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ALL FUN AT J.L. JONES

Top, Abby Thomas and Jason Gates enjoy one of Sci Ports's Traveling Science Carnival activities Thursday evening at J.L. Jones Elementary. School officials say the carnival was able to come to the school for students to enjoy thanks to an anonymous donation. Below left, Angel Stewart and her mom, Shaun, watch as Sci Port representative Kenneth Smith shows them how it works. Below right, Lauren McDonald, center, shows her nephews Ian and Isaac Richardson how to arrange the correct numbers in the exhibit. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

EDUCATION

NWLTC partners with agencies for career coaching

Northwest Louisiana Technical College and Webster Parish Schools have entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement to provide all high school seniors in the Parish with college and career coaching services at no cost to the students or their families.

Working with Career Compass of Louisiana, a Louisiana nonprofit focused on improving college and career access for all public school students in the state, all Webster Parish seniors (approximately 400) will be able to meet one-on-one with experienced college and career coaches to discuss career goals and options, post-secondary opportunities and requirements, complete applications to post-secondary institutions, and

receive assistance with the application process for federal financial aid.

"Webster Parish Schools is grateful to our partners for their investment in our students' futures," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls, said. "We are always looking for ways to help our students become productive, well-rounded adults."

"We are proud to be partnering with Webster Parish Schools and NWLTC on this project," said Julie Scott, co-executive director of Career Compass. "Capital One Bank's support of this work represents a true interest in increasing the number of high school graduates who go on to post-secondary endeavors in the state of Louisiana

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Scott Price, interim dean of Northwest Louisiana Technical College Minden Campus; Dr. Dan Rawls, superintendent of Webster Parish Schools; Dianne Clark, interim director of Northwest Louisiana Technical College. Courtesy Photo

WEBSTER CRIME

One arrested on meth charge

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A Lisbon man found himself in handcuffs after law enforcement agents found suspected drugs in his vehicle.

Cory Todd Whitman, 56, of the 200 block of Whits End Road, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 29, and charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (crystal methampheta-



WHITMAN

mine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited for improper lane usage. Bond was set at \$5,600.

According to reports, Webster Parish Sheriff's narcotics agents Joel C. Thomas and Bobby Igo III, along with Louisiana State Police trooper Phillip Krouse conducted a traffic stop on Dogwood Trail after observing a vehicle swerve into the oncoming lane of traffic.

When asked to exit the vehicle, deputies say Whitman appeared to be nervous. Igo asked him if he had any weapons, and Whitman told

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CONTINUING COVERAGE

Explo case remains open until November

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The state's objection to a motion by defense counsel for two of three remaining Explo officials to quash stands.

A motion to quash is a notice of objections by a participant in a case who does not intend to comply with discovery requests. In this case, attorneys for former Explo officials David Fincher and David Alan Smith filed the motions, but the state objected.

Fincher and Smith are charged with unlawful storage of explosives, conspiracy to commit unlawful storage of explosives, reckless use of explosives, reckless use of explosives, failure to obtain magazine license, conspiracy to commit failure to obtain



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

According to court minutes, the state reserves the right to call their own witnesses in regards to the motion to quash.

Shelly Hopkins, a Louisiana State Police criminal investigator and explo-

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CRIME TRACKER

Arrests for the week of Sept. 22

MINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Demario Miller, 36, 100 block of South Maple Street in New Boston, Texas. Charged with possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine, eight grams) with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine, 116 grams) with intent to distribute, and possession of Schedule II CDS (powder cocaine, over 28 grams).

Darien Mitchell, 39, 500 block of Winford Street in Minden. Charged with damage to property.

Chauncy Wills, 300 block of Myers Street in Minden. Charged with contempt of court.

Gene D. Jackson, 40, 200 block of Edna in Minden. Charged with two counts of remaining after forbidden, resisting an officer.

Tyler Johnson, 31, 600 block of Greentree Street in Doyline. Charged with disturbing the peace.

Luis M. Trujillo, 27, 100 block of Homer Road in Minden. Charged with domestic abuse battery with strangulation.

Adrian Miller, 41, 100 block of Washington Street in Minden. Charged with running a red light, no insurance, open container, and no driver's license.

Christopher Brisker, 21, 1000 block of College Street in Doyline. Charged with expired vehicle registration.

Ronald Woods III, 25, 1400 block of Waffer Road in Haughton. Charged with unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling.

Ceaser Nelmas, 29, 100 block of W.J. Beck Road in Minden. Charged with non-consensual disclosure of a private image.

Celathio Hawkins, 36, 400 block of Morrow Street in Minden. Charged with simple battery and aggravated assault.

Nicholas Sims, 24, 2600 Church Street in Ringgold. Charged with second degree battery and simple robbery.

Jenalea Hulion, 35, 100 block of Bumgardner in Heflin. Charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense), following too closely, and possession of Schedule IV CDS.

Michael Walker, 37, 300 block of Ford Road in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), resisting an officer, and public intoxication.

Tammy Barnes Cook, 36, 600 block of Chandler Road in Haughton. Fugitive from Haughton Police Department.

Travion Sims, 17, 600 block of Chestnut in Minden. Charged with resisting an officer.

SPRINGHILL POLICE

DEPARTMENT

Christopher P. Lawson, 37, 300 South Park Drive in Springhill. Charged with two counts of distribution of synthetic marijuana, possession with intent to distribute synthetic marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of synthetic marijuana in the presence of a minor, and possession of stolen things.

Theresa McLendon, 29, 100 block of Highway 857 in Baskin. Charged with probation violation, must serve 30 days.

Mary Myers, 38, 300 block of South Park Drive in Springhill. Charged with possession of synthetic marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a CDS in the presence of a minor.

Albert Carter, 58, 300 block of Farmers Road in Sarepta. Charged with disturbing the peace.

Charletha Robinson, 43, 500 block of B&S Drive in Springhill. Charged with criminal trespass and is a fugitive from Justice.

Deshasmic Pastchol, 22, 400 block of 6th Street NE. Charged with criminal trespass and is a fugitive from Justice.

Tonya Domingue, 43, 600 block of Baker Street in Springhill. Charged with theft of goods.

Brenda Lindsey, 64, 100 block of Penny Circle. Charged with unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog.

