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MINDEN CRIME

Distribution charge lands one in jail

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A Plain Dealing man was arrested on a warrant after Minden police say he fled from them in March.

Deyaun Montgomery, 24, of the 17000 block of Highway 157, Plain Dealing, was arrested July 28

on a warrant for possession of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana) with intent to distribute. Bond was set at \$10,000

The warrant stemmed from an



MONTGOMERY

incident on March 17 where a traffic stop was conducted by Officer First Class Chris Hammontree on Knight Street.

"They attempted to stop Mr. Montgomery and two others in a Cadillac," chief of police Steve Cropper said. "They all three abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. After they left the scene, offi-

cers located a large amount of synthetic marijuana and a set of scales where the suspects had run. Also, they found some synthetic marijuana inside the car."

Police found 12 10-gram baggies of synthetic marijuana, an unopened pack of cigarettes, and a

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IN THE COURTS

Explo court date moved

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The court date for one of three remaining Explo officials indicted on charges related to the Camp Minden explosion in 2012 has been moved.

William Terry Wright, of Bossier City, will go before a judge on Oct. 30, where previously it was set for Oct. 26.

David Allen Smith, of Winchester, Kentucky and



WRIGHT

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COURTHOUSE UPGRADES



By the winter months, the Webster Parish courthouse will be undergoing some work to change out its heating, ventilation and air conditioning Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

Courthouse set to get new heating, cooling units

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By the winter months, the Webster Parish courthouse will be undergoing some work to change out its heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or HVAC.

Ed Elberson, with Somdal and Associates (the firm that built the courthouse), says during a Web-

ster Parish Police Jury buildings and grounds committee meeting Tuesday, the scope of the project will include a new system on the market that uses refrigeration lines throughout the building.

"It's different in that we don't need all the duct work," he said. "We basically run refrigeration lines in the building. We're going to leave the existing

equipment where we can, particularly anything with asbestos. We're going to replace all of the ceiling, which is the main architectural part of this. You'll have that new, and the (units)."

The plans will be complete by the end of this month, he says, and then it will go through state Facilities and Planning for approval.

John Wilson, with John Guth Engineering explained how the system works. He says currently the courthouse has a chiller with a cooling tower on the roof, and an old boiler in the basement.

"It supplies chill water, warm water to the air handler units that are scattered out through the

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WEBSTER POLICE JURY

Germantown Water System asks to become water district

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If approved by the Webster Parish Police Jury and other agencies, Germantown Water System could become a water district.

In becoming a water district, this will allow the system to seek grants to improve the infrastructure of the 40 plus year old system, which services some 500 members. Lane Davidson and Dustin Smith went before the jury on behalf of

the water system board Tuesday to ask them to consider their request.

"We do not have the OK from our membership as of right now, but that's probably my fault, because I want to find out if y'all would even consider before I send this to our membership," Davidson said. "I don't think the membership will have a problem with it. I know our board is all on board to do it."

The difference between

a water district and a water system is water systems are owned by its membership and governed by the Public Service Commission.

"It's almost impossible to get things done when you have to fill out so much paperwork to do anything," he said. "We're trying to do this to maintain water for our membership."

Davidson and Smith say right now they are only generating enough income to maintain the current

infrastructure. They have no debt, other than a \$25,000 USDA loan they received for improvements. Davidson says they have enough money to pay off the loan.

Water rates have not increased in more than 10 years, he said.

Jury President Jim Bonsall says this will take Germantown out from under the government of the PSC. In order to garner water district status, it has to have at least 20 to 25 per-

cent approval from the membership as well as approval from the PSC, Smith and Davidson said.

"I would definitely take it under consideration if they (the Germantown board) feel like that's the right thing to do;



BONSALL

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2016 RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Who's in at the first GOP presidential debate

Fox News has selected the 10 Republican presidential candidates who will participate in the first debate of the 2016 presidential campaign.

The two-hour debate is scheduled for 9 p.m. EDT Thursday at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, with a televised forum for the seven candidates not

selected beginning at 5 p.m. EDT.

The candidates are:
1. Businessman Donald Trump
2. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush
3. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker
4. Former Arkansas Gov.

Mike Huckabee
5. Retired surgeon Ben Carson
6. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz
7. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio
8. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul
9. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie
10. Ohio Gov. John Kasich

5 p.m. forum
Former technology executive Carly Fiorina
Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry
Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal
South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham
Former Pennsylvania

Sen. Rick Santorum
Former New York Gov. George Pataki
Former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore

Fox sorted the candidates based on the average of the five most recent national opinion polls performed prior to a deadline of 5 p.m. Tuesday by

nationally recognized organizations that are not affiliated with a party or a candidate.

The network used polls from CBS News, Fox News, Bloomberg, Monmouth University and Quinnipiac University.

HEALTHCARE

Alabama home quarantined over possible Ebola case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Officials say a quarantine is in place at a Birmingham home because of a possible Ebola case.

Edward Khan of the Jefferson County Health Department says the patient is being treated at the University of Alabama

at Birmingham Hospital after developing symptoms and notifying authorities.

Khan says the patient recently traveled to a country with Ebola cases, but he didn't identify the country or name the patient. Khan says the patient didn't have direct contact with anyone

known to have Ebola and is considered "low risk" for the disease. He says the patient is being tested and results will be released Wednesday.

