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MINDEN CRIME

Police: Man with gun threatened to 'blast' neighbors

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A Minden man racked up several charges after reportedly accusing his neighbor of sleeping with his wife.

Gerry D. Chism, 40, of the 1000 block of Tillman Drive, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 8 and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, disturbing the peace, simple assault and remaining after forbidden. Bond was set at \$126,300.

His wife, Tracie Rene Hattaway, 42, of the same address, was arrested the same day and charged with interfering with an officer.

Minden police chief Steve Cropper says the incident began when Chism went to his neighbor's house and began banging on his door.

"We got a call from Mr. Chism's neighbor after he'd come to their door around 11:20 p.m.," he said. "The caller indicated that when he answered the door, Mr. Chism accused him of having some type of involvement with his wife. The neighbor and his wife told Mr. Chism to leave the residence. He refused, and they told him they were going to call the police, and that's when he walked away telling them he was going to 'blast them all."

Sgt. Chris McClaran, Officer First Class Clint Smith responded after the neighbor called police, the chief said. The officers attempted to make contact with Chism at his residence, but no one would answer the door.

"They identified themselves as Minden police officers, and asked for someone to step outside and talk to them," Cropper said. "Eventually, Tracie Hattaway opened the door, looked at police and then slammed the

door quickly. Officers established a perimeter around the residence. Sgt. McClaran apparently saw someone walking inside the residence and looking through a win-

Eventually, Chism and Hattaway exited the residence voluntarily, but released two large dogs, according to the police report. Both Chism and Hat-

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Coming Friday



Kim Langheld Taylor holds up the last edition of The Crimson Tide Mix at Friday's Minden High game against Southwood. Be sure to get your Crimson Tide Mix edition in tomorrow's edition for a preview of the Minden High vs. Haughton game as well as a sign to hold up at the game. Gregg Parks/Press-Herald

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

'United We Give, United We Live' blood drive kicks off

LifeShare Blood Centers is hoping to raise money and provide trauma kits for law enforcement with their annual "United We Give, United We Live" blood drive. Donations will be accepted from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sept. 10 and 11 at the Minden Civic Center.

For every blood donation with LifeShare during the

two-day drive, the organization will donate \$1 to Blue Forever for purposes of providing Belt Trauma Kits for law enforcement officers.

Blue Forever, Inc. (501c3) works to increase the awareness for police officer's safety and to raise funds for donating lifesaving QuikClot Belt Trauma Kits (BTK*) for law enforcement

throughout States

LifeShare Blood Centers' goal is to raise \$1,500 and provide at least 25 kits within the communities it serves. Recipients of the kits will be local police and sheriff departments or state troopers local to participating

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NORTH WEBSTER

Safety concerns arise after deaths

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Following the deaths of

two at Muddy Bottoms ATV and Recre-Park ation over the Day Labor

issue of safety comes to the forefront. United States Air Force Senior

Airman Dustin Reinhart, 24,

died around 2:40 a.m., Sun-

weekend, the

ATV crash. Sonya Turner, 30, of DeQueen, Arkansas, passed away around 11 p.m. to midnight Monday, Webster Parish sheriff's officials said over the weekend. Mike Elshout, owner of Mike's Outdoor, works on 4-

wheelers and side-by-sides on a regular basis and says while they are fun, if not handled properly, they are dangerous.

No children under the age of 16 are allowed on ATV's over 90 cubic centimeters,

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ELECTION 2015

Sheriff, state rep. remain unopposed

Qualifying open until 4:30 p.m. today

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Qualifying for various elected seats is well under-

It opened at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Webster Parish Clerk of Court's office. Clerk of court Holli Vining says no one has qualified for justice of the peace, districts 5 and 3 or constable,

district 1. So here's a list of who has

qualified so far: **State Senator District**

36: Henry Burns of Haughton, Ryan Gatti of Bossier City and "Todd" Hol-



State Rep. Gene Reynolds qualifies Tuesday.

lenshead of Benton.

State Representative District 10: H.E. "Gene' Reynolds of Dubberly.

Webster Parish Sheriff: Gary S. Sexton of Shon-

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Nick Cox. Courtesy Photo

ELECTION 2015

Nick Cox seeking district 8 police jury seat

Editor's note: The following is a submitted campaign announcement and not an endorsement from Minden Press-Herald or Specht Newspapers, Inc. **SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD**

My name is Nick Cox and

I'm proud to officially

announce my candidacy for

Police Juror in Webster

Parish District 8. I have a strong desire to serve our community and work hard for the people of District 8 to ensure a solid, stable future for our district and parish. After encouragement from friends, family and neighbors, and after seeking wisdom and peace from the Lord, I believe the timing is right for me to serve on the police jury.

My wife, Cayla, and I have three children: Alleigh, 8; Garrett, 7; and Noah, age 6. I have spent all my life in Webster Parish and the vast majority of that time in District 8. More than five generations of my family have lived here. This has been a wonderful place to live, and it is extremely important to me that I do my part to insure Webster Parish is great for future generations.

In 2006, I carried on the legacy of my family's business, Oak & New Treasures, after working there for my grandmother throughout high school and college. I renamed the company Custom Treasures and utilized my constructional engineering exposure from Louisiana Tech University. I decided it

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No big winners in Wednesday's lottery drawings

La. Lotto jackpot raises to \$2.6M; Powerball jackpot raises to \$167M

NEW ORLEANS— The Louisiana Lottery Corporation says nobody won the two major jackpots in the Louisiana Lotto and multistate Powerball drawings on Wednesday night.

Louisiana Lotto players matching all six numbers drawn would have won or shared a \$2.525 million prize, which will rise to an estimated \$2.6 million for Saturday

Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$149 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$167 million for Saturday.

The Easy 5 drawing rises to an estimated \$150,000 after none of the tickets matched all five numbers drawn for Wednesday's \$130,000 jackpot.

Police say suspects released dogs at officers

ARRESTS

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taway were placed under arrest and a protective sweep of the residence was conduct-

"Officers observed and seized a loaded shotgun propped against the wall in the hallway inside the residence," the chief said.

Both were booked at the Minden Police Department and Chism was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Editor's note: Mugshots were not made available as of press time.

Thanks for reading!

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Webster Youth Leadership

Terry Gardner takes the 2015-16 class of the Webster Youth Leadership Program on a walking tour of downtown. Wednesday was the first meeting for the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce program. Courtesy Photo

Blood drive kicks off today at civic center

BLOOD

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blood drives and donation centers.

"The United We Give, United We Live blood drive is held in conjunction with 9/11 reminding us of our strength and resilience as a community united. Following the tragic deaths of law enforcement officers throughout our service area, we decided to dedicate this year's drive to law enforcement and give blood donors a way to make a difference by helping provide lifesaving belt trauma kits the same time they are making a lifesaving blood dona-Hooper.

spokesperson for LifeShare Blood Centers said.

