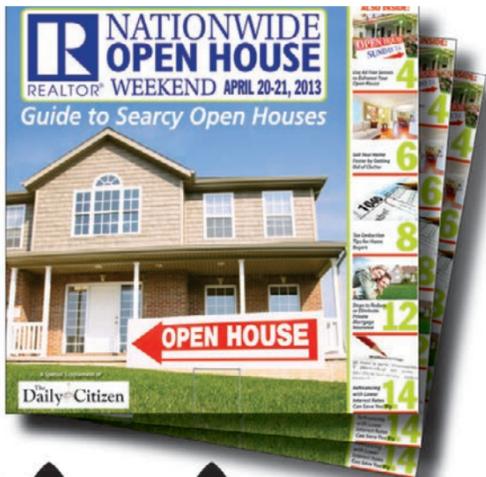


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3 LOCAL PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-STAR TEAM
Will Francis will be coached by his dad one last time at this year's high school All-Star game. — PAGE 1B

LOCAL MAN'S CAUSE OF DEATH UNDETERMINED
The Arkansas State Crime Lab has completed a report on the death of a 37-year-old Bald Knob man. — PAGE 3A

Kensett Police Department
Who: Sgt. Debra Bailey and Officer Derek Balentine
What: Suspended indefinitely with pay as of April 15
Why: Pending criminal cases

Kensett suspends 2 officers

Sergeant, officer off duty pending criminal cases

BY KYLE TROUTMAN
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A pair of Kensett police officers have been suspended indefinitely with pay for pending criminal cases against them in White county District Court.
Sgt. Debra Bailey and Officer Derek Balentine, two of the city's six officers, have been suspended as of April 15, and a return date that has yet

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Pryor joins Republicans to oppose gun bill

Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Sen. Mark Pryor is among a handful of Democrats who joined Republicans to vote down new gun control legislation.
The Senate voted 54-46 on Wednesday on a measure that would expand background checks for gun buyers. The legislation needed 60 votes to advance.
Forty-one Republicans and five Democrats, including Pryor, voted no. Other Democrats who joined Republicans in opposing the plan were Sens. Mark Begich of Alaska, Max Baucus of Montana and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota.
Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid switched his vote to "no" so he could call for a revote in the future. Pryor says he decided to oppose the plan after talking to Arkansans. He says the measure is "unworkable and unreasonable" for hunters and gun owners.

Students robbed at gunpoint

Teen arrested for armed robbery; juvenile suspect at large

BY JACOB BROWER
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One suspect is in custody for his alleged involvement in a recent armed robbery of two Harding University students.
According to Searcy police, a juvenile male accompanied by Dante Kyree Hardy, 19, of Searcy, pulled on gun on two Harding students at around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday on the 100

block of North Charles Street as they were walking from Walgreens to their apartment and demanded they empty their pockets. Among the items taken were cell phones, debit cards and a small amount of cash.
Police say the cell phones had tracking apps, and officers were able to track both phones and make a stop



Hardy

Armed robbery
When: Around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: 100 block of North Charles Street
Suspects: Dante Kyree Hardy, 19, of Searcy, and an unidentified juvenile

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE VISITS SEARCY



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Curtis Coleman, businessman and Republican candidate for governor, speaks to a crowd during the White County Republican Women meeting inside Harding Place in Searcy on Thursday. Coleman gave his ideas on how to improve the state's economy, education, and the governmental culture.

Members of the White County Republican Women listen to Republican candidate for governor Curtis Coleman during a Thursday meeting inside Harding Place in Searcy. Sitting together (from left) were Zella Holden, Chris Oswald, and Gina Ramey, White County Coordinator for Curtis Coleman.

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Governor to sign 'private option' Medicaid bill Monday

Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK — A spokesman says Gov. Mike Beebe will sign legislation next week that authorizes Arkansas to accept federal Medicaid funds and use them to buy private insurance for low-income

residents.
Beebe will sign the bills at a ceremony next Monday at 9:30 a.m.
The Legislature gave final approval to the plan Wednesday night.
Even after Arkansas adopts

the "private option" Medicaid plan, it won't be implemented until federal officials sign off on the proposal. U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius has endorsed the concept but hasn't given permission for

Arkansas' specific plan.
Republican legislative leaders and Beebe, a Democrat, promoted the Medicaid "private option" as an alternative to expanding the state's Medicaid enrollment under the federal health care law.



WEATHER
Friday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 5 to 10 mph

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“People think love is an emotion. Love is good sense.”
KEN KESEY
American Author