Police say two family members of the patient have been asked to stay inside their home on Birm-

ingham's southwest side. Lt. Joe Roberts says home is cordoned off and officers are guarding it.

Last year, an epidemic of the deadly virus broke out in West Africa. Federal officials say there've been four confirmed cases in the U.S.

TAX

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percent state sales tax. It does not apply to sales taxes levied by parishes, municipalities, school boards, and other political subdivisions of the state.

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orders, or taxable services such as hotel occupancy.

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CRIME

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scale where Montgomery entered the woods on foot. Inside the wood line, three more packages of synthetic marijuana were discovered and eight plastic bag-

gies, the chief said.

On March 30, a witness identified Montgomery as one of the ones running from police, Cropper said.

At this time, the identity of the other two vehicle occupants has not been released.

When Montgomery was arrested on July 28, Sgt.

Tokia Whiting found him on Walter Lyons Road and contacted Capt. Marvin Garrett and Dan Weaver. When they arrived, Whiting placed Montgomery under arrest on the warrant.

"In July, she came in contact with Mr. Montgomery near Walter Lyons

Road," he said. "She contacted Capt. Weaver and Garrett because she was aware there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest."

Montgomery was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

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Water system hopes to become district to receive funding

WATER

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I would go along with it," juror Randy Thomas, district 4, said.

The Germantown Water System is in Thomas' district.

Parish attorney Patrick Jackson advised the jury regarding a rate increase before they made their decision to take it under consideration.

"This has been my expe-

rience," Jackson said. "The problem with not raising rates is there's not sufficient reserves to do the maintenance. When the district creates it, the end user will get the impression that government has taken over and now rates have gone up. That's the biggest issue."

Jackson cautioned them, saying misinformation could be delegated about the cause for the move.

"Most systems now, when they get loans from

the USDA, they force you to build into your rate a maintenance reserve account so that as systems time out, your rate makes you have enough money to replace all that," he said. "The days of \$8 and \$10 water bills are over, and if you're still charging \$8 and \$10, it just costs too much

money to make good, quality water and maintain the system."

Bonsall says the PSC has not allowed Germantown to make the improvements they need to make through the years, because they wouldn't allow them to raise rates over time.

"Now, they are backed

into a position where they still need to raise their rates, and they're to a point where they don't have any money left to improve their system," he said. "They're reacting to problems instead of being able to make their system better."

Germantown is one of 33 water systems in the

parish. Only four are named as water districts: Doyline Water System, McIntyre Water System, Sarepta Water Works District and Sibley Water System.

The police jury will take it under consideration and discussion will follow at upcoming meetings.

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

Remembering school days

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

With the approaching time of the razing of our high school building, and also looking forward to our Class of 1939 reunion, I find myself going over the years, the schools, the teachers, and all the friends. Do you remember first grade? Sometimes I find myself humming the little song that my first grade teacher taught us. We sang that at the close of each school day as we got ready to go home.

Her name was Miss Murphy. The words were: "Let us put our books away, study time is over, gaily tripping, homeward skipping, soon we'll be at play." First grade back in the late twenties was so much different than first grade today. I had attended a small kindergarten that a local lawyer's wife conducted in her home. She taught us writing, not printing, but cursive writing. I was four when I attended. When I entered first grade at 5, I could write. Now understand

that the letters were big and seemed to be written with an unsteady hand, but I have a sample and I am amazed at what the lady had taught us. I started school in Shreveport.

First Grade

My mother pointed out to my teacher, Miss Murphy (no kin to me) that I had been writing with my left hand and she wanted her to change me. The teacher refused. She had been changed from left hand writing to right hand writing and she felt frustrated. My mother decided to let me continue to write with the left hand. Since my maternal grandmother and one of my uncles were left handed, I think it was an inherited trait.

Another difference in school back then is the memorization that was required. In first grade we had to commit to memory several poems. One that I remember so well from that first grade was "Twinkle, twinkle little star, How I wonder what you are, up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky. When the blazing sun has set, and the grass with dew is wet, then you show your little light, twinkle, twinkle all the night."

Each year we were assigned poems to memorize and to recite to the

class. Another first grade poem that was written by Robert Louis Stevenson and in our readers was, "The friendly cow, all red and white, I love with all my heart. She give me cream with all her might to eat with apple tart. She wanders, lowing, here and there and yet she cannot stray, all in the pleasant open air, the pleasant light of day. And blown by all the winds that pass, and wet with all the showers, She walks among the meadow grass and eats the meadow flowers."

An Escape

Later, we were encouraged to read. We were required to make book reports, not just written, but delivered to the class sometimes. I read from pleasure. Reading took my mind away from the austere days of the depression, and I read everything I could. My senior year of high school, I remember that I read 365 books. I still read a lot of books, sometimes as many as five or six a week.

I attended Zwolle School in the fifth and sixth grades. The fifth grade teacher, Miss Stella Addison, bought small stamps that held the paintings of famous artists. We studied the larger picture, and heard the story of the life of

the artist. We stuck our small picture in our notebook and wrote the life story from our memory. The sixth grade teacher, Miss Hazel Tyler, wrote an unusual word on the board each day. That night we were to look up the word, learn to pronounce it, and spell it, and learn its meaning and be able to tell the class about it the next day. We added many new words to our vocabulary that way.