Robert Seamster, 30, Camelot Drive in Springhill. Charged with domestic abuse battery, driving under suspension, and failure to appear.

Kimberly Hunter, 31, 1900 block of Mill Street in Haynesville. Charged with felony theft.

WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rebecca Corradi, 30, 200 block of Providence Road in Sarepta. Charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense).

Michael R. Kennedy, 30, 200 block of Duck Circle in Sarepta. Charged with contempt of court.

Braylon Wembley, 20, 200 block of Valley Oak in Cotton Valley. Charged with two counts of contempt of court.

Ryan Tubbs, 22, 100 block of Gregory Circle in Minden. Charged with criminal trespass.

Julie Cassels, 42, 400 block of Lake Road in Sibley. Charged with resisting an officer.

Leonard Nelson, 62, 1500 block of Harvey Barber Shop Road in Dubberly. Charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense), failure to report accident, and careless operation.

POLITICS

Fleming votes to fund military

WASHINGTON – Congressman John Fleming, M.D. released the following statement after voting for H.R. 1735, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016.

"Today's vote will ensure our troops have the support and resources they need to carry out their missions and protect our nation at home and abroad. The NDAA also strengthens the Air Force's nuclear enterprise and Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base. I'm proud that it includes my amendment to require the Department of Defense to justify its harmful reduction of our Army soldiers

stationed at Fork Polk.

"Despite this bill fully funding our military at the levels requested by the President, it is disappointing that he has vowed to veto the bill because he wants more money for non-defense priorities, like funding Obamacare, executive amnesty and Planned Parenthood. With growing national security threats, we need to ensure the federal government meets its first obligation of fully training and equipping the soldiers who defend our nation."

Dr. John Fleming is Chairman of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans and is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He is a physician and small business owner and represents the 4th Congressional District of Louisiana.



FLEMING

CRIME

Convicted killer accidentally released caught in Atlanta

BATON ROUGE — A convicted killer who was accidentally released from prison following miscommunication and missing paperwork on the part of the Louisiana Department of Correction has been arrested in Atlanta.

WAFB reports the U.S. Marshals Service arrested 32-year-old Benjuiel Johnson early Friday morning at a motel in an Atlanta suburb.

Johnson was wanted by law enforcement after being mistakenly released on Sept. 23 from the Dixon

Correctional Institute in Jackson, Louisiana. He was serving a 40-year sentence after pleading guilty to manslaughter and illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to officials with the Department of Corrections, early indications show Johnson was getting released from Dixon on good behavior for prior charges. When his name was run in the system, the manslaughter conviction did not appear, so he was let go.

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ives specialist was accepted as an expert witness in the case. The defense's objection was noted.

The record is to remain open in the case, and any additional briefs or evidence must be submitted to the court no later than Nov. 23.

Nothing in the court record indicates the outcome of the defense's motion for a change of venue.

The third defendant, William Wright, is expected to be in court Nov. 12. Smith is represented by H. Lyn Lawrence, Fincher is represented by Ronald Miciotto

and Wright is represented by Donald Hathaway.

Smith and Fincher went before Judge Michael Craig Monday.

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 was ordered to serve two years active supervised probation. He was sentenced August 23, 2013.

Koons pled guilty to careless handling of explosives. He was fined \$1,000 plus \$1,000 in restitution to the

state police and to serve two years active supervised probation. He was sentenced August 23, 2013.

The laundry list of charges Smith, Fincher and Wright still face stem from the October 2012 explosion at Camp Minden that rocked surrounding communities when improperly stored M6 propellant exploded. The ensuing investigation by Louisiana State Police



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revealed nearly 16 million pounds of the demilitarized military propellant had been improperly stored.

Explo Systems, Inc., leased property at Camp Minden, and has since filed bankruptcy and closed its doors.

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POLITICS



Gubernatorial candidates ready themselves for a debate, sponsored by WDSU, at their studio in New Orleans, Thursday, Oct. 1. From left are: the Rev. Jeremy Odom, Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Dist. 2., Scott Angelle, state Rep. John Bel Edwards, D-Baton Rouge, Sen. David Vitter, R-La., Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, and attorney Cary Deaton. Courtesy Photo

Vitter's Republican challengers: He lied about our records

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Two Republican contenders to be Louisiana's next governor charged GOP front-runner David Vitter with lying about them Thursday, seeking to capitalize on Vitter's recent slip in the polls as the four major candidates in the race squared off in their first TV debate together.

With Vitter's position atop the field seeming to take hits in recent weeks, Republicans Scott Angelle and Jay Dardenne sought to gain traction by striking at the U.S. senator, hoping to distinguish themselves ahead of the Oct. 24 election.

Dardenne, Louisiana's lieutenant governor, called Vitter "Desperate Dave," saying he misrepresented Dardenne's record and spending in office. Angelle, a state utility regulator, echoed the theme, calling Vitter "Sen. Pinocchio" in attacks against him.

Vitter defended the advertising he's run against his GOP rivals.

State Rep. John Bel Edwards, the lone major Democratic candidate in the race, escaped many of the direct attacks, except when Vitter criticized Edwards' support of President Barack Obama.

The four men tangled on issues of abortion, education standards and marijuana — but spent little time on the state's deep financial problems.

The three Republicans all supported Gov. Bobby Jindal's decision to stop Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood, after a series of undercover videos by an anti-abortion group led to accusations that the organization was profiting from fetal tissue sales. Planned Parenthood has denied the allegations.

Edwards called the videos disturbing, but said more investigation was needed.

"I believe we should let that investigation play out and determine all the facts," he said. He added that before yanking funding from Planned Parenthood, "we've got to make sure that there are alternative locations available for people in Louisiana to receive those same services."

Vitter used the question to describe his endorsements from several anti-abortion groups and to accuse Dardenne of voting "six times for abortion and against life." He also struck at Edwards, who opposes abortion, saying his support for Obama undercuts his claim of being anti-abortion.

"If that's consistent with a pro-life voting record, then

God help us," Vitter said.

Edwards replied: "I am a Democrat. I support the president. I have issues with many of the positions taken by the president. This is one of them."

In response to Vitter's criticism, Dardenne said he didn't vote to support abortion rights, but was scored poorly by an anti-abortion organization because of his votes on several bills that dealt with cloning and stem cell research.

"Desperate Dave is at it again," Dardenne said.

