr. Casa, an exercise physiologist who works as an athletic trainer to treat and prevent injuries in athletes. Dr. Casa focused his work on heat-related injuries after he collapsed from heatstroke during a 10-kilo-



meter race in 1985.

The American College of Sports Medicine advocates cooling athletes first and transporting them to a hospital later. In its 2007 guidelines, the group recommends immersion in a cold or ice-water bath to cool the body as fast as possible. Survival "comes down to the number of minutes that you are above the critical threshold for cell damage, which is around 105 degrees Fahrenheit," says Dr. Casa. Most people survive if you can adequately cool them in 30 minutes, he says.

### Spotting Heatstroke

Spotting heatstroke as fast as possible is key. In adults, confusion or irrational speech or behavior is often the most obvious sign, Dr. Kleinman says.

Other symptoms can include red, hot and dry skin, rapid strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness,

nausea and unconsciousness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sometimes a person stops sweating when heatstroke hits.

Heat exhaustion, a milder form of heat-related illness, can sometimes provide an early warning before heatstroke occurs, but not always. In heat exhaustion, a person's heart is working extra hard to pump blood to the skin in an attempt to cool the body, Dr. Casa says. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, tiredness, dizziness, headache and nausea, the CDC says.

Hydration helps, and water is just as good as sports drinks, though people shouldn't count on it to prevent heatstroke, Dr. Roberts says. Still, heat exhaustion sufferers should balance heavy water intake with fruit juice or sports drinks to keep the water from diluting the body's electrolytes.

## AWARD Jenner honored at annual Espy's

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Caitlyn Jenner accepted the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPYs on Wednesday night while urging acceptance for others who are transgender.

She received a standing ovation from some of the sporting world's biggest stars after her 10-minute speech during the annual awards honoring the year's top athletes and moments.

"This transition has been harder on me than anything I can imagine," said Jenner, who revealed she was in the process of becoming a woman in a televised interview with Diane Sawyer in April on ABC.

From the stage, Jenner thanked Sawyer, whom she called a friend.

Noting her powerful celebrity platform, the 1976 Olympic decathlon champion and current reality TV star vowed "to do whatever I can to reshape the landscape of how transgender people are viewed and treated."

Abby Wambach of the U.S. soccer team that won the Women's World Cup presented the trophy to Jenner, whose voice broke as she thanked members of her famous family, including stepdaughters Kim and Khloe Kardashian. Tears welled in the eyes of Jenner's younger daughter, Kylie, whose sister, Kendall, wiped a tear from her eye.

"I never wanted to hurt anyone else, most of all my family and my kids," said Jenner, wiping her eye.

She admitted that until earlier this year she had never met another transgender person.

The 65-year-old told the audience about trans teenagers who are bullied, beaten up, murdered or kill themselves. Jenner mentioned two people by name whose deaths particularly touched her.

"Trans people deserve something vital, they deserve your respect," she said. "From that respect comes a more compassionate community."

Jenner urged the crowd that included football, basketball, baseball and hockey superstars to remember what they say and do is "absorbed and observed by millions of people, especially young people."

"My plea for you tonight is one join me in making this one of your issues as well," she said.

Many in the crowd watched intently as Jenner spoke with little reaction on their faces.

"If you want to call me names, make jokes and doubt my intentions, go ahead because the reality is I can take it," she said. "But for thousands of kids out there coming to terms with the reality of who they are they shouldn't have to take it."

A video narrated by "Mad Men" actor Jon Hamm traced Jenner's life from the time when she was known as Bruce Jenner to her current transition. She mentioned she once considered ending her own life with a gun she owned.

She was shown applying makeup, buttoning her blouse in her closet and fastening the strap on her heeled shoes.

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ALONG THE WAY

# Five Godly Men

## *Trees with life-giving fruit*

We all marvel at the mighty oak trees around us. The pines that grow so round and stately are truly “poems in the making”. I have never seen the giant redwoods of California, but they must be a magnificent piece of God’s art work too. The giant, sprawling live oaks along the Gulf Coast mystifies us as they just lay those branches oh, so close to the ground, inviting boys and girls to climb all over them. The Bible likens godly men and women to the mighty trees.