In high school, as we studied the classics, such as Shakespeare, we had a number of lines to memorize and to recite to the class. Do you remember the lines from "Julius Caesar" that was Marc Antony's funeral oration at the death of Caesar? "Friends, Romans, and countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Caesar not to praise him. The evil that men do lives after them, but the good is oft interred with their bones. So let it be with Caesar."

And so on and on. That passage has a humorous memory for me. Miss Mary Bell was our Literature teacher. We had a nice, shy boy in our class. He is a fine man here in Minden today. But in that 8th grade class, he was absolute petrified when it came time to repeat his lines. He started

out "Friends, Romans and countrymen," and he broke down and sobbed. He cried and he cried. Miss Bell was a tiny little woman even in the spike heel shoes she wore. She went to him, and put her arms around him and consoled him. He was a foot taller than she but she encouraged him to continue with her prompting what he forgot. Finally he cried his way through the required lines and sat down. We did not know whether to join him in tears or break out into laughter. It really sticks in my memory. He was such a nice, sweet boy, we felt so sorry for him.

Musical Students

We had a great A Cappella choir in high school, directed by Mr. R. L. Laney. We sang on station KWKH in Shreveport and entered the competition in Natchitoches at the old Normal school. We made a Superior rating, which was wonderful. One of the boys in our class, George Calvit, tells the story of his time in the choir. He said that one day Mr. Laney called him to one side and asked if he would do him and the choir a favor. George said he was ready to take on any solos that Mr. Laney wanted him to sing, but that was not Mr. Laney's request. He said that the

best thing that could happen to the choir was if George would quit it, since he felt that George was the disrupting force that kept people laughing. George said that ended his time in the "Acapolka" Choir. Knowing what a jokester George is, he may have just fabricated this story, but it was funny, anyhow.

There are memories of Miss Ponder's piano class. Each day in the fall and the spring, when the classroom windows were open, we could hear the students go over and over again on some piece that they would play in a recital. We could hear every note especially during what we called the thirty minute period. Immediately after lunch we had this period in our homerooms. It was a time to collect books for the afternoon classes, and possibly look over notes for a test.

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

EXPLO

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David Fincher, of Burns Tennessee are still set to go before a judge on Sept. 28.

The above named defendants were charged with unlawful storage of explosives, criminal conspiracy to commit unlaw-

ful storage of explosives, reckless storage of explosives, criminal conspiracy to commit reckless storage of explosives, failure to obtain magazine license, criminal conspiracy to commit fail-



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ure to obtain magazine license, failure to properly mark explosive material, criminal conspiracy to commit failure to properly mark explosive material, failure to keep accurate inventory and criminal conspiracy to commit failure to keep accurate inventory.

Three other defendants, Lionel Koons, Todd Dietrich and Michael Kile all

pled guilty to misdemeanor charges.

Dietrich pled guilty to reckless handling of explosives. He was fined \$1,000 plus court costs, must pay restitution of \$1,000 to the Louisiana State Police and must serve two years active supervised probation. He was sentenced August 23, 2013.


Koons pled guilty to careless handling of explo-

sives. He was fined \$1,000 plus \$1,000 in restitution to the state police and two years active supervised probation. He was sentenced August 23, 2013.

Kile pled guilty to careless use of explosives. He must pay \$1,000 fine plus \$1,000 to offset the cost of prosecution, placed on supervised probation but will consider unsupervised probation after eight

months. He was sentenced Oct. 25, 2013.

All three entered guilty pleas in exchange for the misdemeanor charges and that they testify against Fincher, Smith and Wright. The three are also prohibited from employment by any company that has anything to do with explosives.



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Miles that Matter 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 15
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Miles that Matter 5K is being held in an effort to raise funds to offset healthcare costs for Tiffany Copeland of Minden who was recently diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

Starting Time: 5K Run/Walk sponsored in part by Minden Medical Center will start at 8a.m. Saturday, August 15.

Race course: The course will begin and end at Minden Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy at 1120 Homer Road in Minden. Participants will run/walk through Ridgewood neighborhood.

Registration: Early Registration is \$25 until August 4. All participants who register by August 4 will receive a short sleeve official Miles that Matter Run T-shirt. Late registration is \$30 August 5-Race Day. You may pay with a credit card online at www.sportspectrumusa.com or with cash or contact Ashley Vise at 318-464-2146 or Sportspectrum in Shreveport at 6970 Fern Avenue. IPICO timing system is included in registration fee.

Packet Pickup: Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15, 8a.m. until 5p.m. at 1120 Homer Road and Race day 7a.m. until 7:45a.m. before race.

Age Group Awards: 1st place winners in each following age group will receive awards: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61 and older.

Post Race Party: Following the race we'll have family friendly entertainment and activities, so stick around!

Inclement Weather: Check Facebook Fight for Tiffany or Call 318-464-2146 for updates on race day weather.

In consideration of my being admitted to enter the Miles that Matter 5K, I, for myself, my heirs, and assigns, executors and administrators, do hereby forever release and discharge Sportspectrum, RRCA, Sportspectrum Race Management, NWLRA, Minden Medical center Rehab & Physical Therapy, their employees and agents, of and from any and all claims or demands for damages, injuries, or liability, in any manner arising out of participation in this event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the parties released above from any claims or demands for damages, for injuries or liability, in any way arising out of my participation in this event. I certify that I have prepared myself for this race and that I am in adequate physical condition to complete the event I have entered. I agree to follow all rules of this race and to permit myself to be removed from the competition if in the opinion of Race Management that continuing would endanger my health.