On marijuana, all four men opposed the legalization of recreational marijuana use.

Angelle, Dardenne and Edwards supported the Louisiana Legislature's recent passage of a medical marijuana bill that could get pot to people suffering from cancer, glaucoma and a severe form of cerebral palsy, through a limited number of heavily regulated distributors.

Vitter said he opposed state legalization of medical marijuana, and he called the recently passed legislation as "riddled with problems."

"We need to back up," he said.

Vitter has led the Republican field for months, but his poll numbers in recent weeks have slipped as outside groups have slammed him in

TV and radio spots reminding voters of his 2007 prostitution scandal.

Dardenne vaguely referenced the scandal Thursday, while Angelle was more direct, using a question about the Common Core school standards to say Vitter has been wrong on education and on "fornication."

Despite the attacks, Angelle and Dardenne so far have been unable to pull ahead because they are battling over the same voters. And they've been hit with attack ads by both Vitter and a super PAC supporting him.

Edwards appears to have locked up enough of his party's base that he's projected to be on track for the Nov. 21 runoff with Vitter, unless something shifts in the remaining three weeks before the election.

Louisiana's open primary places all candidates, regardless of party, in a showdown against each other. If no one receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters advance to a runoff.

Thursday night's debate at WDSU-TV in New Orleans was aired in several media markets. Also participating Thursday were two lesser-known candidates: Democrat Cary Deaton and Jeremy Odom, an independent.



Facebook announces changes

MENLO PARK, Calif. — Facebook announced on Wednesday changes coming to personal profiles on mobile, including 7-second looping videos instead of just a static image and the ability to set a profile photo for a set period of time.

"People visit Facebook profiles more than four billion times per day, and we're continually looking for ways to make profiles the best place for people to curate their online identities and connect with others," Facebook said in a news release about the new features.

Soon, Facebook users will be able to film a short, looping video clip that will play for anyone who visits their profile.

Facebook also announced a new feature that will enable the ability to "set a temporary version of your profile picture that reverts back to your previous profile picture at a specified time."

Facebook also announced improved personal profile controls.

"You've always been able to control who can see the information you showcase on your profile, and now we're making it easier for you to see what others can view by introducing a new customizable space at

the top of your profile. You can curate this space—and convey what you want people to know about you—by changing the visibility of the fields that show up here. You can also fill out the new, one-line 'Bio' field: select certain public About fields like work and education details to appear there; and even visually highlight what's important to you by choosing up to five Featured Photos to be showcased at the top of your profile. While this space is visible to anyone who visits your profile, you have full control of what information appears here."

"WE'RE CONTINUALLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE PROFILES THE BEST PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO CURATE THEIR ONLINE IDENTITIES AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS."

Mobile design improvements were also announced, including moving the profile photo/video to the center of the user's profile.

"People love seeing photos and mutual friends when viewing the profiles of friends or someone they've just met, so those are easier to see now on profile. Photos and friends are right at the top, making getting to know someone and seeing the world through your friends' eyes as easy as scrolling."

The new features are currently being tested on selected users. Expect a full rollout later this year.

ARREST

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him he had a pocketknife. Whitman was then asked to empty his pockets, and inside was a needle deputies say he attempted to conceal.

Whitman was detained, and following a search of his person, suspected crystal

methamphetamine was discovered in his front pants pocket.

At that time, Webster Parish Sheriff's Capt. Robert Hayden and Deputy Chuck Clark arrived on scene to assist.

Whitman was placed under arrest on the above charges and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center for booking.

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OPINION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Opinor suggests stripping landowners and mineral lessors in north Louisiana

Dear Editor:

On September 1, 2015, an article about landowners and mineral lessors in north Louisiana who are seeking underpayments of royalties owed to them was published by The Hayride on its website. In the article, Landry: Texas Trial Lawyers Seeking Louisiana Plaintiffs To Sue Chesapeake Energy, the executive director of Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch, Melissa Landry, is apparently of the belief that it is better to stop landowners and mineral lessors from receiving their royalties because, if they do, they will lose their jobs, i.e., be fired because they (rightly) sought payment of royalties.

To scare landowners and mineral lessors into submission, Landry uses Big Oil and Gas's ultimate scare tactic against "would-be plaintiffs;" landowners, mineral servitude owners, mineral royalty owners and owners of executive rights and interests, and every hardworking man and woman in the State of Louisiana, along with the State itself and any and all political subdivisions: "if these lawsuits are successful, trial lawyers will profit while Louisiana will shed jobs." In threatening to hold the people of Louisiana as economic captives, Landry implicitly invokes the now-infamous 'legacy lawsuit.'

Landry conveniently fails to tell landowners and mineral lessors, however, that it is their rights being vindicated here: it is not the trial lawyer's right – he is hired merely for his expertise – the landowner and mineral lessor can file the lawsuit himself because it is his, and only his, right.

Moreover, Landry fails to tell the people of north Louisiana that the landowners in many of these 'legacy lawsuits' have been railroaded by the oil and gas industry, lobbyists, and corrupt politicians in Baton Rouge who take their orders from those same industry persons and lobbyists who stand merely 50 feet away when these corrupt politicians cast their votes to stop landowners and mineral lessors from enforcing their rights.

The good people of north Louisiana must not cower at the face of such corruption – it is the landowners and mineral lessors who have the right, not any trial lawyer, defense attorney, industry leader, lobbyist, or corrupt politician. So, when Landry and like-minded people try to tell y'all that trial lawyers are taking y'all's rights, tell them that you will file your own lawsuit because it is your right and no one can threaten you into giving up your right to be paid what is owed to you.

This form of 'reform' is intended to allow Big Oil and Gas, i.e., Chesapeake Energy, to break their promises of paying landowners and mineral lessors their royalties without ever having to answer for not doing what they promised they would. Advocating such 'reform' surely flies in the face of being "dedicated to improving Louisiana's legal system;" unless, of course, your definition of "improving" amounts to rigging.

