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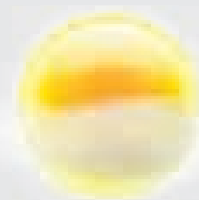
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FALL FEST



Fall Fest at FBC

Hundreds turned out Wednesday night for First Baptist Church's annual Fall Fest. Festival goers enjoyed games and fun inside and outside. Festival planners say this was the first year to bring the festival outdoors and it had an amazing turnout. Above, Thomas Worsham, minister to students sits in the dunking booth as festival goers take a chance at sending him into the water. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



FUNDRAISER

Golf tourney for St. Jude set for Nov. 7

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The Minden Lodge #51 is having its St. Jude Scramble for a Cure golf tourney at 8

a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7.

The 2-man scramble will take place at Pine Hills Country Club and will cost \$150 per team. Included in the entry fee is a lunch catered by Hugh Wood and

a chance to win a shotgun donated by Minden Pawn & Gun.

All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Chil-

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EDUCATION

J.L. Jones robotics club to compete

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Students at J.L. Jones Elementary School are preparing to compete in the third grade division in the Regional Autonomous Robotics Circuit, or RARC, in November.

The robotics club at Jones

- the only elementary school in Webster Parish to have one - will compete in a regional competition at the Bossier Civic Center Saturday, Nov. 14.

Teacher Amanda Greer, robotics coach at the school, says the club puts to use their math and science skills in a

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Students Zoe Lee, Jackson Waller and Baylee Ware of the robotics club at J.L. Jones Elementary work to put together an EV3, a machine that performs simple tasks. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

CITY UTILITIES

City of Minden moves forward with automated meters

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The City of Minden is making the next step towards automated electric and water meters.

In the coming months, the city council will decide whether to grant authority to mayor Tommy Davis to enter into discussion and negotiation with a company to install electronic meters throughout the city.

"We've been talking about that for about two years

now," he said. "In the last couple of months, more than ever, the need has been pointed out by the people who work here in city hall. The meter reading is getting more difficult."

By the time meters are read, processed and billed, some people may be

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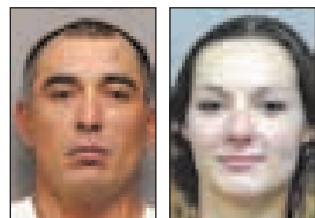
MINDEN CRIME

Fight over drugs ends in two arrests

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A dispute over whether suspected drugs were dropped on the floor in front of two children led to the arrest of a man and his girlfriend.

Michael Brandon Bryant, 35, of the 15,000 block of Highway 80 in Minden, was arrested for possession of Schedule II CDS, fugitive from the Minden Police Department and CDS in the presence of a minor under

**BRYANT WEATHERED**

17. Bond was set at \$10,000. Shay Marie Weathered, 26, of the same address, was arrested for possession of Schedule II CDS and CDS in the presence of a minor

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EDUCATION

College Night is tonight at MHS

STAFF REPORTS

Minden High School and the National Honor Society will sponsor its annual "College Night" at 7 p.m. Thursday for juniors and seniors of Minden, Lakeside, Doyline and Glenbrook.

More than 30 colleges and universities, as well as several military branches and financial institutions will be in attendance. The pro-

gram will include a brief general welcome and introduction of the college representatives, followed by a short presentation by each school about their institution. Following these presentations, students and parents are encouraged to browse and gather information from schools in a attendance.

For more information, contact Alan Shaw at Minden High school by calling 377-2766.

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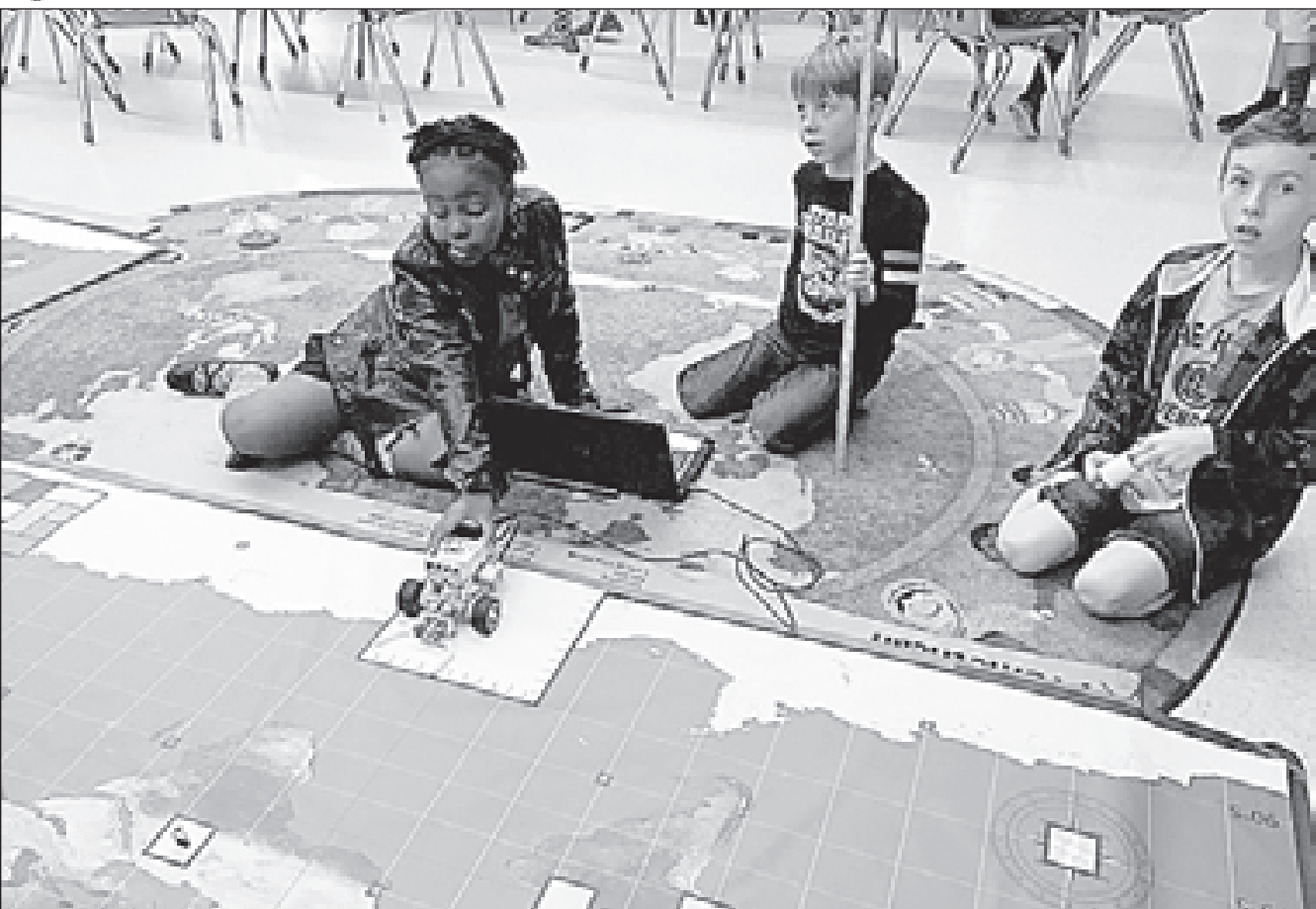
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Students Melodi Frazier, Copeland Cupples and Zane Maxwell plot coordinates to move a machine from "Zimbabwe" to "Antarctica" for repairs and back again. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

JONES

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fun way.