Miles that Matter 5K Official Entry Form and T-Shirt Order Form - August 15, 2015

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Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18 years old: _____

OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

Congrats officers

Police officers Jeremy Cutrer and Jeremy Sitter moved up in the ranks to Officer 1st Class at the city council meeting Monday.

These officers deserve a huge congratulations on passing the Officer 1st Class exam and on the great work they provide to the residents of the City of Minden.

It seems that the only news is bad news related to police officers and departments these days.

Trust in police has been shaken recently police shootings around the nation.

Sadly, some seem excited by the chance to pounce on all police each time this occurs.

Now is the time to commend the officers on a job well done.

Each day, Minden's officers put their lives on the line and are trained to make life and death decisions at a moment's notice to protect us.

While Minden has a low crime rate, officers never know what the next call will bring.

Each day, these officers leave their families and face potential dangers of all types.

What they do is so important to the safety of Minden's precious citizens, yet it often goes unnoticed — and unappreciated.

Thanks Chief Steve Cropper for maintaining a good department, and thanks to the Minden officers and detectives for the work you do.

Let's not forget that the police are not always the bad guys.

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Legal and academic equality nonsense

A particular act or policy might not have a discriminatory intent, but that doesn't let you off the hook. If it has a disproportionately negative impact on so-called protected classes, it is said to have a disparate impact and risks being prohibited by law. The uninformed assumption made by judges, lawyers and academics is that but for the fact of racial and sex discrimination, we all would be distributed across occupations, educational backgrounds and other socio-economic characteristics according to our percentages in the population. Such a vision is absolute nonsense. There is no evidence, anywhere, at any time, that but for the fact of discrimination, there would be proportional representation among various socio-economic characteristics. Let's look at some disproportionalities, with an eye toward discovering the causes and then deciding what to do about them.

If one were to list the world's top 30 violinists of the 20th century, at least 25 of them would be of Jewish ancestry. Another disparity is that despite the fact that Jews are less than 3 percent of the U.S. population and a mere 0.2 percent of the world's population, during the 20th century, Jews were 35 percent of American and 22 percent of the world's Nobel Prize winners. Are Jews taking violin excellence and Nobel

Prizes that belong to other ethnicities? If America's diversity worshippers see underrepresentation as probative of racial discrimination, what do they propose be done about overrepresentation?

Overrepresentation may be seen as denial of opportunity. For example, blacks are 13 percent of our population but about 80 percent of professional basketball players and 65 percent of professional football players and among the highest-paid players in both sports. By stark contrast, blacks are only 2 percent of the NHL's professional ice hockey players. Basketball, football and ice hockey represent gross racial disparities and as such come nowhere close to "looking like America." Do these statistics mean that the owners of multibillion-dollar basketball and football operations are nice guys and ice hockey owners are racists? By the way, just because blacks are 65 percent of professional football players, let's not lull ourselves into complacency.

When's the last time you saw a black NFL kicker or punter?

There are even geographical disparities. Not a single player in the NHL's history can boast of having been born and raised in Hawaii, Louisiana or Mississippi. Geographical disparities are not only limited to ice hockey. The population statistics for North and South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana and Vermont show that not even 1 percent of their population is black. In states such as Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, blacks are overrepresented. When such racial disparities were found in schooling, the remedy was

busing. I'll tell you one thing: I'm not moving to Montana. It's too cold.

Geographical disparities don't only apply to the U.S. Historically, none of the world's greatest seamen has been born and raised in a Himalayan nation, such as Nepal and Bhutan, or a sub-Saharan nation of Africa. They mostly have been from Scandinavia, other parts of Europe, East Asia or the South Pacific.

Being a man, I find another disproportionality particularly disturbing. According to a recent study conducted by Bond University in Australia, sharks are nine times likelier to attack and kill men than they are women. Such a disproportionality leads to only one conclusion: Sharks are sexist. Another disturbing sex disparity is that despite the fact that men are 50 percent of the population and so are women, men are struck by lightning six times as often as women. Of those killed by lightning, 82 percent are men. I wonder what whoever is in charge of lightning has against men.

Differences are seen by many as signs of inequality. Nobel laureate Milton Friedman put it best: "A society that puts equality before freedom will get neither. A society that puts freedom before equality will get a high degree of both." Equality in conjunction with the general rules of law is the only kind of equality conducive to liberty that can be secured without destroying liberty.

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

PERSPECTIVE

Searching for home health care just got easier

Medicare has just begun publishing star ratings for home health care agencies to help consumers tell the good providers from the bad.

Medicare pays for health care you receive in the comfort and privacy of your home if you meet certain requirements. You must be home-bound, under a physician's care and in need of part-time skilled nursing care or rehabilitative services.

One in 10 people with traditional Medicare relies on home health services in a given year. A third of all home visits are for patients released from the hospital but still requiring attention. The other two-thirds are for people trying to stay out of the hospital in the first place.