"By the protection of the law human rights are secured; withdraw that protection, and they are at the mercy of wicked rulers, or the clamor of an excited people... This nation, as experience has proved, has no right to expect that it will always have wise and humane rulers, sincerely attached to the principles of the Constitution. Wicked men, ambitious of power, with hatred of liberty and contempt of law, may fill the place once occupied by Washington and Lincoln; and if this right is conceded, and the calamities of [tyranny] again befall us, the dangers to human liberty are frightful to contemplate." – Davis, J. (Ex Parte Milligan, 4 Wall 2, 119, 125 (1866))

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Annual '15 Under 40' gala nearing

Greetings from your 2015 Louisiana SMALL CHAMBER OF THE YEAR!!! I pray this finds you all well and looking forward to some cooler weather. Fall is my favorite time of the year; football probably being a primary reason for that! The Chamber also has several important events that keep us busy during the fall season.

We are pleased to announce the 2015 Class of "15 Under 40." The Selection Committee had a real challenge this year as 21 outstanding young professionals were nominated. Please join me in congratulating the following:

- Kenny Balkom** – LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
- Bridget Bridges** – Doyline High School
- Tessa Cay Bryant** – J.A. Phillips Middle School
- Kelli Carter** – Minden High School
- Melissa Wilkie Fox** – 26th Judicial District Court
- Shaun Lewis** – Fibrebond Corporation
- Lindsay M. McClaran** – MBL Bank
- Kelly Copeland Paul** – Minden Medical Center
- Bewanichi Sheppard** – Webster Junior High School
- Mary Helen Simms** – The Coordinating and Development Corporation
- Clint Smith** – Minden Police Department
- LaTashia Upton** – The Women's Clinic
- Leslie Williams Utley** – Minden High School



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Kagnee Veitch – United Way of NWLA

Matt Wimberly – Wimberly Agency

Our 5th Annual Dinner & Gala will be held Tuesday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. Our keynote speaker is ZaZell Dudley, Director of Business Development for the North Louisiana Economic Partnership (NLEP). Tickets are \$35 each, and a table of 8 may be reserved for \$250. Our meal will be provided by Roma Italian Bistro. The evening will be highlighted by the announcement of Minden's Outstanding Young Professional chosen from among the 15 honorees. Sincere thanks to Terry Gardner and TG Companies, LLC for being our Title Sponsor for the fifth year!

The 2016 Class of Leadership Webster met on September 9th for orientation and community history. They took a walking tour of downtown Minden led by Terry Gardner, had lunch at Roma Italian Bistro (Thank you Dr. Richard Campbell), and toured the Dorcheat Historical Museum with director Schelley Francis. October's session will be the Simulated Society (SIMSOC) on the 14th.

Our second edition of "Eggs & Issues" was held September 23rd. Thanks to KASO Radio for sponsoring the breakfast. We had a number of candidates attend and express their thoughts on their individual races. We were particularly pleased to have all three Senate 36 candidates in attendance. A large crowd joined us, and we have officially outgrown the board room for this event. The April 2016 "Eggs & Issues" will have to be held at a different location! Not a bad problem to have... Don't forget the Webster

Parish Fair starts next Tuesday with the traditional Fair Parade at 5:00.

Gibsland Bank & Trust will host our October "ALIVE AFTER 5" on the 15th from 5:00-6:30. GBT always pulls out all the stops for this event. There will be great food, networking and wonderful door prizes. You might even have an opportunity to visit one-on-one with a candidate or two. There is no cost to attend.

Upcoming for the Chamber is the Fasching Fifth Season Brunch which will be held at Orleans on Main on November 11th at 11:11 a.m. This event marks the official start of Fasching. We will invite royalty from the local crews as well as state officials to take part. Tickets for the Brunch will be \$30 each and will go on sale soon at the Chamber.

Nominations for Board Members are currently being accepted. If you are a Chamber member in good standing, you may nominate or be nominated. Please call the Chamber if you have someone in mind. The slate will be presented at the October Board Meeting and voted on in November. We have four seats open starting in January. Board Members are elected for three year terms.

Early voting starts October 20th for Louisiana elections. We have so many important races to watch. I pray all of you will make informed choices while deciding who will lead our state and parish for the next four years.

Remember to check our website or follow us on Facebook to stay current on Chamber activities.

Jerri dePingre is president of the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce.

PERSPECTIVE

One nation, very divisible

"Anger Defines 2016 Electorate." That headline runs above a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, which finds that nearly two-thirds of Americans believe the USA is headed in the wrong direction. And that was before Russia's Putin doffed his shirt, flexed his pecs, and thumbed his nose at us in Syria.

Another headline: "Biden Would Enter 2016 Race As Most Popular Candidate." Are you getting this? The same pollsters who find an "angry" America also discover that Vice President Joe Biden, acolyte of the president and the ultimate status quo candidate, defeats every Republican in a hypothetical matchup.

Among others, our good friend Charles Krauthammer points out that Biden's numbers will almost surely plummet the moment he enters the race. A theoretical candidate always looks better than a real one, and right now the VP is on the fence, doing his best Mario Cuomo impression.

Getting back to that anger, it is every bit as polarized as our nation. Many Republicans are ticked off over America's declining status in the world, political correctness run amok, Islamic-based terrorism, the sale of fetal tissue, the assault on religious freedom, and mayhem in our cities. That's just for starters. These are the folks attending rallies for Trump, Carson, Fiorina, and Cruz. Anger is not nearly as apparent at Jeb Bush events.



BILL O'REILLY

On the other side, many Democrats are peeved at an entirely different set of issues. Their fury stems from wealth disparity, the supposed scourge of 'climate change,' and racial animus. Again, that's just for starters. Ticked-off progressives are flocking to hear wild-eyed Bernie Sanders, who has now caught up with Hillary Clinton in the fundraising category. Hey, even socialists need lots of dough to run a campaign.

So there's no doubt that plenty of people in today's America are steaming. The 'hope and change' mantra of eight years ago has been transformed into Howard Beale's 'I'm mad as hell' rant.

That's not necessarily a bad thing if it is channeled into policy prescriptions and makes America a better place. Righteous anger over genuine racial injustice in the '50s and '60s was nearly universal and made the USA a more perfect union.

But today's rage is not nearly as focused, and it comes from vastly different places for conservatives and liberals. If Donald Trump or Carly Fiorina is nominated, it's not just that half the country will politely disagree with them. So-called progressives will actively hate them, much as they hated George W. Bush.

Similarly, if Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders is the Democratic nominee, millions of right-wingers will despise them. Much as they loathe President Obama.

So anger can have its benefits, such as when it is channeled into effort and energy on the football field. But when we are infected with hate, fights break out, penalty flags are thrown, and people get hurt.