I love to read the Psalms and Proverbs and soak in the beautiful adjectives used to describe those ‘whose hearts are bent toward God.’

Proverbs 11: 30 reads: Godly men are growing a tree that bears life-giving fruit, and all who win souls are wise.

Psalms 1 reminds us that God considers godly men to be like “trees along a river bank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper...God watches over all the plans and paths of godly men...”(TLB).

We’ve all known these kinds of folks. They make deep tracks on our lives, provide wise counsel, leave meaningful impressions and draw others to them like magnets. A parent, a teacher/coach, a family friend, community leader or pastor: they are all around us. It would be interesting to conduct a survey among high school students - to listen to their responses concerning ‘godly men/leaders’. The line-up from my generation would be quite different from theirs—I am sure. But we all

need to have these special ambassadors of the Lord in our lives along the way.

Now these ‘trees’ are not without flaws; they are simply seeking to be God’s representative in the world around them. They have limitations (knots and dead limbs, etc), but they’ve allowed God’s wisdom and judgment to push toward higher and lofty goals in life. There is a special magnetic ingredient in them that draws others. Like the mighty trees, they provide safety, security and shelter for birds and animals. God uses these leaders to strengthen, encourage and provide wise counsel for each generation.

In recent years, five giant trees (strength-givers in my ligr) have fallen to the ground with loud crashes. You didn’t hear them in Minden, but they made sounds Illinois, The Carolinas, Mississippi, and points between.

Pete, a bi-vocational pastor and post master in a small town in Illinois, befriended me soon after I stepped ‘across the Mason-Dixon line’ in 1979. Faithfully for four years, he ministered to and encouraged my family. He provided

wise-counsel in areas of Sunday School, VBS and church growth issues. In teaching bi-vocational pastors at the Boyce School/Seminary Ext Branch in Springfield for three years, I had the joy of getting to know many of these bi-vocational pastors from across the state - hearing of their struggles to 'work at two full-time jobs', so to speak.. I was at Ridgecrest, N Car with him, when Pete was awarded “Bi-Vocational Pastor of the Year”

in 1984. What an honor for an honorable man! Yes, that mighty oak fell heavy onto the fertile ground of those Central Ill cornfields. What an echoing sound it made!

A giant North Carolina pine sounded out loud and clear as it crashed to the ground soon afterwards. Bill, another bi-vocational pastor, was ushered ‘home’ in an unexpected manner. Regardless of the circumstances, when giant trees fall, they sound out through the woods, disturbing everything around. Too much, too close, too soon! We were together on many trips to Belize, helping to build a shop for young men at a boarding school. He was our lead carpenter and shop master. He drew the designs, selected saws and equipment to outfit the shop and taught the boys some basic skills there.Also, Bill helped in the Soup Kitchen and a men’s Bible study at a half-way house in Hattiesburg. Seeing God use him in helping turn men’s lives around and feeling useful again was a great blessing for me. Later, Bill pastored a small church in Buras, LA. Sondra and I helped him in training for his church volunteers there. The last time I visited with Bill, he was pasturing in Cherokee, NC. Being half-Cherokee himself, he was so content among his ‘blood brothers’. Regardless of where mighty trees are growing, sooner or later, they will come crashing down, disturbing the entire forest. This one did.

The small town of Ninety-Six, S Car may not mean much to you, but it holds a special place in my heart. Fred Dowis’ family lived there as did his parents and their parents. Three fine young men proudly called him Dad. He became special to me after the summer of

1965. I was sensing a call from God to the ministry, so I attended the Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth that summer. It was there I met Joe Dowis. At summer’s end, I returned to teaching school; he returned to Carolina and enrolled in a seminary closer to home. It was then his dad (Fred) began writing me long letters, thanking me for befriending Joe, encouraging me in my teaching and Christian walk. What a special friend he became over the years. We became ‘pen-pals of sorts’ exchanging letters several times a year. I kept each of his letters, re-reading them from time to time. They would include family news about the boys, concerns for his children and grand-children, job related matters, principles to live by, vacations they would take, church news and how the Lord was blessing them. But always he shared a Clemson Tiger story. I became hooked on Clemson as a favored team of mine.