Medicare's website — www.medicare.gov — is a convenient place to begin your search for a home health agency. With a few clicks, you can compare the providers in your area, check on the types of services they offer and the quality of their care.

To help you understand the differences in quality between agencies, Medicare has added star ratings to its website. One star means "poor," two stars are "below average," three stars mean "average," four stars are "above average," and five stars mean "excellent."

Medicare has posted star ratings for more than 9,000 home health agencies nationwide, based on such quality measures as how quickly home visits begin after a doctor authorizes them and how often a patient improves under the home-based care.

Almost two-thirds of Louisiana's 190 rated home health agencies are performing at or above average levels. Statewide, 13 percent received four or five stars, while 51 percent rated three or 3.5 stars. The remaining 36 percent scored 2.5 stars or lower.

The current ratings are based on the providers' work from last year and will be updated regularly. Medicare didn't rate some agencies because they didn't have enough patients to evaluate or because they had only recently started their businesses.

While very useful, the star ratings aren't meant to be the final word on a provider's quality of care. They're simply a screening tool that helps you focus on a few facilities. Visit with your doctor and talk to family members and friends who have had home health care.

Understanding home-based care is essential to finding the agency that best fits your needs.

Your home care starts with your doctor's decision that your illness or injury demands it. You may need a skilled nurse to give you IV drugs, shots or tube feedings, or to change dressings, or to teach you and your caregivers about newly prescribed drugs.

You also may require rehabilitative services, like occupational, physical or speech therapy, to become as self-sufficient as possible and regain your independence.

The home health agency you select will work with you and your doctor to develop a plan of care. That plan will detail the services you need, how often you should have them, who will provide them, and what results your doctor expects from your treatment.

To qualify for home health benefits, your nursing care must be part-time. Home health aides who help with bathing and dressing, as well as homemaker aides who clean or do laundry, may be covered, but only if they're part of your overall plan of care.

Medicare pays 100 percent for your care as long as you're eligible. It also pays for 80 percent of any medical equipment you need, such as a special bed or oxygen.

If you're in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program and have questions about your home health care coverage, you can call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. If you're in a private Medicare Advantage health plan, you should consult that plan.

Home health care can be a blessing by speeding your recovery after a hospital stay or, even better, by allowing you to avoid the hospital altogether. The new star ratings at www.medicare.gov will help you make an informed choice.

Bob Moos is the southwest regional public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



BOB MOOS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks Minden

To the Minden Community,

We wish to thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and words of encouragement during our recent illness. I have finished my treatments and go back for checkups. None of us know the future, but I feel extremely fortunate and blessed at this point.

Thank you and God bless!
George and Betty Fithen

Prayer in public

To the Editor:

There is a common thread connecting most of the local and state tragedies/shootings. The connections of shootings and killings in Baltimore, Charleston, Chattanooga, and Lafayette and the two lost boys at sea in Florida comes immediately in the aftermath. This thread is the coming together in prayer and prayer to the one and only God, our creator.

Today prayer is not allowed in many civic places. Why?! when we the people are troubled, who do we go to for help? We go to God in prayer. Why are chaplains restricted from praying "In Jesus' Name?"

Why are Navy chaplains removed from the service for praying in Jesus' name in uniform and at a military funeral?! Another Navy chaplain is being forced out for counseling sailors according to biblical values!

Prayer brings peace to troubled souls. Why you may ask? Because it works! The common thread that binds us humans together is prayer.

Jack L. Daniels

Around Town

August 8, 2015

The Golden Gates, Bro. Roy Flurnoy, King John Taylor, and Jody & Company will be performing at True Life COGIC's evening of "Old-Fashioned Quartet Singing" at 7 p.m.

New Light Missionary Baptist Church celebrates the 2nd anniversary of the Rev. Asby Kenta Glosson with an anniversary musical with special guests the Anointed Gospel Singers, Voices of Thunder and the Spiritual voices. Event begins at 6 p.m.

August 9, 2015

New Light Missionary Baptist Church celebrates the 2nd anniversary of the Rev. Asby Kenta Glosson with commemorative anniversary services at 3 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. Johnnie Dyes

Saint James Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 149th church anniversary at 3 p.m.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its homecoming and revival services at 11 a.m.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church will have homecoming services at 3 p.m. with special guest the Rev. Leroy Jones.

August 10 - 12, 2015

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual revival nightly at 7 p.m. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Arthur Douglas. Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal

Church will have its revival nightly at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Derrick Harris.

Miller Chapel Gospel Baptist Church will have its annual revival 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be the Rev. ASby Glosson. All are welcome.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church will have revival 7 p.m. nightly.

August 15, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its pre-pastor's anniversary celebration at 6 p.m. with guest speaker Elder Carnell Cooper. Musical guests will include Union Grove Choir, Bro. Bernard Webb, Voice of Thunder and The Violinaries.

August 20, 2015

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

August 23, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its 5th Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. James Smith.

Getting ready for kindergarten

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

Schools across the country are getting ready to once again open their doors and welcome new and returning students. The newest crop of kindergarteners will be among the fresh faces roaming the hallways and classrooms, and parents can take steps to make this transition go more smoothly.

Although many children attend preschool, kindergarten typically marks a child's initial foray into formal education. It can be a time of wonder, new experiences and rapid educational growth. Kindergarten also can stimulate nerves and fears about the unexpected. Preparing children for kindergarten requires a little finesse to make this significant milestone in a kid's life that much more special.