"We started with Lego We Do kits," she said. "They're simple machines, like wheel and axle machines."

Now, they are up to Lego Mindstorm EV3s, which are machines the students can program to perform tasks, she said. For example, the student has to figure out coordinates for the machine to pick up a Lego man from "Zimbabwe" and take a machine to "Antarctica" for repairs and then back again.

The students use measurement, multiplication, division and science skills while developing teamwork skills. Principal Dusty Rowland says this club exposes

the students to technology while learning other skills.

"Robotics is a great way to get kids excited about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) topics," she said. "Studies show that it is highly effective in developing teamwork and self-confidence. One aspect of digital age learning that is essential to prepare students for the evolving 21st century workplace is collaboration."

"We know that there are many talented, intelligent children who, if given the opportunity and exposure, can master technology topics and become our future scientists, engineers and even inventors," she continued. "I want my students at J.L. Jones to have that exposure and opportunity."

The regional competition is a series of three competitions for students from

grades three through 12. The competition, according to the NICERC website, is to allow students to showcase their STEM skills by competing against students in their divisions.

NICERC is a division of the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier Parish.

"The hands-on challenges serve a dual purpose: introduce STEM concepts and its many applications and reinforce STEM fundamentals learned in the classroom," according to the site.

Greer says she's not sure how the students will fare at the competition. This is their first year and they just began the club and preparation for the competition in September. The club meets on Fridays but have been meeting after school twice per week to prepare the students to compete.

"It's a fun way to do math and science," Greer said, adding only 24 slots were open this year. "I feel like next year, more kids will want in (the club)."

Greer started the robotics club after seeing some of the things other schools in neighboring parishes are doing, and she felt it would benefit the students at Jones.

"In Bossier Parish, I think almost all of their elementary schools have a robotics club, and all elementaries have some type of STEM," she said. "I just felt like we needed that. My personal children love robotics, they love Legos, and I just want them to have the same opportunities as another parish would. I hear parents say their kids love robotics club. That makes it worth it."

AROUND THE STATE

State collects \$2.2 million on old auto insurance fines

BATON ROUGE — Officials say the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles has collected about \$2.2 million in penalties since it sent out 1.2 million letters Oct. 13 seeking \$444 million in fines on lapsed auto insurance.

The Advocate reports State Police Superintendent Col. Mike Edmonson, who's in charge of the OMV, said as of Wednesday the agency cleared 29,745 driving records as a

result of the mass mailing.

Edmonson says some 69 percent, or 20,562, of those cases were genuine insurance expirations for which people owed fines, while 31 percent, or 9,183, of the violations were absolved after drivers showed proof they shouldn't have been charged the fee.

He says OMV also refunded \$2,200 to drivers who paid fines in error.

AROUND THE STATE

1 ticket wins Louisiana Easy 5 drawing

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana Lottery officials say ticket won the \$90,000 Easy 5 drawing Wednesday night. It was purchased in Alexandria. The Easy 5 drawing will have an estimated jackpot of \$50,000 Saturday.

There were no jackpot winners Wednesday in the multistate Powerball jackpot or the Louisiana Lotto.

Louisiana Lotto players matching all six numbers drawn would have won or shared a \$350,000 prize, which will rise to an esti-

mated \$375,000 for Saturday.

Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$110 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$127 million for Saturday.

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday were:

Powerball: 04-54-56-62-63, Powerball: 10, Power Play: 2

Lotto: 03-05-11-22-26-38

Easy 5: 17-18-23-29-32

DRUGS

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under 17. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies Joel C. Thomas and Wade Wells responded to the Highway 80 residence in reference to an unwanted person. Upon arrival, the two made contact with Bryant, who, according to reports, stated he and his girlfriend, identified as Weathered, had been "partying" all night.

He also reportedly told the deputies she had purposely dropped a small amount of methamphetamine onto the floor for the children to find. She reportedly told deputies the methamphetamine "just fell there."


A search of the residence turned up no additional narcotics; however, Bryant was reported to have turned over

a folded piece of paper containing suspected methamphetamine.

The two were placed under arrest and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. A hold was

placed on Bryant as a fugitive from MPD.

The two children, ranging in age two to 11 years of age, were left in the care of their grandmother.



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Mary Simms
(Account Executive-Webster Parish, The Coordinating & Development Corporation)
for being named one of
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from The Coordinating & Development Corporation



Minden South Webster Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Greg Lee & Title Sponsor Terry Gardner presents Mary Simms with her 15 Under 40 award.



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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Rubio downplays Bush rivalry, aims at Clinton after debate

SERGIO BUSTOS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio refused to criticize his rival Jeb Bush during a flurry of television interviews Thursday following a strong performance in the third GOP debate. Rubio instead tried to focus attention on his criticisms of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In a testy exchange that was a debate highlight, Rubio seemed to neutralize Bush's call for him to resign his Senate seat because he is missing votes to campaign. "What is it, like a French work week?" Bush volleyed.

Rubio rebuffed him, saying, "My campaign is going to be about the future of America, it's not going to be about

attacking anyone else on this stage."

He said the same Thursday: "My campaign is not going to be about attacking someone else. I'm not running against them. I'm running for president." Rubio told ABC's "Good Morning America" he has admiration for Bush and wants only to discuss policy differences.

Instead, Rubio focused on Clinton in appearances on six television networks. On CBS's "This Morning," Rubio stuck to his claim in the debate that Clinton and other Obama administration officials lied about the 2012 attack on the U.S. mission in

Benghazi, Libya, when she was secretary of state. The attack killed U.S. ambassador Chris Stevens and three others.

"It was clear from the very early moments of that attack that it was not a spontaneous uprising," he said. "It was a planned attack."

"She knew that it was a terrorist attack as she shared (it) by email with various people," said Rubio. "Yet she continued to perpetuate the lie that this was something different."

In fact, the day after the attack, President Barack Obama called it an "act of terror." Clinton, in her testi-

mony last week before a House panel, said the intelligence community was receiving conflicting information in the hours after the attack and she was concerned about demonstrations in capital cities in other countries over an inflammatory video. Clinton also said the suspected Libyan militant accused in the attacks, Ahmed Abu Khattala, has cited the video as a factor.