Right now there is no candidate who can soothe the restive electorate. The calm Jeb Bush is losing ground, while the happy warrior John Kasich trails his more belligerent rivals. Ben Carson is a likeable guy, but leftists will never, ever forgive him for being a black conservative and for criticizing Islam. By breaking those two left-wing taboos, the doctor is considered guilty of malpractice.

As for Democrats, Joe Biden is much liked and rarely loathed, but even he would have a hard time bringing Americans together. Good ol' Joe has a lot of baggage after carrying Barack Obama's suitcase for eight years.

Want to hear something amazing? In January of 2009, just after President Obama was sworn in for the first time, 69% of Americans approved of the young and promising commander-in-chief. We may never see a number like that again, which is truly regrettable. Both for the incoming president, whomever that might be, and for the United States of America.

Bill O'Reilly is a talk show host on Fox News. His column runs on Friday in the Minden Press-Herald.

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Around Town

Oct. 3

Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. (Registration starts at 8 a.m.) at the Capital One on Main Street. Register online at <http://www.sport-spectrumusa.com/>. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

Oct. 4

Valley Springs Baptist Church's 111th Anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with special guest the Rev. James E. Smith.

Just Faith COGIC's anniversary will be celebrated at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Ricky Dixon.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Minden is hosting a "Blessing of the Animals" event in celebration of St. Francis, patron saint of animals, on at 4:00 P.M. on the back patio of the church. All pet owners are encouraged to bring their animals to receive a blessing and also to stay and enjoy refreshments. Pets do not have to be of the Episcopalian faith; all are invited. For more information, call St. John's office at 377-1259.

Oct. 5

The Webster Parish School Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the board room for its monthly meeting at Central Office, located at 1442 Sheppard St.

Oct. 6

The Webster Parish Police Jury will meet at 9 a.m. in the jury's committee meeting room on the third floor of the Webster Parish Courthouse. The monthly meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., in the jury meeting room on the second floor.

Oct. 10

Webster Parish Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society will be from 3 until 10 p.m. at the Minden Recreation Center. There will be a car show, kids games and bouncing house, entertainment and a special ceremony supporting cancer survivors and honoring those who have been taken.

Pink Pearl Tea at Orleans on Main at noon. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

Junior Service League of Minden's Annual One Mile Fun Run and 5K starts at 7:30 pm and costs \$5. The 5K will begin at 8 p.m. and costs \$35. Race location is Eastside Missionary Baptist Church. For more information call Kelli Waller at 272-5194 or Ashley Gruner 840-6389.

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TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Richardson Elementary School's Darrell Hughes. He is this week's MPH/Minden Athletic's Teacher of the Week. Darrell is a Fourth Grade Math, Social Studies, and Science Teacher in his third year at Richardson Elementary School.

The Press-Herald's Teacher of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Minden Farm & Garden.

Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 5

Nachos with Ground Beef and Cheese Sauce, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Green Salad, Sidekicks, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Red Beans and Sausage, Steamed Brown Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Cantaloupe/Blueberries, WG Cornbread, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 8

Hot Dog/Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Potatoe Wedges, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Friday, Oct. 9

Fish Sticks, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Popeye Salad, Apple/Orange Wedges, Rolls, Milk

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KNIGHTS NEED A WIN



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SPRINGHILL - With all the success North Webster has enjoyed over the past four years, the Knights find themselves in an awkward position.

The Knights have lost back-to-back games for the first time since 2012 and that has many fans worried about this year's version of the Knights.

This week is homecoming at North Webster, and the week-long celebration coupled with a bounce back opportunity against the North Caddo Rebels could solve all the Knights' problems.

The Rebels (2-2) have already

doubled their win total from last season, as they continue to rebuild.

"They've got some good football players," North Webster head coach John Ware said. "They're a very sound, well-coached football team. They've done a good job over there."

North Caddo brings a run heavy approach to this week's game, which could be an advantage for the North Webster defense.

"They run a little bit of the option," Ware said. "They do a little bit of zone read and will run it about 70 percent of the time, but they can throw the ball too and have some good athletes."

Those good athletes are on defense too, as a Rebel team short on depth has some of their best playmakers going both ways.

"When you watch the film you see them line up correctly and get in good stances," Ware said. "You can tell they're being coached up. They drop into their pass zones well and attack the football. I think they're doing a great job getting it turned around over there."

The Knights are the better

team on paper, but Ware knows getting ready for a game during homecoming week poses some problems.

"It's always a challenge," Ware said. "There's always stuff going on. This is high school and these guys are football players, but they're also here for the social environment and I don't want to take that away from them. However, our job is to win a football game and our guys have bought into that."

North Webster will try to light up the scoreboard for what promises to be a big homecoming crowd.

"We're still looking for the best mixture for us," Ware said. "Every year is a bit different in trying to figure out who we are, but I feel like we're close to busting out and figuring out who we're supposed to be."

Look for the Knights to get back to the physical ground and pound attack that has worked so well for them over the past four years.

Kickoff between North Webster and North Caddo is set for 7 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bulldogs preparing for Cajun invasion



pare to lineup against their in-state foe.

"It has been great; they have been really focused," Louisiana Tech head coach Skip Holtz said. "We have talked a lot about the history and tradition of this rivalry that started in 1910. I think the players are excited about the opportunity to play. They understand the in-state rivalry and what it means to our alumni and our fan base, but even more importantly what it means to us as a program. I think their attitude has been great and their focus has been great. I really like the way they are coming out here and working."

Last season the Bulldogs

travelled to Lafayette as heavy underdogs and handed the Ragin Cajun's their first loss of the season in dominating fashion, taking the game 48-20, but to Holtz, that game means nothing.



HOLTZ

cannot carry any points over from last year. We start at zero. We both have a new quar-

terback this year. We both have different guys starting, different leadership. There are a lot of things that go into the makeup of a new season. I think it was a great lesson for us to learn against Western Kentucky, and one we are using, in that you cannot take anything for granted. 2014 means absolutely nothing. We have to be focused and ready to play football."

While UL-Lafayette has not made a decision on who will line up under center, ULL enters the game boasting a top 20 rushing offense, led by Sun Belt all-conference running back Elijah McGuire.