* Speak often about kindergarten. Talking openly and excitedly about kindergarten is one way to spur a child's interest in school. As the first day of school approaches, bring it up in conversation and see how your youngster feels about kindergarten. Some children are anxious to begin this new chapter in their lives, while others are daunted by the prospect of starting school. Understanding how your child feels about kindergarten can help you more effectively deal with any apprehension he or she might have.

* Schedule a tour. Some schools have programs in place to introduce incoming kindergarteners to the school and the curriculum. For others, you may have to request a visit to the school. Such visits can be helpful, especially if your child does not have an older sibling already in the school and is completely unfamiliar with the building. Sometimes just being able to see what the school and kindergarten classroom looks like is aa enough to assuage fears.

* Start adjusting kids' schedules. Summer vacation and pre-kindergarten life may be about retiring to bed late and waking up much later than the start of a typical school day. But such schedules are no longer realistic once kids begin school. Help kindergarteners-to-be acclimate to

their new schedules by gradually changing their bed times and wake times in the weeks leading up to the first day of school. Five-year-olds need between 10 and 12 hours of sleep each night.

* Let kids choose some school supplies. Encourage youngsters to join you as you shop for school supplies, which may excite kids about school and help them feel more actively involved. That new backpack or folder your child picked out can be a source of pride and a security blanket for the first few days of school.

* Encourage kids' independence. A kindergarten teacher will be supportive and nurturing but will not be a substitute parent for the class. Children should be able to do certain things for themselves when entering kindergarten. Taking their jackets on and off, packing up their belongings, cleaning up toys and other supplies and following directions are just a few things kids should be able to do on their own upon entering kindergarten. It may be tempting to do everything for your preschooler, but kids who are too dependent may struggle to acclimate to kindergarten.

* Encourage kids to spend time with their peers. Your child may benefit from spending time with other kids their age and sharing their expectations of kindergarten. Such dialogue can remove some of the unknown of starting school.

* Don't pressure kids at the last minute. There is no way to cram when preparing for your kindergartener's first day of school. Rushing through flash cards or quizzing kids on the alphabet may just make them nervous about the start of school.

* Make note of the similarities between preschool and kindergarten. Kindergarten may not be so different from preschool, and such familiarity can make the transition that much easier for youngsters. Some preschools mirror the curriculum of the local elementary school district, introducing students to the types of lessons they eventually will learn in kindergarten. Make note of these similarities in an effort to calm any jitters kids may have about starting school.

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MLB

A-Rod, Yankees roll past Red Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian McCann, Chris Young and the rest of the New York Yankees are enjoying quite a run these days.

McCann and Young hit three-run homers during a nine-run burst in the seventh inning and the Yankees broke loose once again, romping past the Boston Red Sox 13-3 Tuesday night.

Down 2-1 and held to three singles going into the sixth, the Yankees suddenly struck. The AL East leaders wound up scoring in double figures for the fourth time in seven games — they'd gone more than a month without doing it until a 21-5 rout at Texas last week.

"Honestly, the blunt way to say it is we have a lot of really good hitters," Young said. "Everybody's a threat right now."

Mark Teixeira hit a pair of RBI singles and McCann, Alex Rodriguez, Carlos Beltran and Chase Headley added late doubles as the Yankees won for the 11th time in 15 games.

The Yankees have totaled 90 runs in the last 10 games.

"That's just crazy," said Young, who got three hits and scored four times.

McCann tweaked his knee late in the game and shifted to play first base. Manager Joe Girardi said the team would know more about McCann's condition on Wednesday.

Last-place Boston lost its eighth straight on the road.

BOXING

Mayweather to fight Berto next

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. will return to the ring for the first time since boxing's richest fight ever, facing Andre Berto on Sept. 12 in what he has said will be his final fight.

The welterweight title bout doesn't figure to be nearly as lucrative as Mayweather's May 2 fight with Manny Pacquiao that earned him a reported \$220 million. But it will still be sold on pay-per-view, even though Mayweather will be an overwhelming favorite to win for the 49th time in as many fights as a pro.

Berto, a 2004 Olympian, was once thought of as a rising star but has lost three of his last six fights. Two of those losses were to Robert Guerrero and Victor Ortiz, fighters that Mayweather beat easily.

"I always bring my A-game and this fight against Andre Berto is no exception," Mayweather said in announcing the bout. "He's a young, strong fighter who is hungry to take down the best. Forty-eight have tried before and on September 12, I'm going to make it 49."

The fight is the last in a six-bout deal that Mayweather has with the Showtime network.

DIXIE WORLD SERIES

ANGELS, DARLINGS DONE



MONROE - The Minden Dixie Darlings and Angels could not fight off elimination at the Dixie World Series Tuesday, as both teams went out swinging.

Darlings Louisiana 5 North Carolina 3
Minden defeated the North Carolina team to advance to the final four of the World Series.

Riley Robinson led the way with a double, followed by Vivian Still, Mackenzie McCoy, Jacey Adams, Addison Monk, Rebecca Mosley, Colby Hollis, Audrie Teutsch and Lainey Mercer with base hits.

With the win the girls moved on to face South Carolina.