Rubio's also appeared on NBC's "Today," FOX News, CNBC and CNN.

Rubio chided the news media for "going around saying it was the greatest week in Hillary Clinton's campaign" after her testimony last week. "It was the week she got exposed as a liar," he said.

proposal three, \$350,000 would come from the public works fund and \$1 million from reserves, leaving \$1.65.

"The question is, do we want to do the \$350,000 out of our own pocket or do we finance it?" Fluhr said, adding the \$350,000 is just an estimated figure. "We don't know how high the contingency could be."

Davis says reserves as of Sept. 30, stands at \$15,842,000.

If AquaMetric is chosen, the company will be responsible for the installation of the meters and parts if needed, but the city will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep once installed.

CITY

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getting bills for a 28-day cycle, others a 40-day cycle, Davis said. By going to an automated system, readings are more accurate, the billing cycle is the same every month and a host of other benefits for the city and the customers.

The city received three requests for proposals, one from Utiliworks quoting \$3,777,765, one from HD, quoting \$3,715,952 and the third from AquaMetric out of Texas quoting \$2,640,813. After meeting with the public works department heads for

both water and electric, the company that will be presented for approval is AquaMetric as it seems to better meet the needs of the city, Davis said.

If approved by the council, it will then take four months to install the electronics of the system, the repeater towers, the equipment needed inside city hall and the software for the program. Once that is complete, Davis says it will be up to a year before all the meters are replaced. Until then, meters will be manually read and billing will continue as is.

The council will then have to decide how to fund the cost of the project. City clerk Michael Fluhr estimated \$3 million for the total cost,

with the option of financing it through either the bond commission or Government Capital, a lending company that works with municipalities for funding needs.

"We have figured about \$350,000 on contingencies," Fluhr said, adding the quotes received are what the package would cost.

There are three proposals the council will consider on how to pay for it. The first proposal, he says, is nothing in the budget and nothing pulled from reserves would leave the city financing the full \$3 million. In proposal two, he explained, if the \$3 million is financed, he would put \$350,000 into the budget for contingencies, leaving a total to pay back \$2.65. In

OBITUARIES

Brady Thomas Cox

Funeral services for Mr. Brady Thomas Cox, 28, will be at New Sarepta Baptist Church in Sarepta at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 with the Rev. Marty Wright and the Rev. Scott Teutsch officiating. Interment will follow in Whitehall Cemetery located in Leton. The family will receive friends at the church from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Cox was born Dec. 12, 1986 in Shreveport, to Gary Don and Rebecca Anna Thomas Cox. He entered into rest at his home in Haynesville. Mr. Cox graduated from Minden High School in 2005. Later, he received a degree in instrumentation and was pursuing an additional degree in computer programming. Mr. Cox had worked for Interstate and Rock Tenn as an instrument tech. He enjoyed hiking and the outdoors.

Mr. Cox was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents.

He is survived by his father; girlfriend, Lauren Coker of Evergreen; two sisters, Hilary Hall of Branson, Missouri and Leslie Wilson and husband Jay of Taylor, Arkansas; three nieces, Lauren, Haley and Aubrey; a nephew, Korbin; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many special friends.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Coker, Jeremy Punch, Jamie Lumpkin, Ben Bower, Mike DeSormeaux and Matthew Smith.

In lieu of flowers honoring Mr. Cox, his family suggests memorials be to Susan G. Komen, www.komennwla.org.



COX

Mary Ryan Hedgecock

Funeral services for Mary Ryan Hedgecock were at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 at Hill Crest Memorial Chapel in Haughton with Bro. Billy Pierce officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park with military honors.


Mary was born July 15, 1924 in Fryeburg to Sidney and Rosetta F. Ryan and passed away Oct. 22, 2015 at the age of 91. She served our country honorably in The Women's Army Corps and the United States Air Force both in and out of the United States. She attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. A true patriot! After leaving the military, she worked as a mortgage loan officer in the Bossier and Shreveport area. Following the death of her husband, Sgt. Ralph P. Hedgecock, she moved to Minden for over 15 years before making her home at Town & Country Health and Rehab in Room #13 Magnolia Way.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ralph P. Hedgecock, her parents and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her sisters, Mattie R. Ford of Minden, her children and families, Johnnye Stephens of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, her children and families and sister-in-law, Martha C. Ryan of Minden, her children and families and a host of friends and family members.

Mary was a generous and loving person who loved little children - a big supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriner's Hospital for Children and First United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to these or the donor's choice.



HEDGECOCK



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LaTashia Upton, MD
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OPINION

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PERSPECTIVE

DMV or JBE

Sen. David Vitter got what he wanted.

State Rep. John Bel Edwards got what he wanted.

Louisianians got a run-off in the governor's race between a staunch conservative Republican and a populist Democrat, neither of whom could have prevailed in the general election in November if they had been forced into a showdown with Scott Angelle or Jay Dardenne.

Regardless, the stage has been set for a good old-fashioned slugfest between warring factions in Louisiana, both of which believe their vision for the state is far better than the setting we've lived with for the past eight years under Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Let the fun begin, for it already has, evidenced by Vitter's rather pointed remarks Saturday when he spoke to supporters at his election night get-together in Metairie. Vitter

and true shortly after learning he had turned back a spirited challenge by Angelle, whose 19 percent of the vote wasn't quite enough to catch Team Vitter, which burned through some \$11 million en route to capturing 23 percent of the votes in an election in which only 38 percent of the state's registered voters bothered to cast a ballot in the governor's race. Edwards ran high with 40 percent of the vote, thanks to blacks. Dardenne pulled 15 percent.

In his speech on election night, Vitter made it perfectly clear that the key difference between he and Edwards revolved around one issue. Make that one man: Barack Obama. Edwards and his supporters, including those who erroneously believe the run-off will center on contrasts in policy, had better get used to hearing the president's name. You will hear it ad nauseam. In other words, Vitter will go to great pains to point out that Edwards is an Obamaite who would do for Louisiana what Obama has done for America. Or to America.

The path going forward for Vitter is quite simple. He's got to pull Angelle's voters into his corner and lure moderate Republicans and the like into the fold as well. Convincing the pro-Angelle crowd to join Team Vitter is entirely plausible since polling told us Vitter was the second choice among the bulk of the voters who pulled the lever for Angelle in the primary. Moderates must be led to believe they can't afford the tax increases that are certain to rear their head under a Democrat governor whose core base of support will demand revenge for the beating they've taken with Jindal at the helm.

On the other side of the fence, Edwards must get blacks to the polls in four weeks in an impressive fashion and pull 99 percent of their vote. Meanwhile, he's got to capture one in four white votes, and the only way that's going to happen is if moderate, white voters are convinced Edwards isn't some wild-eyed liberal who's going to tear across the countryside raising taxes to the heavens in order to finance a massive expansion of the welfare state.