"It is important to stop the

run because they are so good at it," Holtz said. "That is what they do. That is their comfort. They are a top 20 rushing team in the country. They are eighth in the country on average yards per carry. They have a great back in Elijah McGuire. They are going to challenge our defensive front. It is going to be a challenge. You have to stop the rush though, that is where it starts."

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Joe Aillet Stadium, with fans encouraged to wear blue for the "Loyal Blue Out" game. The contest will be broadcast on the American Sports Network.

FOOTBALL EXPERTS PICK 'EM

This week's games	Zach Specht	Louis Mitchell	Blake Branch	Gregg Parks	Curtis Mays	Pete Covington
Minden vs Huntington	Minden	Minden	Minden	Minden	Minden	Minden
Glenbrook vs. Claiborne	Claiborne	Claiborne	Glenbrook	Claiborne	Claiborne	Glenbrook
Lakeside vs St. Mary's	St Mary's	St Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's
North Webster vs. N. Caddo	N. Webster	N. Webster	N. Webster	N. Webster	N. Webster	N. Caddo
LSU vs. Eastern Michigan	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
LaTech vs. UL-Lafayette	LaTech	LaTech	LaTech	LaTech	LaTech	LaTech
Alabama vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia	Alabama
Ole Miss vs. Florida	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Florida
S. Carolina vs. Missouri	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Miss St. vs Texas A&M	Miss St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Miss. St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Notre Dame vs. Clemson	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Clemson	Clemson
Raiders vs. Bears	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Bears
Eagles vs. Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Giants vs. Bills	Giants	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills
Jets vs. Dolphins	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Dolphins
Cowboys vs. Saints	Cowboys	Saints	Saints	Saints	Cowboys	Cowboys
Last week	14-2	13-3	13-3	11-5	13-3	10-6
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Brees throws all week, could play Sunday



METAIRIE — Drew Brees' return to the New Orleans Saints' lineup seemingly will come sooner than later, even if the club's all-time passer isn't quite ready to guarantee he'll be back under center against Dallas on Sunday night.

Brees said he took most of the snaps at Wednesday's practice, "and obviously felt good — good enough to do that."

"I feel really good about Sunday," he added. "I'll see how the shoulder responds tomorrow and for the rest of the day, but each day I'm able to do more and more and feel stronger and stronger."

Brees expressed confidence last week that he

would be able to play in Carolina, but ultimately missed last Sunday's 27-22 loss to the Panthers, which dropped New Orleans to 0-3.

This week holds more promise for Brees' return, if only because he and coach Sean Payton both said the quarterback's participation at practice is far more typical than last week, when backup Luke McCown handled first-team snaps.

"It's going to be safe to say he's going to throw every day now," Payton said, adding that Brees has "done well" with his rehabilitation of a bruised rotator cuff and improved his shoulder strength.



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"All that has been positive," the coach added.

Brees was hurt when he was hit while attempting to throw against Tampa Bay on Sept. 20.

While Brees didn't go into detail about what types of throws he attempted during closed portions of Wednesday's practice, he indicated that he wasn't going to push himself unnecessarily to throw deep too early.

"I was going to temper my enthusiasm ... be smart and make sure that it's one of these ramp-ups and it's not zero to 60," Brees said.

Brees said pain is not an issue in his recovery and was not last week, because that is something he can overcome.

"It was really about how functional could I be, being required to do the things that I know I need to do to put us in the best position to succeed?" Brees said. He added that he endorsed the club's decision to announce

McCown as the starter last Friday because he "didn't want to drag that thing out and keep everyone else in this building wondering what was going to happen."

Brees said he would take the same approach this week if he doesn't feel ready to play by Friday, rather than waiting and hoping he'll feel significantly better during warm-ups Sunday night.

The Saints were generally pleased by the way McCown performed in Carolina, where he completed 31 of 38 passes for 310 yards. But McCown did not complete any deep passes or throw a touchdown pass, and his last pass to the end zone, with the game on the line, was intercepted.

Payton said McCown's performance would have no bearing on Brees' timeline for returning. All that matters is whether Brees is fit enough to play, the coach said.



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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Ravens earn first win against rival Steelers



Courtesy Photo

PITTSBURGH — John Harbaugh considered going for it. Joe Flacco had other ideas.

Why risk extending the worst start in Baltimore Ravens' history when you've got a kicker with one of the best legs in the game waiting to do his job?

So Harbaugh — not for the first time — listened to his quarterback. And Justin Tucker — not for the first time — sent the Ravens sprinting off the field in triumph.

Tucker drilled a 52-yard through the tricky Heinz Field winds with 5:08 left in overtime to give

Baltimore its first victory of the season, 23-20 over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday night. Tucker's 42-yarder with 3 seconds left sent the game to the extra period and his winner was good all the way.

"It's one of the most electric stadiums to play in in the NFL," Tucker said. "So to be able to come in and win in such a dramatic fashion with just a consummate team effort, it's really special."

The Ravens, desperately trying to avoid a hole that would all but end their play-off hopes a quarter of the way into the season, responded emphatically

while rallying from a 13-point second-half deficit. Justin Forsett ran for 150 yards for Baltimore. Flacco threw a touchdown pass and did just enough late, though Baltimore (1-3) got plenty of help from the Steelers (2-2).

"The finish is what counts," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "The finish is what our guys were able to accomplish."

The Steelers, not so much.

Kicker Josh Scobee, acquired from Jacksonville in August after injuries to Shaun Suisham and Garrett Hartley, had two chances to give Pittsburgh

some cushion late in the fourth quarter only to pull both kicks wide left.

"It's pretty frustrating," Scobee said. "I feel like I let the team down. It's not something I ever want to remember doing. It's just a bad feeling."

One he might not get a chance to shake with the Steelers after coach Mike Tomlin promised to "turn the stones over" in an effort to get back on track.

"We have to find ways to win games," Tomlin said. "Obviously, (kicking) is an element of it. It was an element of the outcome tonight."