According to LifeShare, an average adult has 10 pints of blood in their body and typically if someone needs blood during a surgery, at least three units of blood is transfused, however, a newborn baby has about a cup of blood in its body.

Mary Jo Henderson, Lifeshare representative, says a successful blood drive is not only measured by the number of units collected for the community's blood supply, but an equally important factor is the safety and health of the donors.

"Donors can donate blood if they have medical conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes," Henderson said. "The blood donation criteria is passing the mini-physical that includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and an iron level. In general, volunteer blood donors must be 16 or older and in good health."

Donors must bring a picture ID to donate. In addition, donors are urged to eat iron rich foods such as leafy green vegetables, raisins, orange juice or red meat before donation.

Henderson said donors

are excluded if they are on Coumadin (a blood thinner) or on antibiotics. Donors must be off antibiotics for three days before donating.

In addition, donors must bring a letter from their doctor if they have had a heart

attack, stints or heart surgery before donating. Donors can donate if they are taking Plavix or aspirin.

Reportedly, one unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Red blood cells are needed for surgeries and trauma patients, while plasma is used for burn patients and cancer patients.

Platelets promote blood clotting and give those with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live, according to americasblood.org. Cancer, transplant and trauma patients, as well as patients undergoing surgery may require platelet transfusions to survive.

Election is scheduled for Oct. 24

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Clerk of Court: Holli of Minden. Vining of Minden. Police

Tax Assessor: Morris Guin of Minden.

Coroner: G. Max Stell of

Police Juror District 1:

Bruce Blanton of Springhill. **Police Juror District 2:** Allen Gilbert of Springhill.

Police Juror District 3: Daniel Thomas of Springhill. Police Juror District

4: "Bruce" Compton of Shongaloo and Randy Thomas of Minden.

Police Juror District

5: Bernard Hudson of Minden and Perry Kirkland of Cotton Valley.

Police Juror District

6: Jim Bonsall of Minden.
Police Juror District 7:
Steve B. Lemmons of Dubberly.

Police Juror District

8: Nicolas "Nick" Cox of Minden and Harper Edwards of Minden.

Police Juror District 9: Beverly "Debbie" Kennon of Minden and Jerri M. Lee of Minden.

Police Juror District
10: Vera Benton Davison of
Minden.

Police Juror District

11: Steve Ramsey of Heflin.

Police Juror District 12: George Fuller, Bryan Langford, Dustin Moseley and Rebecca Shelley-Sherrard, all of Doyline.

Aldermen Village of Doyline: Steven Bridwell of Doyline.

Governor: Scott Angelle of Breaux Bridge, Beryl Billiot of Kentwood, Jay Dardenne of Baton Rouge, Cary Deaton of Metairie, John Bel Edwards of Amite, Jeremy "JW" Odom of Natchitoches, SL Simpson of Shreveport and David Vitter of Metairie.

Lieutenant Governor: Elbert Lee Guillory of Opelousas, Melvin "Kip" Holden of Baton Rouge, Billy Nungesser of Belle Chase and

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f John Young of Metairie.

Secretary of State: Tom Schedler of Mandeville and Chris Tyson of Baton Rouge.

Attorney General: James D. "Buddy" Caldwell of Baton Rouge, Jeff Landry of New Iberia and Marty Maley of Baton Rouge.

Treasurer: John Kennedy of Baton Rouge and Jennifer Treadway of Baton Rouge.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry: "Charlie" Greer of Natchez, Adrian "Ace" Juttner of Abita Springs and Michael G. "Mike" Strain of Covington.

Commissioner of Insurance: Jim Donelon of Metairie, Charlotte C. McDaniel McGehee of Baton Rouge and Matt Parker of West Monroe.

BESE District 4: Mary Johnson Harris of Shreveport and Glynis Johnston of Shreveport.

Qualifying ends at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10.



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United Way Donates to YCP

The United Way of Northwest Louisiana provided the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program cadets with 50 personal hygiene kits Wednesday – 25 for the female cadets and 25 for the male cadets. Volunteers from United Way and Kohl's Department Store in Shreveport put the kits together. In this cycle, 232 cadets began in August and will graduate in January 2016. Pictured are from left, Lynn Stevens, chief operating officer for United Way, 1st Lt. Gordon Hanson, Kagnee Veitch, operations coordinator for the United Way Minden Center, Capt. Jason Montgomery, Sophie Barish, community engagement coordinator and YCP activities director Shawn Hatcher. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

OBITUARY

A. Harold "Hal" Montgomery Jr.

A. Harold "Hal" Montgomery Jr. of Doyline died on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015,

after a short but hard fought battle with liver cancer. He was born to the late Azalee Wilson Montgomery and Senator A. Harold Montgomery Sr. on Sept. 17, Hal grew up in

Haughton until his fam- MONTGOMERY ily bought a farm,

named Ranch Azalee after his mother, in Doyline when he was approximately 8 years old. Hal spent the remainder of his childhood and high school years in Doyline, where he learned to ride bulls, raise cattle and work on the farm.

Hal met his wife of 47 years, Linda Burge Montgomery, in third grade when his family first moved to Doyline. Hal and Linda were childhood friends, then high school sweethearts. They graduated from Doyline High School in 1964. Hal and Linda married 13 years after they first met in September of 1967. Linda was both the love of his life and his best friend.

Hal earned a degree in animal science in 1969 from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches where he was amember of the university's rodeo club. After college, he and Linda returned to Doyline to make their home and raise a family on Ranch Azalee.

Hal was involved in a number of organizations over the years, including the Doyline Lions Club, Doyline Jaycees, Louisiana Cattleman's Association and the Webster Parish Cattleman's Association where he served as president. In 1974, Hal was selected to represent Webster Parish as its representative for Louisiana Outstanding Young Farmer. Hal was a 47-year member of the Southern Methodist Church

of Haughton where he served in many leadership positions over the years, most recently as board chairman and congregational leader.

Hal was a cattleman, business man, and an outdoorsman. At one time he owned and managed over 1,800 acres of cattle lands in Doyline and Homer. In 1982, Hal along with business partner and longtime friend, Harold Holley, opened Hol-Mont Distributing and Sales in Minden, which they sold in 1996. Hal has been an owner of Central Herrin Storage and Transfer, Inc. along with dear friend and business partner, Harold Roberts, since 1980 and served as president since 1997.