South Carolina 10 Louisiana 9

Minden was down 7-3 in the fourth inning before coming back to have a 9-7 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. Unfortunately, South Carolina came back to take the win.

Addison Monk doubled and singled, Colby Hollis, Rebecca Mosley and Riley Robinson had two singles and Jacey Adams, Vivian Still, Mackenzie McCoy, Lainey Mercer and Lindsey Ryan added hits.

The Darlings finished tied for third place overall.

Angels Florida 3 Louisiana 1

Maci Tanner and Allee Spigener had doubles, while Kaylin Williams and Emma Earnhardt added singles. Earnhardt also struck out seven batters on the mound, while Gabby Salas pitched well in relief.

The Angels finished tied for fifth place overall.



The Louisiana Angels World Series team after retrieving their state flag. Left to right: Molly Fanning, Ella Floyd, Emma Pitman, Sydney Robinson, Sarah Margaret Mosley, Emma Earnhardt, Kaylin Williams, Allee Spigener, Maci Tanner, Lauren Still, Gabby Salas, and Landry Malone. Coaches not pictured: Chris Earnhardt, Keith Pitman, and Chris Floyd. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

Warriors working hard



The Lakeside Warriors spend a portion of Tuesday's practice going over the triple option attack. Lakeside kicks off their season September 4 against Ringgold. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

NFL

Deflategate testimony released

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brady denied under oath to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell that he tampered with footballs before the AFC title game, and investigator Ted Wells said in a transcript that he never warned the New England Patriots quarterback he would be punished if he didn't turn over his cellphone.

In a 457-page transcript released on Tuesday, Brady maintained his innocence in the NFL scandal known as "Deflategate." He denied discussing air level with the ballboys or even thinking about how inflated the footballs were when he selected them. He also said he's never asked anyone from the Patriots to tamper with footballs.

Wells explained that he did not believe Brady had nothing to do with the ball deflation

because the quarterback refused to provide all of the documents that were requested.

"In my almost 40 years of practice, I think that was one of the most ill-advised decisions I have ever seen because it hurt how I viewed his credibility," Wells testified. "It hurt my assessment of his credibility for him to begin his interview by telling me he declined to give me the documents."

Wells' investigation found text messages between Brady and a pair of equipment managers — one of whom referred to himself as "the Deflator" — discussing the preparation of footballs for the Jan. 18 game. The Patriots advanced to the Super Bowl and beat the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 for Brady's fourth NFL title.

Cowboys impressed with Jones and Gregory



OXNARD, CA - When a player is taken in the first two rounds of the draft, usually they're expected to contribute as a rookie. In the case of Byron Jones and Randy Gregory, there is a good chance both will see action in year one with the Cowboys.

Greg Hardy is set to miss the first, four games of the season which gives Gregory opportunity to see more time on the field as a defensive end.

"The biggest thing is growing every day, maturing every day and I'm trying to. I have my flaws but I'm trying to get better

every day and I think I have," said Gregory. "I think everyone's goal coming in as a rookie is to be the best you can be and then eventually be the best in the league at your position or overall. I try to carry that mindset."

Being able to transition into the pace of the NFL is crucial for every rookie who only has playing experience in the college level. For Jones, he admits he isn't there yet but it's just a matter of time before he is.

"I think with reps it takes time. Mental reps, physical reps, it just takes some time," said Jones. "As long as I'm on the field with a Dallas Cowboys helmet on I'm happy. The speed of the game and skill set of the opposing players, you're not going to see players like this at the college level. It's a lot of things into one."

"Some good things from Byron is we like what he

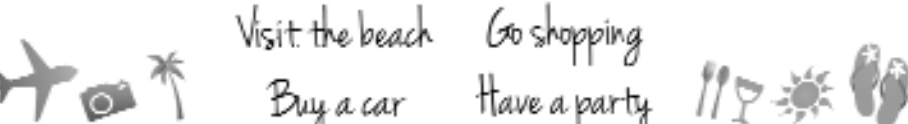
did in the spring playing corner outside," said head coach Jason Garrett. "He also showed some position flexibility. He played some safety. We actually had him inside at times so we anticipate him being one of those kinds of players. That's one of the things we liked about him on draft day. He's really a dedicated kid too"

Garrett has also seen great potential in their second-round draft pick Gregory.

"When someone with heavy hands strikes you, you feel it and some guys might be strong in the weight room but they're not heavy handed guys. It's a good trait to have," said Garrett. "The other good thing Randy has is he has great length he uses. If you see him use a long arm move or how he's handling an offensive linemen or a tight end, he sets the edge and he does a really nice job with that as well."



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Debate illustrates power of Fox News in GOP campaign

NEW YORK — Iowa and New Hampshire are still on the horizon — but first there's the Fox primary, and the buildup to this week's first Republican presidential debate shows that the influence of Fox News Channel on the GOP selection process is stronger than ever.

The musical chairs-like rules for participation in Thursday's televised debate require candidates to reach a certain threshold in opinion polls, making national exposure to an interested audience vital at a stage in the campaign when candidates are usually shaking hands in early primary states. And where better to find that audience than on Fox News Channel?

The 17 candidates made a total of 273 separate appearances on Fox News in May, June and July, according to a count by liberal-leaning group Media Matters for America. Six hopefuls — Donald Trump, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, Carly Fiorina and Rick Perry — have appeared 20 times or more each on Fox or Fox Business Channel, the network said. Besides interviews, candidates have joined the panel of talk shows like "Outnumbered" or "The Five."