During the summers of 1966-67, I studied at the U of S Car (NSF Fellowship in the School of Mathematics). Ninety-Six was only 50 miles from campus, so I visited several times, meeting this special man and his family. Bro. Fred continued to write for years, even after his wife died. Each letter was special. I kept them all, knowing that at some point I would be able to send them to his sons to have for their children. When I got the phone call of his death, I was heart broken, but joyful – another saint had been called home. After reading these letters once again, I boxed them and sent them to Joe. (I thought 'The family would enjoy having them to share with their families'). It was through Fred’s love, kindness and faithfulness to write that I became a student of letter writing. After all, he

was well in his 90’s when he wrote these beautiful ‘epistles’ He was a giant, beautiful and strong pine that fell hard in those Carolina hills.

Dr. Jerry Vardaman, Director of the School of Archaeology, MSU (Starkville) perhaps was the wisest and most brilliant man I ever met. Yet this kind, gentle and loving Christian gentleman, was so down-to-earth. He had several doctorate degrees, had taught in two Baptist Seminaries and was serving at Miss State. He served many churches as interim pastor. He came to help us at FBC Tupelo and stayed about a year. What a rich experience!

His deep Biblical and ancient world history knowledge was amazing. He quoted chapters from the Bible, verbatim. He knew the works of Josephus (Jewish historian) per page and paragraph. Later we had the privilege of accompanying him on his 88th Holy Land Tour. It was like having a graduate seminary course in ancient archaeology that year...without having to take finals. A few years ago, we heard the crashing news – this giant Mississippi Oak fell! Quietly in his sleep, a massive heart attack claimed him. We mourned! We rejoiced!

In the fall of 1983 we left Illinois, heading to Hattiesburg, MS to serve with Dr. Peter McLeod, the famed Scottish preacher with the rrrrr-tongue roll. On our first visit to the church, we met Powell, Director of Alumni Affairs at USM. He was Chairman of the Personnel Committee at First Baptist Church. I lived with Powell and Frances for a month while Sondra and Wes were ‘closing down things in Illinois’. We became a part of their intimate family. Powell was a giant tree there among

other tall trees. He never forgot the anniversary of our moving there – Third Sunday of November. They would host us for Sunday lunch (10 years running) the week before the anniversary. We attended many athletic events at Southern Miss with them, including all home games that Bret Farve played. What an experience! In the course of our ten years there, he also served as SS Dir, C Trng Dir, Chair of Deacons, and other church-related leadership areas.p. He was active in the local Baptist Association and State Convention. He was a 40-year member of the Rotary Club. Can you imagine the impact he made on my ministry there. When this tree came crashing down, everything in Ms Baptist life stopped (or should have). He was truly a giant.

These are just five men whose lives influenced our lives over the years. Many others have given us a shady place to rest, cool water to drink, and cared for our weary spirits at special times. They leave deep footprints in the sands of time. They stood as mighty trees, just like the Scripture describes. Perhaps some of these giant trees have walked cross your path, influenced you in great ways, and made a difference in your life. This week, consider ‘escaping the heat’ and take this challenge: make a list of several giant trees that has surrounded you along life’s way. And if possible, give them a call, write a note or pay them a visit (if deceased, send note to their family). They need to know how God has blessed you through their lives. Be a ‘tree-hugger.’ Don’t let another mighty tree hit the ground around you without ‘doing what you need to do.’

REFLECTIONS OF FAITH

# Fitting where I belong

Throughout life I've learned that there is something we all are called to do. Aligning ourselves with that particular thing breathes life in us.

As long as you're breathing on earth, there is purpose awaiting you. Purpose is more than doing what you desire, it's discovering what your calling is and getting in that set place. One day I was thinking about the structure of a puzzle and gained much insight. Though there are many pieces to a puzzle, but every single piece has a designated fit.

You can turn the piece in as

many directions as possible to fit some spots, but you will quickly learn that it only fits one particular area. Well life is like this puzzle. There is a place that our lives are designated to fit.