Hal loved to hunt, fish, and hone his skills as a marksman. He was an advocate for the Second Amendment right to bear arms and was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. Hal enjoyed serving as an assistant instructor at Concealed Handgun Carry Courses and was a certified Sig Sauer Armor-

Perhaps due to the legacy left by his father, the late Senator A. Harold Montgomery Sr., Hal also enjoyed politics and often became actively involved in

campaigns for local candidates. Hal was known by many for his booming voice and larger than life personality. He was a gifted cook and loved entertaining a crowd with delicious food and fellowship. He never met a stranger and seemed most content when surrounded by friends, old and new, telling outlandish tales. Friends and family would beg him to tell old yarns again and again, despite knowing the words

Of all his accomplishments in life, Hal was most proud of his family, his wife of 47 years, two daughters and his grandchildren. Both of his grandsons were given his name - Benton Montgomery Bates and Hal Montgomery Madison. Through them he believed his legacy would live on. As his life came to an end, his only regret was not having enough time with his grandsons to hunt, fish, and teach them about the family farm he loved so dearly.

Hal was a man of faith. Throughout his illness, his faith never wavered and was a source of much strength.

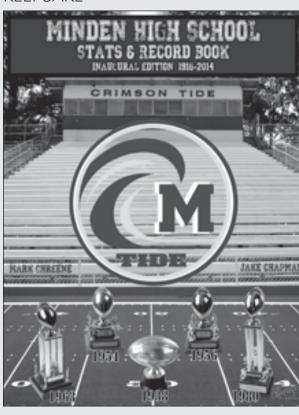
Hal is preceded in death by his mother and father, Azalee Wilson Montgomery and A. Harold Montgomery Sr. He is survived by his wife, Linda B. Montgomery, two daughters Leigh Ann Montgomery Bates (husband Bradley Eugene Bates) of Doyline and Tara Montgomery Madison (husband John Meek Madison III) of Baton Rouge, and his grandchildren, Benton Montgomery Bates, Hal Montgomery Madison, Brooks Sidney Madison, and John Parker Madison.

Hal loved so many that he joked that he needed more than 20 pallbearers. After much difficulty, his family selected the following honorary pallbearers: Lynn Beaty, Marty Brittain, the Honorable Foster Campbell, Jack Custer, Mark Headrick, Harold Holley, Mark Montgomery, Garland Peterson, Harold Roberts, Roger Reeves, Larry Small and Mike Walker. But, all of Hal's friends maintained a place of honor in his heart.

A visitation service will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 at Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home located at 601 US Hwy 80 East. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 at First Baptist Haughton with burial at Haughton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Southern Methodist Church of Haughton, P.O. Box 337, Haughton, LA 71037 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/tribute.

It has been said that Hal was a friend of many and an enemy of none. Throughout his life, he touched many lives in distinct ways, some of which he likely never knew. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

KEEPSAKE



The cover of the Minden High School record book is **shown.** Courtesy Photo

Crimson Tide record book goes on sale at game

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Minden High football fans no longer have to wonder what the Crimson Tide's record was in 1979, who has the school record for rushing yards, the last time the Tide went undefeated or about anything else for that matter.

The Minden High football record book goes on sale Friday at the Crimson Tide's home game against the Haughton Buccaneers and will encompass every aspect of Minden football dating back as far as 1916.

Co-authors and Minden High football radio broadcast team, Mark Chreene and Jake Chapman, worked tirelessly for two years to make this Tide fan's dream a reality.

"This is a labor of love for Jake and I," Chreene said. "We started it two years ago, simply as a way to bring additional information to games. For example, if a running back had a big night, we wanted to see where his performance ranked historically."

Once the research began and the information began to pile up, Chreene said he realized it wouldn't be fair for him to keep all these nuggets to himself. Furthermore, he saw it as a way for current Crimson Tiders to read about the legacy of Minden football players before them.

"We're hoping it might be motivation for guys to try and get their name in a future record book,' Chreene said.

There were a couple of obstacles that almost stood in the way of the book's creation, according to Chreene's broadcast partner and good friend Jake Chapman.

"We learned pretty soon the coverage was pretty spotty before World War II," Chapman said. "Sometimes there was no coverage.'

Then there was a time where Chapman lost the flash drive the duo had stored about 50 years of history on.

We had to completely start over," Chapman said. "But it actually allowed us to be more detailed; and I believe what we have now is bigger and better than what we started with.'

Inside the bounds of the book, Tide fans will be able to flip through extensive information regarding players, teams and coaches from Minden, as well as information on opposing teams through the years. Chapman also said he and Chreene were able to dig up some old pictures throughout the decades to

be included in the book. All proceeds will go to the Minden football pro-

"We think this is something that hopefully will reinvigorate passion and pride for Minden High School football," Chreene said. "When talking to people around town about it, you can hear the excitement in their voices."

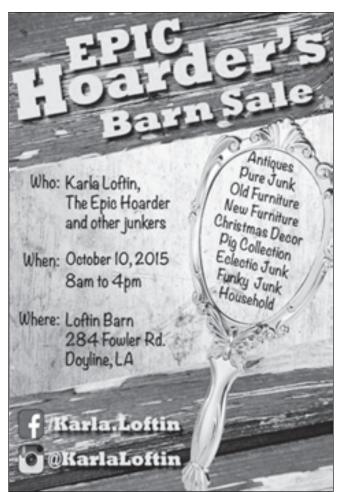
The book will be on sale for \$20 at the game and can be purchased at KASO Radio starting Monday.



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OPINION

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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

citizens

Elections and the right to vote are in the spotlight this week as candidates officially file their intentions to run for office. Also, deadlines are approaching for citizens who are eligible to vote but have not yet become registered

In order to participate in elections, eligible citizens must be on the Registrar of Voters' books 30 days before the election. In the case of the upcoming Oct. 24 election, the deadline to register is

The right to vote should not be taken for granted. Over our nation's past centuries, there have been citizens considered less equal than others in terms of being included in the American traditions of democracy. Ensuring them of their voting rights has required Acts of Congress. It took bold leadership by elected officials who gave higher priority to doing their right thing over their political ambitions. It took courageous stances by ordinary men and women, some of whom lost their lives in the cause.

For example, Aug. 26, known as Women's Equality Day, marked the 95th anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but despite the name, the passage of this amendment in 1920 did not give all women an equal right to vote. Native Americans were denied U.S. citizenship until 1924, and even then many states continued to ban them from voting. Utah, in 1956, was the last state to cease preventing Native Americans from voting. Similarly, Japanese-Americans were not granted citizenship until 1952, and it was 1954 before the 14th Amendment protections of chizenship, due process and the right to vote was granted to U.S. citizens of Mexican descent. The Civil Rights Act of 1957,

which held that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal, also focused on the importance of the right to vote. Then the Voting Rights Act, signed in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnso, put an end to many discriminatory tactics used to prevent people from voting. But even this important measure did not address the fact that not all U.S. citizens are fluent in English and not all are able to read the ballots. A decade later, the Voting Rights Act was amended to protect their

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 tried to deal with issues of uniformity and accessibility in voting and is still being challenged in places around the country.

As long as our nation has existied, there have been people who did not want citizens to vote, and today there are still people who do not want us to vote. When we do not bother to register much less vote, we are falling into the hands of those who are counting on our complacency. We may often feel disillusioned with politics and politicians who do not seem to care about our concerns, but if we do not vote, our concerns may not matter at all to them. Voting gives citizens credibility and clout.