The latter is vitally important for Edwards. But before he can even begin to articulate his vision for Louisiana to Louisiana he's got to take the Leftists in his party behind closed doors and tell them to shut their mouths. Forthwith. Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, the chairwoman of the state Democrat Party, in particular, needs a strip of duct tape right across the kisser, for all of her blabbering about instituting a "progressive" tax in Louisiana to create a "more equal" Louisiana will stop Edwards' run-off campaign in its tracks. Let's not forget about her smart aleck remark on the floor of the Senate a couple of years ago about opposition to Obamacare being fueled by racism among whites.

Rest assured, Vitter will remind us of it. And a whole lot more.

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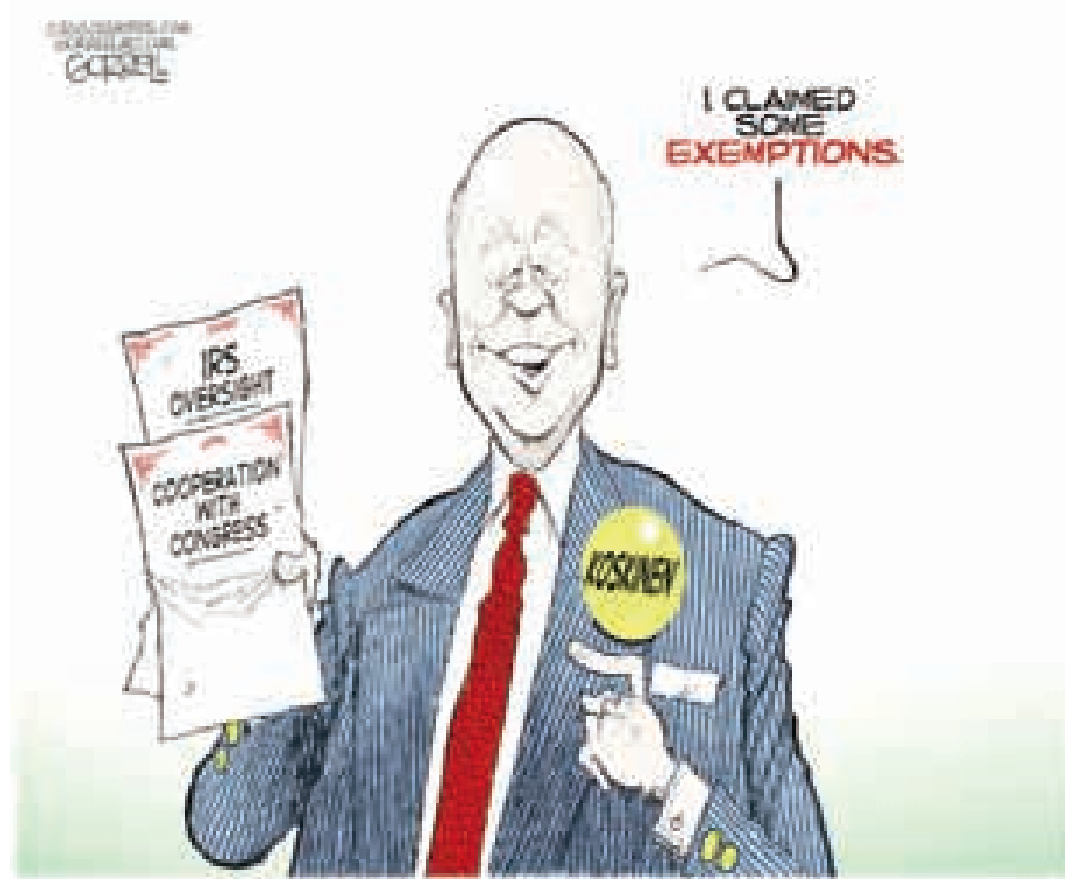
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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

The Montgomery Advertiser on Gov. Jindal's leadership

Louisiana's budget shortfall, one past and others coming due, show the ship of state is listing. Where's the captain of this leaky vessel?

Alas, Gov. Bobby Jindal is journeying over dry land in Iowa these days, continuing his starry-eyed quest for the White House. The guy will try anything to stay in public housing.

In Iowa, he pitches the notion he's balanced eight consecutive state budgets. In Louisiana, people know that fable's shaky foundation.

State Treasurer John N. Kennedy said he has not seen the administration's final accounting for Fiscal Year 2015, which ended in June. Through "the back door," he said, he's been told expenses outweighed revenues by \$117 million last year. If true, that means we started fiscal 2016 that deep in the hole. It only gets worse.

Kennedy says for this year's budget he's projecting a shortfall of \$200-\$300 million. Fiscal 2017 may be worse: The

projection is a \$700 million deficit.

Trouble rests in the price of oil, which lingers in the mid-\$40 per barrel range. The budget was crafted on the fond hope that oil would average \$62 a barrel in fiscal 2016 and the state would collect severance tax revenues based on that. But \$62 a barrel was a pipe dream, \$40 doldrums the reality. With state revenues now lagging, our finances are sagging.

"It's clear to me that we are going to have a deficit this year," Kennedy said.

That should have been clear to the governor, too, even as his administration spun its own shoddy budget fabric last spring and as he planned his presidential campaign. Fiscal '16's first quarter bared these truths: income tax growth is down, while budget writers had projected an increase; employment growth lags; public sector growth is down. Louisiana's budget outlook is grim.

Neither Jindal nor state

lawmakers should be shocked. They passed this budget not with confidence but with a lot of knowing winks. All along, Baton Rouge insiders assumed the next governor would call a special session in January to deal with this budget's grim realities.

Here's a grim reality: As days slide by, stakes get higher for higher education, which enjoys no constitutional protection from cuts when budgets go south. If we wait until January to cut spending, cuts may steepen.

Kennedy says Jindal ought to come home now and deal with the trouble, not leave it for his successor. Only the governor can set into the motion mechanisms for wrangling with this budget; Jindal has legal and moral responsibilities to do it, Kennedy says.

Iowans won't miss him. Most don't know he's there. Bored though he may be with his day job, duty calls. In Baton Rouge, at least, Jindal still has a chance to lead.

PERSPECTIVE

How much 'free speech' can you buy?

In today's so-called "democratic" election process, Big Money doesn't talk, it roars — usually drowning out the people's voice.

Bizarrely, the Supreme Court decreed in its 2010 Citizens United ruling that money is a form of "free speech." Thus, declared the learned justices, people and corporations are henceforth allowed to spend unlimited sums of their money to "speak" in election campaigns. But wait — if political speech is measured by money then by definition speech is not free. It can be bought, thereby giving the most speech to the few with the most money. That's plutocracy, not democracy.

Sure enough, in the first six months of this presidential election cycle, more than half of the record-setting \$300 million given to the various candidates came from only 358 mega-rich families and the corporations they control. The top 158 of them totaled \$176 million in political spending, meaning that, on average, each one of them bought more than a million dollars' worth of "free" speech.