We were born to fit there as God has designed. When we are out of place, it affects everything in our lives as well as several other things. But when one piece is placed in its destined place, everything else aligns. Our life is this puzzle. No one can take our spot, and as we position ourselves where God has designed, other things around us start to fall in place.

Sometimes the reason why things don't fall into place is because we're trying to occupy a space that we were never designed to fit in. There's a joy that outweighs any earthly material thing, when an individual discovers where they truly belong. I challenge you to discover where you fit in life. Seek your creator, God and He will show you clearly disclose where He wants you to be.

This discovery will bear witness with inner peace in your soul and unbreakable joy. When you find out where you fit, get there and you will start seeing things around you align themselves and your life blossom. (Matthew 16:25)

*Jacques Mitchell is the Pastor of Fresh Fire Ministries & Author of Effectively Conquering Your Day*



**JACQUES MITCHELL**

THE UPWARD LOOK

# Faithful and Steadfast

*“Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!” 1 Peter 5:12 NASB*

Peter writes a concluding postscript to this brief letter. Peter calls Silvanus, who had helped Peter with this letter, a faithful believer in the Lord Jesus. Summarizing his reason for writing this brief letter, Peter encourages the believers to stand firm in the true grace of God. The believers were to remain faithful and steadfast in their faith and trust in Jesus, not wavering in their commitment to the Lordship of Christ. Trials, sufferings, and persecutions could be endured because God in His grace would be with the faithful believers. It is by God’s grace that we are saved and by God’s grace that we endure the trials and troubles of this world.

Lord Jesus, I am strengthened by Your grace to endure all that may come in this life. Help me to remain faithful, holding steadfast to You and Your Word. *Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at [www.upwardlook.org](http://www.upwardlook.org).*



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# Is Everything Permitted?

One clear message from the New Testament is that we are under a new covenant, that Jesus has changed the rules of the game. There is clearly a debate of sorts going on amongst the writers of the New Testament about adherence to the rules and laws of the Old Testament. This debate continues to rage even in our own times.

Some churches advise strict adherence to dietary strictures and the rules of morality while some are a lot looser. It may be the case that everything under the sun has its proper use and thus that nothing is inherently "unclean" and yet common sense tells us that not everything is good for us. Many foods and drugs have their appropriate uses but are unhealthy or even deadly if misused. Perhaps everything is permitted in the narrow sense that nothing created by God is inherently bad, but it does not follow that its unrestricted use is advisable. Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. Bacon may be okay in small amounts, just like morphine, but it will kill you if you consume too much of it. So we should consider carefully how we use nature's bounty.

— Christopher Simon



*I have the right to do anything,  
you say, but not everything is beneficial.  
—1 Corinthians 6:12*

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# Seacrest hosts new feel-good show 'Knock Knock Live' on Fox

NEW YORK — Ryan Seacrest has noticed a pattern when he knocks on a stranger's door.

"Most men answer the door without a shirt on," he said in a recent interview.

The "American Idol" host picked up on this while preparing for his new game show, "Knock Knock Live," premiering July 21 on Fox (9 p.m. EDT).

"I just went down a street the other night in Los Angeles and tested it," Seacrest said. "It's a little frightening when you walk up to doors because you hear animals and people are, 'Who is it?'"

On his new show, answering a knock on the door could lead to a major surprise.

Seacrest will be in an L.A. studio while a team of helpers like Kellie Pickler and Ross Mathews arrive at the front door of people across the U.S. (Participants can apply to appear on the show or are nominated.) When they answer the door, they're given a challenge. They can win prizes, meet celebrities or have a dream come true.

"Some will get cash, some will get a new car. Some will meet their celebrity crushes. Some will have a random game happen in their front yard or on their street," Seacrest said. "It really depends on the story, and we've tailored all of our responses to hopefully put a smile on people's faces and change their life a little bit. The fun thing about it, for me, is that this is a live show, so we don't have an



idea of what's gonna happen."

Seacrest said the key was finding "great stories."