If you're a resident of Tangipahoa Parish, will be at least 18 years old by Oct. 24 and have not become a registered voter, please go see Registrar of Voters John Russell and his staff in the clerk or court's office at the courthouse in Amite. If you don't want to go in person, take a look at his website or the Louisiana secretary of state's website to see other ways to

get registered. Voting is important. Do it to honor all those patriots over the centuries who shed their blood for this precious right. Do it to get the politicians' attention. Every vote does count, and every election

does matter. — Lil Mirando, editor, The

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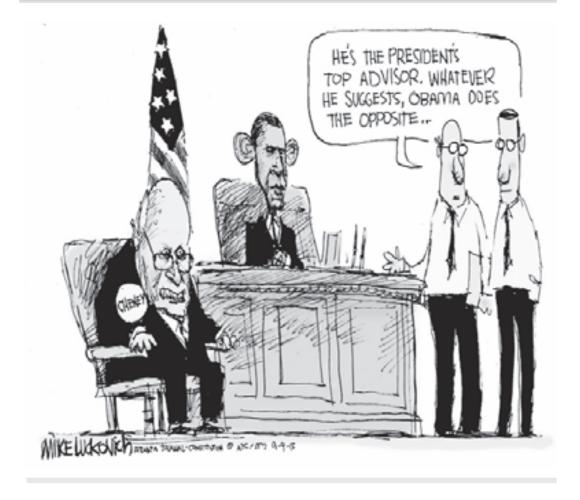
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PERSPECTIVE

Sling mud because it works

If you're an observer of Louisiana politics, it doesn't get much better than this.

It's election season. Qualifying for local and statewide races got under way Tuesday, the day after Labor Day. The primary election is Oct. 24, or less than seven weeks from

Though the calendar tells us fall is just around the corner, the temperature out and about is still hot, which is fitting since the governor's race is heating up, too. We've seen signs of it with the Super PAC

aligned with Sen. David Vitter's campaign airing the first negative TV ad of the cycle. It was a rather subdued spot, as far as Vitter's standards are concerned,



aimed at Jay Dardenne's and Scott Angelle's records on

The commercial, paid for by The Fund for Louisiana's Future, claimed Dardenne, a Republican like Vitter and Angelle, championed tax increases more than a decade ago as a member of the state Senate. Angelle, according to the commercial, supports imposing a tax on sales transacted via the Internet.

Angelle's campaign quickly dismissed the Internet tax allegation and noted that Vitter, as a member of the state

House of Representatives, voted in favor of levying a tax on Internet sales in 1994 when Edwin Edwards was governor. The tax, in other words, has been on the books for more than 20 years.

Obviously the fact checkers at The Fund for Louisiana's Future dropped the ball. Or perhaps they felt Angelle's rebuttal would be dismissed as simply a candidate covering his own hind side in the face of criticism.

Regardless, The Fund for Louisiana's Future erred on the side of wrong.

Vitter's camp, including the pro-Vitter Super PAC, isn't the only election operation engaging in a little mud-

slinging. The Super PAC supporting Angelle's campaign, Louisiana Rising PAC, took Vitter to task over his campaign's recent commercial staking out his opposition to Common Core. A highly toxic subject in public education, opposing Common Core is a must if a candidate hopes to attract support among hard-core conservatives. That would be Vitter's base, which must turn out in droves on election day for Vitter to earn a spot in the November run-off.

Louisiana Rising PAC's ad claimed Vitter's position on Common Core flip-flops. In other words, the commercial alleged Vitter, as a member of the U.S. Senate, has a track record of supporting Common Core but candidate for governor Vitter opposes it.

Vitter's campaign, of course, paid lip service to the attack, which tells us Vitter didn't take it seriously or didn't feel the attack warranted a strong rebuttal. Or Vitter's brain trust could be hoping the issue just goes away before voters pay close atten-

We'll see far more and far worse in negative TV commercials before this election cycle winds down on Nov. 21.

As Vitter's campaign manager, Kyle Ruckert, recently said, "It's the silly season."

Indeed it is. It's also the mudslinging season.

Unfortunately, it's the silly and the mudslinging that move voters, and in this election, the silly or the mudslinging, or a combination of both, will determine which Republican candidate for governor makes the run-off and eventually takes office in early January.

Stay tuned. Enjoy. And hopefully we all don't become so cynical over the next seven weeks that we choose not to vote at all.

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PFRSPFCTIVE

Buying a president for 30 bucks and change

For today's report, I have a bunch of statistics for you. Wait - don't run away! Where are you going? Come back here and sit still while I drill these stats into your head! It'll be fun, and you'll learn something.

I realize that numbers can numb the brain, but this is a good story, and I promise that these statistics are easy to absorb. In fact, the number 400 pretty much sums up this story of political intrigue and corruption involving some of America's wealthi-

est families and corporations.
Let's start with the "Billionaire
400," a clique of the elite organized
by the conniving Koch brothers.
These ultra-rich right-wingers gather each winter in some warm-weather resort for a secretive, invitation-only retreat. There, they plot strategies and pledge money for electing politi-cos who'll support their vision of corporate rule in America. For the 2016 elections, they've already committed nearly a billion dollars to impose their

vision of plutocracy over our democratic ideals double the combined amount that the Republican and Democratic parties will spend. I wonder: what do they think they're getting for that price?

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Then there are **HIGHTOWER**

super PACs that are sacking-up tens of millions of dollars to back various presidential candidates. Again, a few hundred corporations and rich families — each writing checks for hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars — have put up nearly half of all the money in

these electioneering committees. Keep that 400 number in mind when I offer my sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Middle-Class America, since they are all the rage in this present presidential contest, for Jeb, Hillary, and all the rest — even The Donald — say their campaigns are all about the hurting middle class that hasn't yet recovered from the Great Recession.

Well, don't look now, but after each one promises that they'll do the most for the Great Mass of the Middle Class, they disappear into the shadows and scurry off to schmooze with the little group of Americans they truly love: The exclusive club of multimillionaires and billionaires, who are shoveling those big bucks into those campaign pockets.

Now, back to our statistics: Jeb Bush got a million dollars each from 26 of his super PAC backers; Hillary Clinton took a million each from nine funders; of the \$16 million in Marco Rubio's PAC, 78 percent came from only four donors; and Ted Cruz got the most from the fewest, taking practically all of his \$37 million from

So while candidates for the highest office in our land are soaking up applause for the grand rhetoric they're giving to the middle class, they're also quietly sacking up millions of dollars by pledging their steadfast fealty to the ruling class. Donating millions is not an innocent or noble political transaction. Written on the backs of each of their checks is their own corporate agenda, trumping the people's agenda.

just three fat-cat families.