Nearly all of their money is backing Republican presidential hopefuls who promise: (1) to cut taxes on the rich; (2) cut regulations that protect us from corporate pollution and other abuses of the common good; and (3) to cut Social Security, food stamps and other safety-net programs that we un-rich people need. The great majority of Americans adamantly oppose all of those cuts — but none of us has a million bucks to buy an equivalent amount of political "free" speech.

It's not just cuts to taxes, regulations and some good public programs that are endangered by the Court's ridiculous ruling, but democracy itself. That's why a new poll by Bloomberg Politics found that 78 percent of the American people — including 80 percent of Republicans — want to overturn Citizens United. But those 358 families, corporations and Big Money politicians will have none of it. In fact, America's inane, Big Money politics have become so prevalent in this election cycle that — believe it or not — candidates have found a need for yet another campaign consultant.

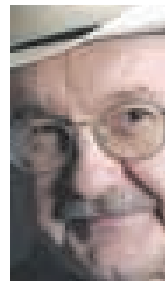
Already, candidates are walled off from people, reality and any honesty about themselves by a battalion of highly specialized consultants controlling everything from stances to hairstyle.

But now comes a whole new category of staff to add to the menagerie: "donor maintenance manager."

The Supreme Court's malevolent Citizens United decision has produced an insidious platinum class of mega-donors and corporate super PACs, each pumping \$500,000, \$5 million, \$50 million — or even more — into campaigns. These elites are not silent donors, but boisterous, very special interests who are playing in the new, Court-created political money game for their own gain. Having paid to play, they feel entitled to tell candidates what to say and do, what to support and oppose. A Jeb Bush insider confirms that mega-donors have this attitude: "Donors consider a contribution like, 'Well, wait, I just invested in you. Now I need to have my say; you need to answer to me.'"

Thus, campaigns are assigning donor maintenance managers to be personal concierges to meet every need and whim of these special ones. This subservience institutionalizes the plutocratic corruption of our democratic elections, allowing a handful of super-rich interests to buy positions of overbearing influence directly inside campaigns.

Donors at the million-dollar-and-up level are expecting much more than a tote bag for their "generous gifts" of "free speech." Of course, candidates piously proclaim, "I'm not for sale." But politicians are just the delivery service. The actual products being bought through the Supreme Court's Money-O-Rama political bazaar are our government's policies, tax breaks and other goodies — as well as the integrity of America's democratic process. To help fight the injustice of the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling and get Big Money out of our political system, go to www.FreeSpeechForPeople.org.



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Around Town

Oct. 28-30

Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 4th Annual Youth Explosion at 7:00 PM, nightly. Guest Speaker will be Elder Paul Gatlin of Emmanuel COGIC in Opelousas, LA. If any youths, are interested in performing contact Shyerikia Thompson at 318-458-5292.

Oct. 30

Town and Country Health and Rehab's Fall Festival will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be carnival games and prizes.

Oct. 31

Glenbrook School's Fall Festival will be from 3 until 5 p.m. Admission is free. Fun, food and prizes.

North Acres Baptist Church Trunk or Treat event will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Activities include games and food, as well as a cake walk.

Cedar Hill Animal Rescue is having Howl-O-Ween from 1 until 8 p.m. Saturday at K-9 Couture, located at 415 Meadowview Drive. There will be games, face-painting, a costume contest for dogs and kids, food, treats and prizes. Entry fee is \$10 for each participant in the costume contest. The contest will begin at 5 p.m., with lineup at 4:30. Games and food tickets will be sold at the door, with all proceeds going to expenses to care for homeless animals. Due to weather conditions, the event will be indoors.

Nov. 1

Miss Minden pageant registration and meet and greet will be from 1 until 3 p.m. at Her's Bridal, located at 728 Main Street. Sponsored by the Young Women's Service Club, the event is for interested contestants and their parents to find out more about the Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be Dec. 5.

Nov. 3

Tickets are on sale now for the Hannah McFarland Scholarship Fundraiser Benefit. Dinner will be red beans and rice, catered by Bon Temps. Plates are \$9 each. The Young Women's Service Club is sponsoring the event at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church on Germantown Road. Drive-through or pick-up from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Pick up location will be on the ticket.

Nov. 7

Central Community Association's prayer breakfast to honor veterans will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Community Center. Veterans with ID eat free, cost to the public is \$8 per adult/ \$5 per child (ages 10 and below). To register to attend call by Oct. 29. For more information on registering contact Shelia Hunter (318-518-4790), Kim Doyle (318-707-1102) or Jeanette Williams (318-820-3488).

Glenbrook School 4-H pumpkin contest



The elementary 4-H members of Glenbrook School recently held a pumpkin decorating contest. The winners were, first place , Sophie Spillers with her "Nemo" pumpkin, second place, Maddie White with "Miss Piggy" and third place, Laney Mercer with "Minion."

MAR-C Industries is raffling off a 65-quart Yeti cooler to help raise funds for a down payment to purchase a van to help with transporting their workers. The drawing is Nov. 10 and tickets are \$10. Call 377-4774 to purchase tickets. You do not have to be present to win.

Parent university

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MLB

Cueto's two-hitter puts Royals up 2-0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Following the final out, after Johnny Cueto completed his two-hitter, several hundred fans remained in Kauffman Stadium, wanting one more look at the Kansas City Royals.

The next time they see Eric Hosmer and his teammates may be in a parade.

After smothering the Mets 7-1 Wednesday night with Cueto and their pesky offense, the Royals have a 2-0 World Series lead and can capture their first title since 1985 when play resumes at New York's Citi Field this weekend.

Rather than look ahead and anticipate a celebration, Hosmer thought back to Kansas City's crushing seven-game loss to the Giants in 2014.

"There's still a lot of work yet to do," he said. "Last year we took a 2-1 lead in San Francisco and were feeling pretty good about ourselves."

Kansas City wore down Jacob deGrom with persistence and prowess, then pounced. Hosmer hit a tiebreaking, two-run single with two outs in a four-run fifth inning that included 14 foul balls.

Nineteen hours after Hosmer's sacrifice fly won a 14-inning thriller, Cueto varied his delivery with occasional quick pitches and kept the Mets off balance. An excited crowd stood on its feet for long stretches to cheer on the rainy night. Some fans wore wigs resembling Cueto's long, dark dreadlocks — including the Royals' mascot, Sluggerrr.

NBA

T'wolves top Lakers, 112-111

LOS ANGELES — With heavy hearts and occupied minds, the Minnesota Timberwolves hung on to win one for Flip.

Ricky Rubio had a career-high 28 points and 14 assists and the Timberwolves rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second half to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 112-111 Wednesday night in their first game since Flip Saunders' death.