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 Poultry and Rabbit Show - 6:00 P.M.
 Live Entertainment - **Char-Ray Karaoke** - 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
 Special Kids Day! 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Armory Building)
 Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M. "Armband Night"
 4-H Swine Showmanship - 6:00 P.M.
 Then Swine Weight Classes (Livestock Arena)
 Live Entertainment - **Stormy Weather Band** - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
 Senior Citizen Day 9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
 Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M.
 Armband Night - \$1 Off with 2 Canned Goods
 Dress Your Pet Costume Contest - 5:30 P.M. (4-H Barn)
 4-H Pee Wee Pig Show - 6:00 P.M.
 4-H Leaders/Principals Pig Pusher - 6:00 P.M. (Livestock Arena)
 4-H Goat, Lamb, Beef & Dairy and Doug Sale Showmanship-7:00 P.M.
 Live Entertainment - **Dorcheat Bottom Band** - 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
 Buyer's Luncheon - 11:30 A.M.
 Livestock Auction - 1:00 P.M. (Armory Building)
 Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M.
 Live Entertainment - **Hard Times Band** - 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
 Fair Gates Open - 12:00 P.M.
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 4-H Talent Show - 10:00 A.M.
 Kids Day! 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. 5 Rides for \$5.00
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 Individually and on behalf of Ebony Harris vs. David Williams, Damages
 Haleigh Bison vs. Tommy Bison, Divorce
 Ally Financial Inc., FKA vs. Michael Nance, Judgment Ex & Garnishment
 Jordan Paige Williamson Wells vs. Stephen Austin Wells, Divorce
 Brigham Cheatham vs. Barbara W. Cheatham, Protective Order
 Lauren McDonald Richardson vs. Jonathan Levi Richardson, Divorce
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FINANCIAL NEWS

MBL Bank encourages consumers to protect their data

Americans live in a mobile society, relying on smart phones, tablets and computers to gather news, make purchases, interact with friends and family, and connect with financial institutions. Increasingly, cyber-criminals compromise the networks that support these devices. This often results in identity theft, which can also yield financial losses and safety for consumers. A recent report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies found that computer hackers have stolen the personal information of approximately 40 mil-

lion U.S. residents. October is Cyber Security Awareness Month, and MBL Bank and the Independent Community Bankers of America are offering tips to help consumers avoid having their online financial information disrupted or stolen. ICBA, along with more than 6,000 community banks across the country, urge consumers to remain vigilant and protect themselves from potential credit card and bank fraud. MBL Bank and ICBA offer the following tips to help consumers safeguard their online accounts:

- When sending sensitive

information over the Internet, make sure "https:" appears in the address bar. This means the information you are transmitting is encrypted.

- Ensure the wireless network you use is password-protected; choose a strong password and update it frequently for your work and home wireless networks. Likewise, always use a password on your mobile phone or tablet to stop an unauthorized user from accessing your device.
- Do not enter sensitive information into your phone when others can see what you're entering.

- Set the privacy settings on frequented social network sites. Cyber-criminals often learn about people and their families and friends via social media in an attempt to spoof or phish you and your network.
- Remain cautious of someone who isn't who they say they are or if the name and area don't match what appears on caller ID. This is often how spoofing occurs.
- Never respond to text messages, emails or phone calls from companies alleging to be your bank, government officials or business representatives that request your banking ID, account

numbers, user name or password.

- Similarly, do not click on links sent to you from unknown sources via text message because they are likely malware.
- Beware of "get rich quick" schemes; never voluntarily give out your bank account information or security credentials.

"Now more than ever consumers must remain alert to the possibility of their personal credit and financial security being compromised," said Jack E. Byrd, Jr., MBL Bank president and CEO. "Community banks like MBL Bank often serve as the

first line of defense in ensuring their customers' financial information is not being used improperly. These banks have established protocols to protect customers' financial information from data breaches." Learn more about Cyber Security Awareness Month by visiting the Stay Safe Online website at www.staysafeonline.org/ncaam/. For more information about identity theft, corporate account takeover and cyber security, visit the customer education section at www.mblbank.com.

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and Capital One Bank's investment is a huge part of making that happen." In Webster Parish, just 8.5 percent of adults aged 25 and older have at least an associate's degree, according to American Community Survey in 2013. Nationally, this rate is 36.6 percent – nearly double the rate in Webster Parish. This project is aimed at increasing the number of students who apply to and enroll in post-secondary education (technical, community and four-year universities). By the end of the 2015-2016 school year, the goal is that 99 percent of these students will apply to and be accepted into a post-secondary institution that suits their interests and abil-

ities. "We've heard from regional employers that they are experiencing difficulty finding people with the skills they need to fill all their current and future job openings," said Scott Price, interim dean of NWLTC-Minden Campus. "This project helps put students on the pathway to obtaining the skills, credentials, and degrees that will help them be better qualified to fill those job open-

ings." "Louisiana has a population of 4.6 million," NWLTC interim director Dianne Clark said. "One-half, or 2.3 million individuals, are classified as the non-working population. Of that number, 600,000 individuals do not have even a high school diploma. As educators, we must provide students with the tools they need to earn at least a living wage." This project is led by

NWLTC's College and Career Transitions Coordinator and funded through the combined resources of Capital One Bank and NWLTC's Perkins CCTC grant. The Webster Parish schools involved in the project are Doyline, Lakeside Jr./Sr., Minden, and North Webster high schools. "At Capital One Bank, we believe that education is the most important determinant to future success, and we are

proud to invest in this project to improve college-going rates in Louisiana," said Rick Larsen, north Louisiana market president for Capital One Bank. "This project encourages students to continue their education after high school. Whether it's a two-year or four-year school, students who work with Career Compass are applying to and being accepted by Louisiana institutions of higher education. Even more impressive,

75 percent of these students are still in their post-secondary programs." In addition to the senior services, all Webster Parish freshmen and sophomores will also receive college and career awareness seminars, and small group Jump Start coaching focused on providing students with vital information about college and career pathways at a critical juncture in their educational careers.



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Google: What people search for most on presidential hopefuls

NEW YORK — Potential voters who take their curiosity about presidential candidates to Google are interested in Hillary Rodham Clinton's age, Jeb Bush's height, Chris Christie's weight, Donald Trump's net worth, Carly Fiorina's marital status and Bobby Jindal's birthplace.

Those were among the top questions that the Internet search engine was asked about each candidate over the past couple of months. The data, which is being released by Google this year for the first time during a presidential campaign, gives insight into what voters are thinking about that is different from what traditional pollsters provide.

The first lesson may be not to forget the basics: shortly after Google first released questions posed about each candidate, Republican Marco Rubio's campaign released a video in which he answered some of them.