Ironically, it's Donnie Trump, the bombastic billionaire, who candidly admits that these so-called "gifts" amount to the outright, plutocratic purchase of politicians. He's long been a campaign donor in order to secure political favors, he confesses, and it works: "When I need something from them ... they are there for me." There's a word for that: Corrup-

But now, here comes the antidote to this corruption of our politics by fat cats. Instead of being financed by 400 special interests, Bernie Sanders campaign has raised its \$15 million (as of July) from over 400,000 ordinary Americans. In fact, the average donation to Bernie is a heartwarming, soul-saving \$31.30!

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Around Town

Law Enforcement Support Rally

The public is invited to a community gathering with the purpose of showing support for law enforcement at the flag pole on Main Street Minden at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. For more information contact Harold Robinson at 318-773-2083.

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September 11 and 12, 2015

The Heritage Quilt Guild of Jonesboro will be presenting "Quilting in the Pines," a two day quilt show from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the North Hodge Assembly of God Church, 5254 Quitman Hwy, North Hodge, Louisiana. Over 100 quilts, wall hangings, minatures and quilts from the past will be on display. The Country Store will feature handmade items and there will be vendors and door prizes. Quilters will be displaying the art of hand quilting during the entire show. Lunches will be on sale by the Women's Ministries.

September 12, 2015

The 17th annual Haynesville Celebration of Butterflies kicks off at 8 a.m. with a 5K fun run at the Claiborne Parish Fairgrounds. This years speakers include Charles Allen, Mickey Lowe, Lee Faulk, Dennis Demcheck and Victoria Lefevers. Throughout the day there will be an antique tactor show, quilt show, tours of the Dogtrot House and the Butterfly Gardens, Vocal and Dance groups performing, and a horseshoe pitching tournament. Children will enjoy a scavanger hunt, bounce house and a chalk art competition. For more information contact Loice Kendrick-Lacy at 318-624-1929 or 870-234-5910, email loicelacy@suddenlink.net or visit haynesvillela.org.

St. James Baptist Church will be honoring Pastor Marandalous Holland for 11 years of pastoral service. Starting at 11 a.m. guest speaker will be Pastor David Hoey of Rhema Word Ministry of Shreveport, followed by Dr. Jimmy Mahoney of Springfield Baptist Church of Shreveport at 3 p.m.

The Longspring COGIC, will celebrate Choir Day at 6:00 PM. All Churches and Church Choirs are invited. For more information contact Shyterikia Thompson at 318-458-5292

Pringle Place Cemetery Association will meet at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

September 13, 2015

The Greater St. Paul Mass Choir will present a "Musical

Exploring depression

Special to the Press-Herald

Nearly everyone has dealt with a life-changing event that brings about feelings of sadness. But some people struggle to enjoy normally happy situations. When these feelings do not go away on their own, they may indicate the presence of depression.

Major depression is one of the world's most common mental disorders. The World Health Organization offers that major depression also carries the heaviest burden of disability among mental and behavioral disorders. People often do not realize they're suffering from a depressive episode, and as a result, many never seek or receive the care they need.

According to "The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders," major depression is characterized by depressed mood, loss of interest or pleasure and at least four other symptoms. These may include problems with self-image, sleep, energy, ability to function, and changes in appetite.

The National Institute of Mental Health says that, as of 2013, an estimated 15.7 million adults aged 18 or older in the United States had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. Depression is far-reaching and more common than one may imagine. Oftentimes, however, people delay seeking treatment because of embarrassment or the stigma that surrounds a mental illness diagnosis.

The NIMH indicates that women are 70 percent more likely than men to experience depression during the course of their lifetimes, largely due to hormones. Elevated rates of depression among women also may be due to the fact that they tend to be more vocal and proactive in seeking help.

According to Gail Lovallo, LCSW, owner of Peaceful

Living Counseling Services, LLC, depression can be linked to any number of factors. Depression may result from a particularly traumatic episode in one's life and often accompanies post-traumatic stress disorder. Individuals can become depressed when diagnosed with a disease. Women may experience post-partum depression after childbirth. A considerable percentage of people experience depression when seasons change, and that could be caused by the reduction of exposure to natural sunlight when fall gives way to winter. Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is often more common the farther north one lives.

Depression can affect one's home and work life. In the journal Depression and Anxiety, a study analyzed depression statistics from the Canadian National Population Health Survey and found that major depression doubled a person's chance of becoming divorced or separated. Others may face job loss thanks to lack of productivity or missed days.

While depression is common, it also is highly treatable. Various therapies exist to mitigate symptoms and restore people to more well-rounded lifestyles. Counseling and medication are two of the more common treatments for depression. According to Psych Central, the Internet's largest and oldest independent mental health social network, 60 to 70 percent of depressed patients who are given an antidepressant recover from their depression in three to six weeks, provided that the medication dosage is correct and the patient continues to take the medicine as directed.

Depression can be a devastating illness that seemingly comes out of the blue. However, it's important for people to realize that depression is common and treatment methods are quite effective. Consult with a primary care doctor or a mental health professional if you believe you are experiencing depression.

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TENNIS

Federer into U.S.

Open semi-finals

NEW YORK (AP) Even Roger Federer is wowed by how well he's playing at 34 — and the ease with which he's winning at this U.S. Open.

Federer is into his 10th semifinal at Flushing Meadows, and record 38th at all major tournaments. To get back to his first final in New York since 2009, he'll have to beat someone he knows quite well: Swiss Olympic and Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka.

The No. 2-seeded Federer and No. 5 Wawrinka won quarterfinals about as handily as can be Wednesday night.

Federer never faced a break point, compiled a remarkable 50-8 advantage in winners, and needed less than 1 1/2 hours to 12th-seeded dismiss Richard Gasquet of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It's nice to play this way," Federer said. "And, maybe at my age, to run through five opponents the way I have done here at the U.S. Open, I don't consider that normal, to be quite honest, even though I expect it in some ways.

Not only has Federer won all 15 sets he's played, he has only dropped 44 games. He has won 67 of his 69 service games. And he's done it while playing attacking tennis; against Gasquet, he won the point on 22 of 28 trips to the net. "I don't feel like I'm as

old as I am. I still feel young," Federer said. "So it's nice to get rewarded with the hard work and (know) that, actually, I'm able to play sort of 'fun' tennis."

MLB

Mets stay hot with 5-3 win over Nats

WASHINGTON (AP) Three scintillating comebacks and a pivotal sweep in Washington. Yoenis Cespedes and the surprising New York Mets are in firm control of the NL East.

Cespedes hit a goahead homer in the eighth inning moments after pinch-hitter Kelly Johnson connected for a tying shot, and the Mets rallied past the Nationals yet again for a 5-3 victory Wednesday night.

three-game sweep extended New York's division lead to seven games Washington with 23 to play. The Mets have won six straight against the Nationals, including a three-game sweep at Citi Field from July 31 to Aug. 2.