When Lou Williams somehow missed a 4-foot runner at the buzzer, Minnesota hugged and celebrated a fortunate break in a cathartic victory. Kevin Martin scored 23 points for the Timberwolves three days after they lost Saunders, the longtime coach and team president who battled Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"I think we had a little help today," Rubio said. "It's been a tough week. It's hard to explain. Everybody went through a lot of pain. But even though Flip's gone, he will stay with us forever."

Saunders' recent death and a pregame moment of silence put both teams in a somber mood in their season opener. Both wore warmup shirts honoring the coach. The Timberwolves' shirts bore the slogan "WE," while the Lakers' said "FLIP."

Minnesota led 111-102 with 2:11 left, but the Lakers finished on a 9-1 run. Williams hit a 3-pointer with 31 seconds left to trim Minnesota's lead to one point. Martin missed a jumper before Williams missed his leaver.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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SPRINGHILL — The North Webster Knights have an opportunity to wrap up the 1-3A district championship Friday with a win over the visiting Green Oaks Giants.

North Webster head coach John Ware said his team is focused and ready to roll ahead of the big showdown.

"This is for the district championship," Ware said. "It ought to be a good one. Playing this time of year is just exciting. I don't know if our fans are aware of the magnitude of this game, but we're playing for something this week and that's always fun."

Green Oaks has had an up-and-down 2015 season, partially due to a schedule no team would envy.

"They have the highest strength of schedule in the state in our class," Ware said. "That means they've been in tough

competition and they know how to handle it. They have athletes and when they get them in space that's worrisome."

The Knights will have to contain Green Oaks' wide open spread attack.

"The quarterback is a three-year starter who can run and pass," Ware said. "He can throw it as far as he needs to. The running back is a real good back and they have No. 14 at receiver who can go."

The Knights will counter with their physical running game.

"We want to control the clock on offense," Ware said. "If we can control the line of scrimmage we feel like we'll win. That's what base everything off of is our ability to run inside. Everything else plays off that."



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Young hunters racking up early in season



Left, Charlotte "Allie" Edwards, age 10, killed her first deer with her dad, Harper Edwards, on private land Tuesday, October 27. Right, Connor Williams, age 8, poses with his first buck, a six-point killed on his first hunt. Courtesy Photos



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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Bryant close to returning



IRVING, Texas — Dez Bryant could be back in the lineup against Seattle after missing five games with a broken right foot.

If Dallas' All-Pro receiver does return, it will be alongside a new starting running back in Darren McFadden as the Cowboys try to figure out a way to win without quarterback Tony Romo.

Bryant practiced for the first time in almost seven weeks Wednesday, although he was limited. He was injured in the opener against the Giants, and Romo went down a week later with a broken left collarbone.

The Cowboys (2-4) haven't won in the four games since, and now get the defending NFC champion Seahawks (3-4) on Sunday before a visit from NFC East rival Philadelphia in consecutive home games.

Dallas center Travis Frederick noticed a difference on the practice field in Bryant's first real work since Sept. 11, two days before the

injury. He's been at practice since the bye two weeks ago, but only for conditioning work on the side.

"He sets a great example," Frederick said. "He's one of those guys. You talk about Jason Witten. And you talk about Tony Romo. He's one of those guys that sets an example for everybody else throughout the day and throughout the week."

Bryant's absence is the longest of his six-year career, surpassing the four games he missed with a broken ankle at the end of his rookie season in 2010. Last year's NFL leader in touchdown catches wasn't available in the locker room when it was open to reporters Wednesday.

"I think the other guys have rallied around really well in his absence," coach Jason Garrett said. "But to get him back, just on the practice field and certainly once the game starts, will make a big difference to our football team. There's no question in my mind about

that."

Matt Cassel will make his second start in place of Romo after Brandon Weeden went 0-3 filling in for the franchise leader in yards passing and touchdown passes. Cassel had more success throwing downfield to wide receivers than Weeden, although he had three interceptions in a 27-20 loss to the Giants.

"He's getting to know me and I'm getting to know him, just like all these guys," said Cassel, who came in a trade with Buffalo after Romo's injury. "Every little bit helps because we get into my second week really running the offense."

McFadden had 29 carries for 152 yards after Joseph Randle left with a back injury following his second carry against New York. It was the most yards for McFadden since he had 171 in 2011 with Oakland, which drafted him fourth overall in 2008.

Garrett said McFadden would be the starter this week after Randle had that role in the first six games.

"I've just been wanting to go out there and show it to everybody," McFadden said. "Because I know what I can do and I know what I'm capable of doing."



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ALONG THE WAY

Welcome to the fall fest

Tailgate parties are popular this season. To some, this is more important than the football game itself! We know some folks who 'wouldn't miss the tailgate party...then go home to watch the game on TV.' Pig Roasts are popular in the Midwest. We attended them in our neighborhood in rural Illinois. We did not know what to expect though. It was a large community get-together. We



BILL CRIDER

were doing well until we rounded the house where the "spit" was... with the rotating pig over the flame. Backed up close to the action was a pick-up with a large keg of beer for 'anyone'. And few refused it. That was evident by the time we sat down to put elbows on the table. The feast had long begun before we arrived – we learned by observation. Education 101 had begun.

Cook-outs, hot-dog roasting, graduation and wedding feast and celebrations are enjoyed across the land. We are all accustomed to 'feast' and its' meaning. The Biblical term might be near the same as we define it today. Webster's definition is: Lat.(festum –joyous). 1) a periodic religious festival commemorating an event or honoring a deity, event, or person. 2) a large elaborate meal for many people (sometimes) with entertainment. The first feast mentioned in the Bible (Gen 19:3)...Lot entertained the angels who visited him in Sodom. In Gen 21:8 Abraham gave a great

feast in honor of young Isaac the day "upon which he was weaned." There are many others mentioned in the Bible, but those feasts in the wilderness (Ex, Lev, Deut) refer to festivals of 'the Lord', of worship and remembrances. A special banquet was held in honor of Esther when she became the queen of King Xerxes. The Lord was putting her into a position to 'save His people from extermination while in exile in Babylon. (It was the beginning of a very heroic effort on the part of Esther). In the Gospels there are many references to feasts and banquets. The feast usually cen-

tered around the Jewish religious celebrations (Passover, Tabernacle, Unleavened Bread, etc). But there were other banquet-type meal or celebrations mentioned: (Wedding in Cana –John 2; Levi made a great feast and invited Jesus as the honored guest – Luke 5; Jesus attending the Feast of Tabernacles – John 7. The return of the Prodigal Son –Luke 15 are but a few). One of the most serene pictures of a banquet-type setting is found in Psalm 23:5 (Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup run-

neth over). Every day we have a banquet feast before us. God is supplying us with this special blessing. As we begin each day, or as we end it....we can feast with God as He feeds us that 'Living Water, Bread of Life, Manna from above, the very Word of the Lord'all created to sustain us from the wiles of this life, the hazards of daily living, the wear and tear of aging and ill health. This all is just a foretaste of that which is to come...the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. (Rev 19:9 &17). As Jerry Clower would say, "we ain't seen nothing yet." Truly, the best is yet to be!