"It is the most important forum for a Republican running for president," said Matthew Dowd, chief strategist for President George W. Bush's 2004 campaign and now an ABC News analyst.

Fox was to determine after 5 p.m. EDT on Tuesday which 10 of the 17 declared Republican candidates will be on stage for Thursday's prime-time debate in Cleveland. The remaining candidates will be included in a secondary forum that starts four hours earlier.

Trump, who is leading in the polls, leads in time spent on Fox (just under five hours, Media Matters said). Sean Hannity's prime-time show, which hosted Trump, Ted Cruz and Chris Christie one night last week, has offered the candidates twice as much airtime as any other individual show, Media Matters said.

Part of the draw for candidates is the size of Fox's audience: second only to shark-obsessed Discovery among cable networks in July and typically larger than that of CNN and MSNBC combined in prime time. And there's the guarantee of finding like-minded voters; 47



percent of voters who described themselves as "consistently conservative" said Fox was their main source of news about government and politics, according to a 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center.

Of the people who watch Hannity's show, 78 percent described themselves as conservative, according to a 2012 Pew study. Sixty-five percent identified as Republican and 6 percent as Democrats.

"With the number of candidates we have, the gatekeeper becomes more powerful," Dowd said. "If there were only three or four candidates running, the power would be less."

That's evident in the amount of attention paid to the rules for Thursday's debate. With the largest field of contenders in modern memory, Fox argues that setting a cap on the size of

the prime-time debate is necessary for a coherent event, yet some experts believe a failure to be included in the first tier could itself deal a death blow to a candidacy. Republican pollster Frank Luntz told the AP last month that "if you're not on that stage, you're irrelevant, you don't matter."

CNN's Sept. 16 debate will also have two separate tiers, although the two forums will run back-to-back. The network hasn't yet specified how many candidates will be in each tier.

Fox has said that it will determine participation by averaging the results of the five most recent national opinion polls done by nationally recognized organizations, not affiliated with a party or a candidate. Since the network didn't specify in advance the polls that it would be using, that led to grumbling

that was encapsulated by Jon Stewart on "The Daily Show." "Basically, they're going to look at the polls and (Fox News Chairman) Roger Ailes is going to pick whoever he wants," Stewart said.

Fox said it didn't know in advance which would be the final five polls, and promised to detail that methodology when the selection is made.

"Common sense would tell you that there is no formal schedule for who releases polls and when," said Michael Clemente, Fox's executive vice president of news. "And fairness would tell you that we can't judge any poll until you can see the methodology. When the results are released, everyone will see that common sense and fairness prevailed."

Still, some resentment seemed apparent Monday night

at a forum in New Hampshire, when Fiorina thanked the hosts for "reminding the political class that we don't have a national primary and managing to get all of the candidates here."

Although Fox's dominance in viewership is unchallenged — July marked its 163rd straight month atop the prime-time cable news ratings — this early stage of the campaign hasn't necessarily been a boon to the network. Fox's full-day viewership in July was down 4 percent from July 2014, the Nielsen company said. CNN was up 6 percent and MSNBC, where Rachel Maddow has done segments critical of Fox's impact on the GOP candidate selection process, was up 17 percent, Nielsen said.

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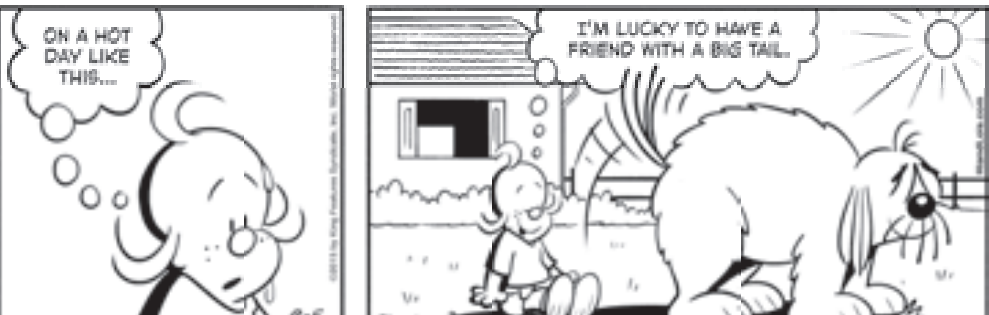
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Electronic Bid documents may be submitted by Contractors to the Louisiana Military Department Contracting Office by submitting their bid along with their bid security to <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/>. Electronic bids must be submitted so as to be posted prior to 10:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Hard copies of Contractor's electronically submitted bid packet must be sent to Building A-100, Rm 113, Attention David Tolbert, 100 Louisiana Blvd, Camp Minden, Minden, Louisiana 71055, telephone is 318-382-4204. Contractors MUST attend the mandatory Pre-Bid scheduled for 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at the location listed above in order to submit electronic bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause. In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, LA Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived. The Louisiana Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between the Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

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If you know the whereabouts of any of the heirs of Janie M. Martin, please contact John B. Slattery, Jr. at McConnell & Slattery office immediately at 318-539-2561.

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14 Vagrant
15 Downhill racer
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30 "CSI" network
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5 Scott Joplin's music
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