"This has been the

biggest three games I've had in my career," New York manager Terry Collins said. "Exciting games. Every one of them was a great game. Just huge comebacks, big hits, inspirational play by every guy that was out there."

deGrom Jacob pitched seven strong innings in a tight duel with Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg, who struck out a season-high

Johnson's leadoff drive against Strasburg tied it 2-all and quieted the crowd at Nationals

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

BREES STILL SHARP AT 36



By Drew Brees' lofty standards, he is coming off of a bit of a down season.

The 36-year-old New Orleans Saints quarterback played only four offensive series in the preseason, so his next genuine opportunity to show how good he really still is comes Sunday in the regular-season opener at Arizona.

Cardinals defensive backs such as Louisiana native Tyrann Mathieu don't sound as if they need to be convinced that Brees remains one of the NFL's best.

'There's no doubt about it. It doesn't matter who you put around that guy. The offense runs through him. His confidence level, his understanding of the system that those guys are running over there is just unbelievable," Mathieu said Wednesday. "It's tough to beat guys like that guys who are so comfortable in their system and just understand it so well."

One could look at Brees' 2014 season and see that his yards passing were his lowest since 2010, while his interceptions were up by five over 2013 and his team missed the playoffs with a losing (7-9) record.

On the other hand, Brees' 4,952 yards passing last season tied for the NFL lead with Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and his completion rate of 69.2 percent was second only to Dallas' Tony Romo (69.9).

After practice Wednesday, Brees said he had no issue with being held out of the first and last preseason games entirely, and playing only a handful of possessions during middle two exhibition contests. He noted that all



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four drives resulted in points: two touchdown passes and two field goals.

"I've got a great comfort level with all the guys that are out there with me," Brees said. "I felt like I got the work done that I needed to get done."

Brees added that once coach Sean Payton "saw what he needed to see, we were out and that's

Payton has worked with Brees since they joined New Orleans together in 2006. So the coach said he didn't need to see much of Brees in exhibition games to know his quarterback was ready.

"In Year 10 of what we're doing and based on what we saw in training camp, he has been sharp," Payton said. "We felt like the work was in, so it is really paying attention to the experience and the timing."

Payton also doesn't see Brees' age as an issue yet.

"I know his routine and I know

how detailed it is. I know how he takes care of his body, both from a recovery (and from) a nutrition standpoint," Payton said. "All those things give him a chance to really be ahead of the curve, relative to what 36 is. I think that he looks great and he looks sharp."

Brees said he also feels much better than a year ago at this time, when he was still recovering from an oblique injury which affected his throwing mechanics.

Veteran members of the Saints offense say they see no sign of eroding skills in their quarterback, who has now passed for more than 4,000 yards in each of his nine seasons in New Orleans, including an NFL-record four 5,000-yard seasons.

"People can talk about his longevity all they want," right tackle Zach Strief said. "I know this: He's 36 and he still wins the (Saints' preseason) conditioning test every

"People talk about diminished strength, or stamina, your body's breaking down. It sure doesn't look like it. It doesn't come out on the field," Strief added. "It's a conversation because it's a conversation, but when he's in the game it sure feels like the same guy he's always been."

younger than Patriots QB Tom Brady, who is coming off a Super Bowl season and once played with current Saints tight end Ben Watson. Throughout this preseason,

Brees is a year-and-a-half

Watson said, Brees "seemed like a Hall of Fame quarterback, which he is, like the other one that I played "He's focused. He's throwing

the ball well. He's physically in good shape. He's mentally in good shape. He's on top of things. He's making good decisions," Watson added. "He's one of the best in the league, one of the best to ever play."

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NFL season kicks off tonight

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

– The New England Patriots' fourth Super Bowl banner will be unveiled at Gillette Stadium on Thursday night.

The fans will have their first chance to shower quarterback Tom Brady with adulation since a federal judge vacated the four-game suspension he was handed in the NFL's botched "Deflategate"

Oh, yeah, they'll play an actual football game, too.

Seven months after claiming the franchise's fourth NFL title, the Patriots return to the field for the season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the league's annual kickoff game. Even for a team that's made its reputation on avoiding distractions, the competition will provide a welcome relief from a summer of talk about deflated footballs and the ideal gas law.

'It's time for me to do my job," Brady said this week when he spoke to reporters for the first time since the news conference for his third Super Bowl MVP award.

"Anything that's happened over the last seven months really wasn't my job. This is what my job is, is to go out there and try to be a great leader for our team, to try to go out and execute the plays that are called and execute them at a high level. That's

where my focus is."

The victory for Brady and the players' union left Steelers quarterback Roethlisberger with mixed

emotions.

I still have a ton of respect for Tom. I think he is the best in the business. If you want to be the best you have to beat the best," he said. "Yeah, of course one part of you doesn't want him out there because he is the best in the world, but a bigger part of you as a com-

petitor wants him out there

because he is the best." Here are some other things to look for in Thursday night's game:

Banner Night

The Super Bowl banner has already been raised, but it remains covered. The three previous championship banners have been moved, and the Patriots removed the one dedicated to their 16-0 regular season in 2007.

Team president Jonathan Kraft said during the broadcast of the Patriots' exhibition finale that the team would have postponed the ceremony if Brady was suspended for the game. Kraft said the team planned for an alternate banner that would note some of Brady's accomplishments, such as four NFL titles and three Super Bowl MVPs.

"Rest assured, Super Bowl XLIX's banner was not

being raised if Tom Brady was not on the field," Kraft said. "He needed to be here the first game that that banner existed in the stadium."

Commissioner Omission

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus of Patriots fans' anger during the "Deflategate" investigation, will skip the opener.

'He believes that the focus should be on the game on the field and the festivities celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl championship," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "Goodell has attended the other kickoff games, but does not have a function there that requires him to attend."

In a Rush

The Steelers promoted longtime linebackers coach Keith Butler to defensive coordinator in January and tasked him with restoring some bite to a pass rush that has been largely benign the last four years. The results during the preseason were uneven at best, though Butler remains confident - even though the Steelers are just 2against Brady during his career and have never beaten him on the road, losing the three games in Foxboro by an average of 20.3 points, including a 55-31 mauling in

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

What's in a name?

Are you happy with your name? I remember, as a child, wishing I had a more interesting rare name rather than one so common. A niece of mine couldn't decide what name she preferred, so with each of three childhood family moves, she used a new form of her name. Now as an adult, when she runs into an acquaintance she is reminded of where she first met them by the name with which they address her.



Names are very important. They become associated with character and actions. The Bible is full of examples of good names, bad names, and changed names. One does not find couples

Judas, Jezebel, Satan, or Herod. Davids, Esthers, Johns, and Josephs are in abundance. There is the hope that the child will emulate the life of the

one whose name they

naming their child

God Himself has engaged in the choosing of names. Abram was 99 years old, not having yet fathered a child with his wife Sarai, when he was told "neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee" Genesis 17:5. His new name, "father of a multitude", was a promise which God surely did

It was years later that Abraham's grandson, Jacob also received a Divine name change. "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a

prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" Genesis 32:28. Jacob means supplanter. The definition of a supplanter is something or someone who wrongfully takes the place of another. The name Jacob was a fit prior to fleeing home, but before returning to his homeland, he became Israel, "he will rule as God". What a change!