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Relevant Ephesus message

We don't really know how John was able to send his messages to the seven churches, but no doubt he found someone willing to make the delivery. From the small Island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea it was about 50 miles to Ephesus, the first church mentioned and the largest city in Asia Minor estimated to have reached a population greater than 200,000! Imagine the church messenger reading the following letter to the congregation in Ephesus. "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These



KATHY IRIZARRY

things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from

whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" Revelation 2:1-7. The word translated "angel" means messenger and can be either human or celestial depending on context. Revelation 1:20 reads, "The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks

which thou sawest are the seven churches". Many commentators believe that the word here translated "angels" is a reference to leaders in the churches who would be the ones to share the letters with their congregation. Jesus presents Himself to Ephesus as being in their midst and holding those designated messengers in His hand. What a comfort that He is right here with us! Jesus expressed His

awareness of the churches' faithfulness to right in the face of evil influences, and their untiring labor for the cause. But a major flaw that would be fatal if not corrected was the loss of their first love. We run the same risk. They had gotten so busy for Jesus that they forgot to be with Him.

Jesus provided the remedy – remember and repent. They were to do the things they used to do, to recapture

the love spark, that intimacy with the Savior. In doing this they could rightly claim the promise of eating of the tree of life in the paradise of God. As students of the scriptures, they knew about the tree of life in Eden. Oh, to have it restored in God's paradise. This was something they could eagerly anticipate, and so can we.

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

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

Surrender our all

When we make up our minds to surrender to God, we have to allow Him to do a work in us, so we can become all He wants us to be. Isaiah 64:8, "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." We have to allow God to shape us and mold us as He sees fit. Only God can change the shape of our clay, thereby molding the vessel into the shape of the design that He desires. God mends the flaws and weaknesses. There are times we get off track and we allow some of the "old man" to rise up. He has to put us back on the wheel to shape and mold us all over again. Romans 9:20-21 "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the



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same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?" In other words, man tries to find fault with God and wants to blame God for his predicaments. Verse 21 says he has not the potter power over the clay,, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? God has the power to make it possible for man to choose honor or dishonor. The fault is with us, never with God. God is not the blame because He gives man the power of choice and man chooses the way of dishonor. We have to allow God us use the fire to burn things out of us before the refreshing of the rain can come. If the refreshing of the rain comes before God can burn out of us what's in us, it would put out the fire. No it does not always feel good, but it's good for us. When we surrender to

God, we need to sell totally out to Him, and give Him our all. James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." Without a proper knowledge of the cross regarding the sanctification of the saint, it is impossible for the believer to live a victorious Christian life. If we stop trying to do things in the flesh and allow the power of God to take control of our lives, we will experience the things He wants to do in our lives. We can only experience what He wants when we surrender to Him. He tells us in James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." We don't have to try and make a name for ourselves or make something happen, because we have the power of God's presence. Many can be delivered, healed and made whole when we surrender to God. He makes us what He wants us to be when we surrender our all.

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The Altruistic Brain

Current brain imaging technology reveals that people who are extremely altruistic have amygdalas which are extremely sensitive to the plight of others, becoming active when they see someone in distress.

The amygdala operates as a kind of “emotional radar,” warning us to pay attention when there is a potential emergency and prodding us to act. Altruists, it turns out, are naturally empathetic. The world is a better place because some people have an emotional radar system for the plight of others. These are the folks who will automatically run up to the child who has fallen off of her bike to see if she is alright, or who will stop when they see a car wreck to render assistance, and these people are even more sensitive to others’ facial expressions. Psychopaths, on the other hand, react to others’ distress with relative calm, and research has shown that their amygdalas are smaller and less active in situations which call for empathy. Perhaps we will soon find out whether it is possible to inculcate more altruistic behavior through early learning, because the world certainly needs more altruists and fewer psychopaths. –

- Christopher Simon



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Apple TV brings iPhone-like apps to the big screen

NEW YORK — It turns out that Apple's streaming-TV box — aptly named Apple TV — isn't just for streaming anymore. Its latest incarnation, which ships this week, offers on the big screen just about anything you could previously only do on an iPhone or iPad.

Whether that's good may depend on whether you really want to buy shoes, browse home listings or read comic books on your TV. The new Apple TV looks to be a capable device for those purposes, although it's not flawless. Its streaming-TV features also trump those of its predecessor.

The new Apple TV will set you back \$149, or \$199 for a version with extra storage. Apple will still sell the old version for \$69. Neither requires an iPhone or iPad, although either iDevice can simplify the Apple TV setup process.

THE BASICS

Apple TV has been a dependable streamer, but until now its repertoire was limited to a few dozen services. Sure, these included Netflix, Hulu and HBO. But Apple didn't let you add other channels — say, competitive videogame play from Twitch.tv — on your own.

That's all changed. The new Apple TV features an iPhone-like app store that lets you choose your own streaming services. And it's no longer pushy about steering you to iTunes and other Apple services. You can easily customize the home screen with your favorites.

Video quality on the new Apple TV maxes out at full high definition, known technically as 1080p. That should be plenty for most people. Video enthusiasts may complain that it doesn't support a higher-quality video standard called ultra-high definition or 4K, as several other streaming boxes do. But there aren't many 4K TVs or much programming for them



available yet.

The Apple TV remote doesn't have a headphone jack, which other streaming devices like the Roku 3 and 4 and the Nvidia Shield offer to spare your family and roommates late at night. Instead, Apple TV supports Bluetooth wireless headphones. Although you need to buy those separately, I prefer them because it can be tricky doing chores with a remote dangling from your headphone cords.

It's not yet clear whether you'll be able to stream video from Amazon and Google Play. Both companies have competing video stores, and one sticking point could be

the cut Apple takes on in-app digital sales. Other major services, including Google's YouTube, are expected on the Apple TV.

INNOVATIONS

The new Apple TV enables voice searches using the Siri virtual assistant. Request "Seinfeld" or Jennifer Lawrence, and Apple TV will look through catalogs for iTunes, Hulu, Netflix, HBO and Showtime, with more to come. You can even ask for "good documentaries to watch."

Although similar capabilities are available on other devices, Apple TV goes further in a few ways:

— The remote replaces

traditional rewind and forward buttons with a laptop-style trackpad. By sliding left and right, you control playback and navigate the on-screen keyboard more quickly. Sliding down gets you settings and show details, when available. The remote also lets you control the TV's power and volume directly, something I've seen only with TiVo video players.