Google gets some three billion search requests each day and is beginning to see the value of compiling that information. For instance, conventional pollsters badly missed the breadth of David Cameron and his Conservative Party's victory in the British elections this spring. Google didn't necessarily predict it either, but picked up an intriguing increase in the amount of questions people were asking about the Conservatives in the days before voting, said Simon Rogers, data editor for Google's News Lab.

Height is clearly a preoccupation of Google searchers. Besides Bush, that was the top question about Christie, John Kasich, George Pataki and Rand Paul. Age is also a popular query. Two of the top four questions about New Jersey's Christie concerned how much he weighed and how much weight he had lost.

Before he shot up in the polls late in the summer, voters simply wanted to know: "Who is Ben Carson?"

After questions about her age and height, searchers asked about Clinton: "What did Hillary do wrong?" Other questions con-



cerned whether she was still running or if she was in trouble. Some specific questions were asked frequently, such as why Fiorina was fired as Hewlett Packard's chief executive, Mike Huckabee's views on the Iran deal and Rubio's position on gay marriage.

Google does not publicly release specific numbers on the searches conducted on each candidate.

While not scientific, the Google search information gives an interesting snapshot, said Lee Miringhoff, director of Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion.

"If you're a candidate, you ignore information like this at your own peril," he said.

As the campaign moves along, the types of queries from voters are likely to become much more specific, Rogers said. The data should remind journalists that voters know far less about people running for president than they do, he said. Privately, in front of a computer screen, they might ask questions that they would not necessarily bring up publicly.

There's plenty of potential for the information Google is collecting. "This is new and we're only starting to scratch the surface of it," he said.

In his video, Rubio sensed an opportunity as he read from a smartphone and answered questions posed in Google searches about his age, nationality and whether he was a twin. "No, I'm not," he said, laughing.

Then he saw an opportunity. The last question he posed: "How can I work on Marco Rubio's campaign?"

"Well, you can go to our website, that's the easiest way to plug into our campaign," he said. "I hope you'll join us."

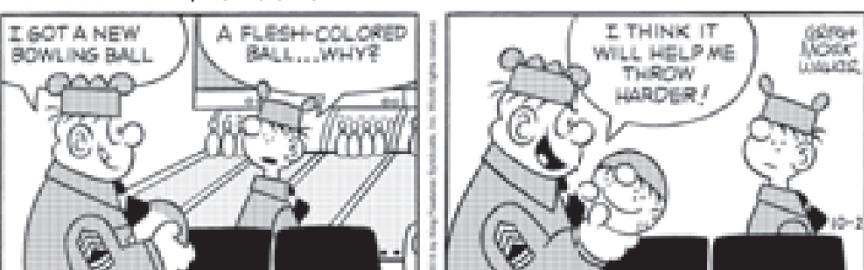
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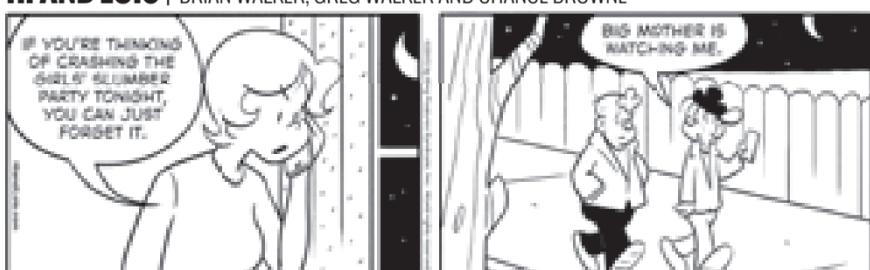
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Hurricane Joaquin batters Bahamas, unleashes severe flooding

ELEUTHERA, Bahamas — Hurricane Joaquin ripped off roofs, uprooted trees and unleashed heavy flooding as the Category 4 storm dumped torrential rains across the eastern and central Bahamas on Friday. Forecasters shifted its likely path farther away from the U.S. East Coast.

Some people remained trapped in flooded homes, but no fatalities or injuries have been reported so far, according to Capt. Stephen Russell, the director of the Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency. He told reporters that officials lost communication with a couple of islands overnight and said power

was knocked out in some areas.

Officials asked Bahamians to stay on alert as the slow-moving storm roared through the island chain, where schools, businesses and government offices were closed.

Streets were largely deserted as people remained hunkered down on the island of Eleuthera, which was bracing for heavy winds later Friday. Some people were still making last-minute preparations, including Alexander Johnson, 61, who was moving his fishing boat with his brother, Solomon.

"It looks like it's going to make a turn to the north, so we won't get it in full," John-

son said. "That's good for us, because we've seen some rough ones come through here."

Security guard Patrick Bethel said he was thankful there had been no reported casualties and wasn't too worried about what the day would bring: "We just have to see what God will do. God controls the storm."

Joaquin had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph (215 kph), the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. As of 8 a.m. EDT Friday, the storm was located about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north-northeast of Long Island and was moving northwest near 3 mph (6 kph). Hurricane force winds

extended outward up to 50 miles (85 kilometers) and a hurricane watch was in effect for Bimini and Andros Island.

The storm was expected to turn north later Friday as it moves away from the Bahamas overnight, with some weakening expected on Saturday. The National Hurricane Center had the storm tracking farther away from the U.S. East Coast than originally predicted, seeming to ease the threat for a region already suffering flooding and heavy rains from other storms.

Rick Knabb, director of the National Hurricane Center, said Joaquin is expected to pass well offshore from the

eastern seaboard.

"We no longer have any models forecasting the hurricane to come into the East Coast," he said. "But we are still going to have some bad weather."

In addition, the entire East Coast will experience dangerous surf and rip currents through the weekend, he said.

"Joaquin is going to generate a lot of wave energy," Knabb said, adding that Bermuda might issue a tropical storm or hurricane watch, depending on Joaquin's path.

The hurricane has been battering islands including San Salvador, Cat Island and Rum Cay and unleashed

severe flooding on others, including Acklins, where some of the roughly 565 residents were trapped in their homes. Officials also were investigating reports that eight to 10 people were caught by the storm on the normally uninhabited Samana Cays.

The Hurricane Center said parts of the Bahamas could see storm surge raising sea levels 6 to 12 feet (as much as 4 meters) above normal, with 12 to 18 inches (31 to 46 centimeters centimeters) of rain falling in the central Bahamas.

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