While I'm happy with my given name for now, I look forward to the time I also will receive a name chosen by God just for me. He will have a name for each one who truly wants to

be identified with Him and overcomes as He overcame. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it" Revelation

What's in a name? -- Identity, promise, hope, and special meaning between just God and

Kathryn Irizarry is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ALONG THE WAY

The blessings of work

Many of us can say "I've sack, and off to college I

been working all my life". Well, that might be stretching it a bit, but we know what this statement means. If you grew up in a farmer's house, you had jobs early on, no doubt. There always were chores to do, work in the field, cutting

wood, animal care.....just the wear-n-tear'of everyday living was work. It was our "primary job", along with school work. We were paid by having 'room and board provided', Daddy would remind us. No complaining about work either! No sireee!

Persimmon sprouts along with the razor strap, hanging on the porch by the water bucket, were motivators for bad attitudes and smart alecks! They always produced improved work ethics, better attitudes and increased production!

The week after graduation, I turned in my hoe and hung up my cotton

went. Farm life was behind me but real life was just beginning. What I thought was work back on the farm proved to be 'a collection of special memories of good times' compared to the 'work that would lie ahead'. I worked in the cafeteria all four years in college, covering all my

expenses. "I worked my way through school" has a special meaning to me! It was a means toward an end - graduation. Hard work will produce good things every time.

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Two weeks after graduation, I was began my 'teaching career of 9 years'. Sandwiched between two teaching stints was a three-year adventure with a major publishing company. At age 34, we responded to the 'call of the gospel ministry'. Then for some 39 years, we served four great churches and a 4-year term with the **State Baptist Convention** of Illinois. Add to that 'almost three years' serving as Chaplain for Minden Medical Center and a total of 52 years of continuous work is stacked on my resume. I have been working all my life. (sic).

The Lord has truly blessed me through these many years. Honestly, I've never thought of these as being "jobs", but rather opportunities to serve the Lord and meet needs of others. I have been blessed to serve with many wonderful teachers, outstanding pastors and staffers, denominational leaders, renown authors and pioneer-thinkers in missions, missionaries, and Sunday School growth leaders. Many of my very best friends have been deacons with whom I served. Also I have been blessed by many women, leaders in church, mission education and state convention work. All of these have enriched and been invaluable to me along the work-track..

"Working" right along beside me has been my wife of 48 years. Sondra has served on five church staffs, taught school (and seminary courses), taught private piano, church and secular secretarial work, directed a church day care, taught in church day cares, and led Sunday School conferences throughout the convention. For more than 25 years she served as a volunteer teacher in preschool areas in local churches. (That is really a work/labor of love)!.

In Genesis 2, God assigned to us the responsibility of work. He put man in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. The strong echoes of working for a

living are found all through the Bible. Paul writes to those who were 'sitting around waiting for the Lord to return' to "get a job". If you don't work, you don't eat! (2 Thess 3:10). Working is honorable and important to the well-being of everyone. Billy Graham (Monday, Sept 7, 2015 column) states: "commit your work, and your whole life, to Jesus Christ. Then thank Him for giving you a job, and ask Him to help you do it well. And if He has another job in your future,

trust Him to lead you to it in His time.

Yes, look at your work as a blessing - not only to you but to others. Teach this concept to your children and grandchildren: get a job, do a good work, encourage co-workers, do more than is expected (go the extra mile), respect your supervisors, set goals and allow the Lord to lead you. Make Proverbs 3: 5-6 your life's motto and you will be well on your way to having a successful work

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Asking for wisdom

When Solomon was invited by God to ask for whatever he wanted, he asked not for wealth, or long life, or even good health, but for wisdom, the discerning heart to know right from wrong (1 Kings 3). While those other things (wealth and health) are good in their own way, or conditionally good, wisdom is unconditionally good. Wealth and health are only good if they are associated with a person of goodwill, but if the person in question is evil, their wealth only aids them in their evil designs. But wisdom, by its very nature, causes one to be good. The wise man is the man who is concerned, first and foremost, with doing the right and good actions befitting him. It would indeed be a contradiction to say that someone was very wise but also prone to frequent moral failings. This doesn't mean that the wise person never does wrong. No one except God is perfectly wise or perfectly good. The wise person is always striving to do the right thing, both in the big and small decisions of life. It is noteworthy that Solomon, in the conclusion to Ecclesiastes, a book highlighting the vanity and emptiness of wealth and most human endeavors, including the search for knowledge, says that our ultimate purpose is to fear God and keep his commandments. – Christopher Simon



"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." -Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

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TECHNOLOGY

First Look: What's inside matters in new iPhones

SAN FRANCISCO Don't let looks deceive you.

The new iPhones look the same as last year's models on the outside. But changes on the inside matter, from camera improvements to new sensors that enable quicker access to tasks.

I had only about 90 minutes to try out the new Apple products unveiled Wednesday — not enough time, given that Apple Inc. has a larger iPad, a new Apple TV device and new software for the Apple Watch, alongside the new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus. I wasn't able to test the new iPhone cameras in natural settings, for instance, to say whether pictures are really better with 12 megapixels, instead of 8 megapixels in the previous iPhones.

But I was able to try 3D Touch, a new way to interact with the iPhone. You save a few taps by pressing and holding on an app icon to go directly to a particular function. Microsoft's Windows phones let you create shortcuts as home screen icons, but few people have Windows phones. On iPhones, the 3D Touch feature isn't about enabling new functions, but getting you there

If you want to take a selfie, for instance, you currently have to launch the camera app and hit a corner button to switch to the front camera. If you were taking video before, you need to slide the camera to "Photo" first. With the new iPhones, just choose "Take Selfie" when you press down on the Camera app. The phone makes all the switches automatically.

With Maps, you can use 3D Touch to get directions home, find nearby businesses or message your location to a friend. With Mail, go directly to your inbox or create a new message. I used 3D Touch to quickly post a status update - "Hi" - on a test Facebook account.

From a message, you get a preview of a Web page by pressing on a Web link. Similarly, you get a map preview by pressing on an address. Press harder to switch to the browser or Maps app. A new iPhone software update adds a back button so you can jump right back to what you were doing, even in a differ-

As for the camera, selfie fans will appreciate having the phone's display mimic a flash. It's not a real flash like the main camera, but the display lights up briefly so that you can see faces in low-light settings.

With a feature called Live Photos, the iPhone camera records an extra second or so before you take still shots so that images appear in motion. You need an iPhone, iPad or Mac with the latest software to view it, though, which could limit sharing with your Android and Windows family and friends.