— You can control playback by asking Siri to rewind 45 seconds or jump ahead five minutes, though some services won't let you forward past commercials. Saying "What did she say?" will rewind video 15 seconds and briefly turn on closed cap-

tioning, when available. It works fully with iTunes for now, but the closed-captioning part doesn't work with all third-party services yet.

— You can ask Siri for a specific episode, such as the "How I Met Your Mother" episode with Katie Holmes. Guest stars tend to trip up rival devices.

BEYOND STREAMING

Siri offers weather, stocks and sports information. It was great for tracking Tuesday's World Series opener without watching the game. This feature isn't unique to Apple TV, but unlike the competition, Apple TV feeds you info without interrupting

your video by sliding up results from the bottom of the screen.

I had to rephrase or repeat my questions a few times, especially if I was speaking quickly. As long as I enunciated clearly, results were mostly satisfactory. Apple TV's version of Siri, however, won't handle general Web searches.

Apple TV catches up with rivals in enabling games. The remote has sensors that let you navigate spaceships and swing baseball bats by moving it around. But a bigger potential lies in bringing other apps to the big screen.

You can browse home to buy through Zillow and places to stay on vacation through Airbnb. Images on the big TV gave me a better sense of these properties than phone browsing would. You can also shop through Gilt and QVC.

ROOM TO GROW

Apple still needs to persuade developers to make more apps that really exploit the larger, and often shared, TV screen. Many of the apps now available are limited to one user profile or account, making them difficult for others to use.

It would also be nice for Apple TV to work better with payment services. You can easily buy videos and games with your iTunes account, but non-digital products are another story. Airbnb, for instance, will let you "favorite" places to stay, but you'll need a phone or computer to book a room. It's not exactly the relaxed, couch-potato experience you expect from TV.

Generally speaking, though, the new Apple TV has taken an important first step into a broader world. Plenty of devices do video and games well. With a new range of non-streaming apps, Apple has an opportunity to do much more than that.

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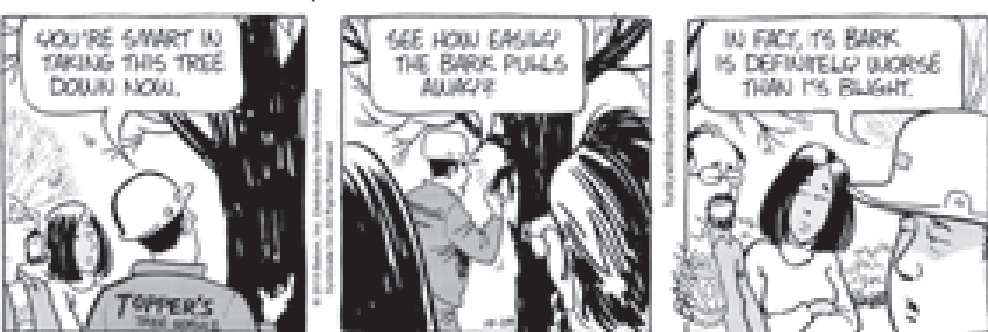
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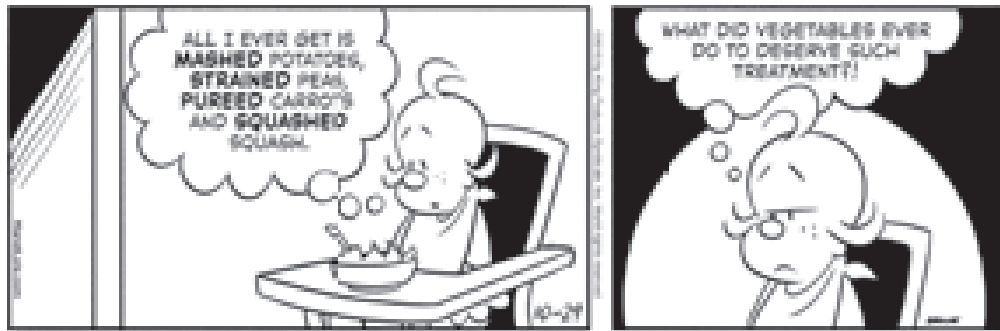
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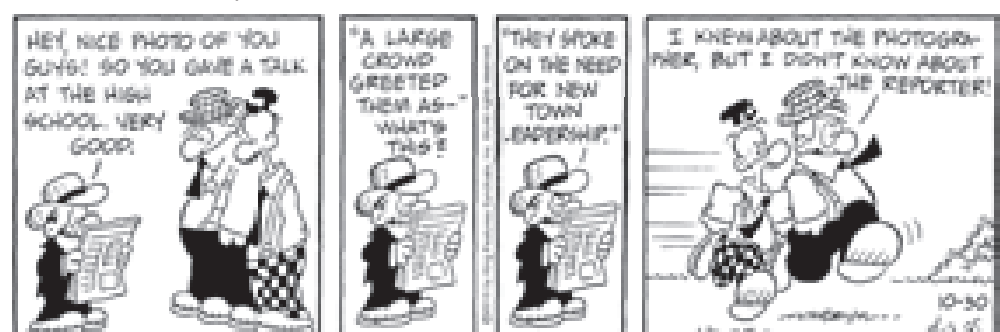
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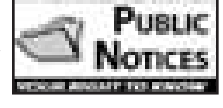
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Minden Planning Commission Meeting

****November 12, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pelican Conference Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Lend Lease (option holder) for a zoning variance on property owned by D & D Botzong Holdings LLC located at 1200 Davenport Drive. This property is zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

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1 Raced	tree		1 Design	Wrong
5 He gives a hoot?	creature		2 Bosc,	24 Wicked
8 Old TV hookups	cleaner's concerns		3 Online	25 Yoko of Tokyo
12 Tennis ace	45 Carved tribal poles		crafts store	26 Abner's home
13 PBS funder	49 Pillboxes, e.g.		4 Very much	28 One, to Sartre
14 "We're in trouble!"	50 — tree (stuck)		5 Coffee order	29 With attention to particulars
15 Simplicity	52 — -Picone (fashion label)		6 "Scream" director	30 Bruins legend
16 Sixth sense (Abbr.)	53 Curve		7 Track circuits	31 "Golly!"
17 Long ride?	54 Luau gift		8 Amplifier knob	36 Country star Year-wood
18 Burial vaults	55 Nevada city		9 Spicy stadium frank	37 Charged particle
20 Emulate Rodin	56 A couple of laughs?		10 Frolic	38 Cove critters
22 Slugger Gehrig	57 Web address		11 Vodka serving	41 Thumbs-down
23 Brest pal	58 Plethora		19 Gift-tag word	42 Iranian leader, once
24 Physique				43 Skater Lipinski
27 Canine trained to lead				44 "Star Trek" helmsman
32 Year (Sp.)				46 Daring Knievel
33 Raggedy doll				47 Leo's locks
34 Raw rock				48 Winter coat?
35 Totally exhausted				51 — diem
38 Fairy-tale brute				
39 Expert				

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