"It was like, 'Let's find people who are nominated who deserve something special, who are

extraordinary people. Maybe they didn't get that promotion, maybe they didn't get that raise, maybe they didn't go to summer camp. We'll step in and help out."

So far, asking celebrities to participate has been easy.

"The celebrities hear the stories, they learn about the people and they know what impact they have had. That's why they have

said, 'I'll agree to do it,'"

Seacrest said. "Everyone from

David Beckham to Justin Bieber

(is) helping us out on this show."

# Lawsuit: DirecTV's 'NFL Sunday Ticket' is illegal monopoly

DirecTV's exclusive right to broadcast certain NFL games is an illegal monopoly that raises costs for bars and restaurants, a San Francisco bar says in a lawsuit against the league and the satellite TV provider.

The lawsuit filed this

week in federal court in California challenges DirecTV's deal with the league for "NFL Sunday Ticket," which gives subscribers nationwide live broadcasts of many Sunday games played in other cities. Those games are available to the sub-

scribers only through DirecTV.

The lawsuit by the bar Ninth Inning Inc. says the deal stifles competition by preventing other TV providers, such as Dish Network, from airing the games. It also means individual teams don't have to

compete to get their games broadcast in markets outside their home cities.

"DirecTV's arrangement with the NFL allows the defendants to restrict the output of, and raise the prices for, the live broadcast of NFL Sunday afternoon out of market

games," the lawsuit says.

The suit seeks class-action status on behalf of other bars and restaurants that subscribe to Sunday Ticket, monetary damages and a court order forbidding the exclusive deal.

Calls to the NFL and DirecTV weren't immedi-

ately returned.

Bars and restaurants must show these games to effectively run their businesses, the lawsuit contends. A bar or restaurant with a fire code occupancy between 51 and 100 people will pay a little more than \$2,300 for Sunday Ticket in 2015, according to the suit.

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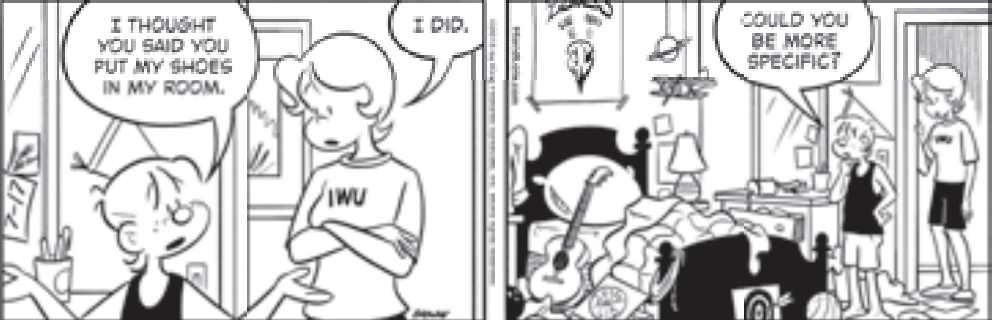
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**AUGUST 18, 2015,** upon the application of **GRENADIER E N E R G Y PARTNERS II, LLC.** At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana. 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B. 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B. 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation. 4. To designate Applicant as operator of, and its proposed Quinton E. Lee 25H No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed unit, said well to be drilled in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application or within a 100 radius of such location. 5. To provide that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, within or to serve CV RB SUA, where the horizontal lateral portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not based on the penetration point or terminus of the well in the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B. 6. To provide that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E). 7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner of Conservation. 8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting  
August 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

P e l i c a n Conference Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Impressions Advertising Specialties, LLC for a sign ordinance variance on property owned by Minden Seafood, LLC located at the municipal address of 718 Homer Road. This property is zoned B-4 (Highway Commercial).

The purpose of this sign ordinance variance is to place a digital billboard on the property for rent ads to local and national businesses.

Legal Description: LOT FRONTING 273.10 FT. ON MINDEN-HOMER HWY. X 162.1 X 260.8 X 111.2 FT. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 & IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 23-19-9

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On the agenda is a request from Michael R. Carr for approval of a preliminary subdivision plan for the subdivision of property owned by him located

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