The changes aren't revolutionary, but the new iPhones have enough new features to consider buying over an older model. Of course, wait for a full test rather than just first impressions. The new phones aren't coming out until Sept. 25 anyway, although advance orders begin Saturday.

As for Apple's other prod-

IPAD PRO (coming in

As someone who prefers an iPad Mini over the fullsize version, I'm probably not the right customer for an even larger iPad.

November)

But the iPad Pro does have promise for heavy-duty users, particularly if you pay \$99 for a stylus and \$169 for a physical keyboard cover, on top of the \$799 starting price. The keyboard doesn't feel as flimsy as ones for Microsoft's Surface tablets, but you don't get to change

viewing angles as the Surface's adjustable kickstands

What I like most is the new stylus, known as Apple Pencil. That's not an Apple Pen, mind you. The stylus does mimic a pencil when you try to draw on the iPad Pro's screen. When you choose a black pencil, it comes out gray, like a real pencil. The line appears thicker when you press harder, and you can shade in areas by drawing with the Pencil lightly from an angle.

APPLE TV (coming in

Although Apple TV's new app store will enable nonvideo apps, such as games and home automation, video will remain the centerpiece.

The new remote shows a lot of promise, with a touchpad much like what's found on laptops. You can fast forward more quickly, or even hit the microphone button and tell the Siri voice assistant to "fast forward five minutes." And when you encounter dialogue that's mumbled, just say, "What did she say?" Siri will rewind

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15 seconds and temporarily turn on closed captioning.

NEW SOFTWARE (coming next Wednes-

day) I've been using a preliminary, "beta" version of the new iPhone and iPad software, iOS 9, for more than a month. I particularly like that you can get transit directions on Apple Maps and scroll through photos more quickly. The font is bolder and easier to read. The update isn't as huge as what you got in previous years, but I'm not complaining when it's free.

Likewise, the Apple Watch's software update will enable new types of thirdparty apps. It should address many of the watch's current limitations, but it'll take time to try out.

Deadly Labor Day weekend was first for park since 2014 opening

SAFETY

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Elshout says.

"That's the size of the engine," he said. "Most of these ATV's, they have them up to 1,000 cc's, 800, 700 -90 cc is a youth model. They don't recommend anything over a 90 cc model for youth."

Dealers cannot sell an ATV over 90 cc's to or for someone under the age of 16, Elshout said.

He says there are no recommendations on age limits

for dirt bikes, and the reason for that is because a dirt bike is not as likely to kill someone as an ATV. The danger comes in when an ATV rolls over onto a person, he said.

"People find it hard to believe, but a dirt bike is safer than an ATV," he said. "The problem with an ATV is any time you turn over an ATV, it's coming after you. That's what hurts people, when an ATV rolls over on top of you."

Helmets are recommended, although not required, he says. The manufacturers recommend enthusiasts to wear helmets when riding. Also, if it is not designed for more than one person, then only one person needs to be riding, he added.

"Ninety percent of ATVs are designed for one person only," he said. "It's not recommended to put two people on them."

Gary Jones, owner of Advanced EMS, says they respond to calls at Muddy Bottoms on a frequent basis. While the company does not keep an ambulance and personnel on site, they do respond to 911 calls for things such as low blood sugar and other medical emergencies, but the majority of them are for injuries due to wrecks, such as broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains.

"Some are minor and some are not so minor," he

He says Muddy Bottoms does a pretty good job of handling medical emergencies when they arise and thinks it's a good thing they have medical personnel and a medical clinic on site to handle what they can before having to call an ambulance.

Phone calls and an email to Muddy Bottoms business manager Ray Delia went unanswered as of press time; however, the park's rules and regulations are listed on their website, with No. 2, "All riding at Muddy Bottoms ATV & Recreation Park is at your own risk." The rules also state,

"Everyone entering the property must sign a release waiver and present photo ID. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and have a notarized release signed by both parents/legal guardian. Waivers are available on the website.

"Muddy Bottoms recommends everyone have proper safety equipment, and follow your vehicle manufacturer's safety guidelines while operating in the park," it continues. "Alcohol is allowed on the premises, however, all state alcohol laws apply." Law enforcement officials

are still looking into the trag-

ic deaths of Reinhart and Turner. Sheriff Gary Sexton says they are waiting for the coroner's reports at this time. "Both of them have been sent for autopsies because they are unnatural deaths,'

he said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "We're just waiting for results from the coroner's office."

COX

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would be a good idea to get into the cabinet business, and it quickly proved to be a success. I went from working alone to having a team of employees. This is where I discovered my passion: helping people and working hard to gain results.

After owning my business the opportunity to manage a

territory for Vermeer-Midsouth. I work daily with municipalities, contractors, and small-business owners across the northern part of Louisiana. I'm exposed to the challenges that Louisiana municipalities face through my involvement with municipal water systems, electric cooperatives, utility installation projects, 811 "call before you dig," and green waste disposal. This involvement, combined with a strong interest in my community, for eight years, I was offered has added to my concern for

our local government.

I love our community, and that's why I'm an active member of many great local organizations. I'm a proud member of the Minden Masonic Lodge; I enjoy serving others through my involvement with the Minden Lions Club; I'm a supporter of the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce, and I serve my Savior as the Music Minister of Heflin Baptist Church. I was also a charter member of the Minden Business Builders chapter of Business Networking International (BNI),

whose mission is to give support to local businesses first. In addition, I volunteer my time and knowledge at La. Tech by working with constructional engineering students, giving them exposure to construction utility jobs in hopes of investing in the future generations of constructional engineers.

From my involvement in municipal meetings and knowledge from attending police jury meetings, I know ters regarding the well-being

of District 8 and Webster Parish over the next four years. The landfill needs expanding, parish water systems need our help to thrive, health care is becoming more of a burden, infrastructures need repairing, and the M6 disposal at Camp Minden has to be completed, just to name a few issues. Money for all government agencies is in declining supply, but costs are constantly rising. If we want to flourish in the future, that our police jury will be we must have cooperation handling many critical mat- among the various governing agencies. The best way to

achieve a common goal is by working together and helping one another. I pledge to work hard, research the issues, collaborate with other jurors and municipal leaders, and inform our district of new opportunities.

I want to serve as your police juror, and I humbly ask for your support. I look forward to meeting with you as I continue to walk door-todoor across District 8.

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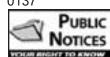
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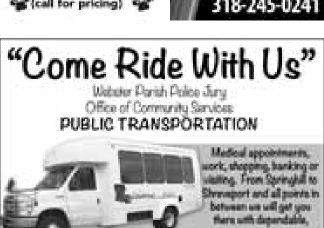




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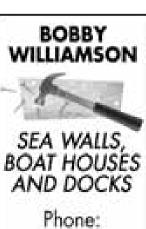






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