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**Denham Springs** resident Kaye **Covington** s appearance on the Price is Right game show was scheduled to air Tuesday morning, Sept. 18, but was bumped off the air by the around-the-clock coverage of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Her appearance has been rescheduled for this Tuesday. The show can be seen locally on CBS affiliate WAFB.



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# Taylor adds hundreds of businesses to tax rolls for first time

Tax notices will go out on time this year and those who should have been paying in the past will have to pay their fair share this year, the new assessor says.

#### BY MIKE DOWTY THE NEWS

LIVINGSTON — Just over one year after taking office, Assessor Jeff Taylor says he has added 350 businesses to the tax rolls and predicts efforts to identify property owners will add even more taxpayers in coming years.

Only 66 were actually new businesses that just opened this year, he said. The rest should have been on the rolls all

along. The net effect should be to reduce the tax burden on people who have been unfairly carrying the load, Taylor said.

"When they give you this song and dance about how our taxes are too high because there's not enough business in Livingston Parish, that's not true,' Taylor said. "It's because too many businesses are not on the rolls."

Taylor said he discovered after tak-

ing over the office from former asessor Charles Abels that many businesses were not on the rolls.

"I have a little problem figuring out how that can happen," Taylor said.

As a result of growth in the parish and his office's efforts to ferret out property owners who should be on the rolls, Taylor said Livingston Parish will pick up an additional \$15 million in assessed See TAYLOR, Page B2





Mark Lawrence stands with the 40-foot by 15-foot American flag he painted in his yard as a symbol of support for the country in the days following the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11. With the

tremendous run on American flags and flag-related products in the last few days, Lawrence said he decided he would rather make his own than try to find one.

## Resident paints U.S. flag on front lawn

THE NEWS DENHAM SPRINGS -

BY BRIAN GANN Pennsylvania. His reasoning was simple—to show support.

Highway 16 just past Vincent patriotism all over surprised Acres subdivision near Port him. Vincent.

'I was kind of shocked at how

seat Remap alters Legislature **BY BRIAN GANN** THE NEWS

LIVINGSTON — The proposed House redistricting plan will give Livingston Parish two majority seats if it is approved by the Legislature during their special session in October.

If the proposal laid out by the House subcommittee passes, a total of four representatives will have portions of the parish in their districts, down from seven in the current alignment.

The proposed new Livingston Parish district will have no incumbent and will be made up

almost entirely of the southern

half of the parish, extending

down into a portion of

slight majority, making up 60

Livingston Parish will hold a

#### **VQUOTABLE**

*When the rock* is hard, we get barder than the rock. When the job is tough, we get tougher than the job.'

#### George Cullem, Sr. U.S. football coach (1908 - 1973)

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Parish resident Mark Lawrence wanted to make a big statement about his support for the United States in its time of crisis in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist

attacks. To do so, he decided to make a

big flag.

Lawrence painted an approximately 40-foot by 15-foot American flag in his yard in the days immediately following the attacks on New York City, Washington, D.C. and

"I wanted to do something special," Lawrence said. "I wanted it to be something different than what anybody else had done. I wanted to show that I supported the country."

With the tremendous run on American flags and flag-related products in the last few days, Lawrence said he decided he would rather make his own than try to find one.

It took him about two days to paint the flag in his yard on

He has had a few passers-by stop and look or slow on the highway—mostly truckers, he said, who are sitting higher and can see it better.

Lawrence said he did not know anyone involved in the attacks, but he felt connected to the situation after serving in the Army from 1984-86.

"I watched it all unfold on TV live," he said. "It was a horrible thing to see."

Lawrence said the show of

people have responded," he said. "I've seen American flags go up in places I've never seen flags before. It's good to see the American spirit coming back."

Lawrence will continue to be affected by the attacks in one of his jobs as well. As a marshal for LSU football games, he will be responsible for helping enforce the heightened security standards that will certainly be a part of large public gatherings for some time to come.

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Ascension Parish.



BY NATALIE TRUAX THE NEWS

LIVINGSTON — The School Board meeting began with a moment of silence Thursday as board members remembered the victims of last week's terrorist attack on America.

"Let's have a moment of silence for the acts in New York and the upcoming events that our nation will face," Board

President Malcolm Sibley said.

Superintendent Warren Curtis said the school system banded together during the last week to remember the tragic events that occurred Sept. 11.

"I appreciate the effort of the employees of the school system to put aside all the little things and focus on the events of last week," Curtis said.

Curtis said prayers and

memorial services were part of pre-game ceremonies at high school football games throughout the parish last Friday. Teachers have also spent some class time discussing the events with students, Curtis said.

Employees at the Central Office have also remembered the victims, Curtis said. All 150 employees had a memorial service last Friday and Fred Banks

conducted a service before the principal's meeting Wednesday afternoon, Curtis said.

After voting to suspend regular meeting rules as requested by Curtis, board members unanimously approved a resolution asking the Livingston Parish legislative delegation to petition Gov. Mike Foster to consider the restoration of the funds for

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percent of the 41,510 people in the district. Livingston will have 24,937 residents in the district, and Ascension will have The District 71 seat currently held by Rep. Dale Erdey (R-Livingston), will take in all of the Denham Springs area from the Amite River east and

extend past the town of Livingston, also carrying the Frost area. Total population in Erdey's district will be 42,802, which would make it the fourth-largest district in the state

Rep. Tony Perkins' (R-Baker) district, District 64, will include the Watson and north Livingston areas, with Livingston Parish residents totaling 18,619 in a district of

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## **Ground Zero: Denham native describes aftermath**

Fayard returns to work, new world

#### BY BRIAN GANN

THE NEWS NEW YORK CITY — The trip was essentially the same, but the emotion behind the first day back to work for Denham Springs native Caroline Fayard was completely different.

"Stepping off the subway, the first thing I noticed was the smell, which was terrible," Fayard said of returning to 1 New York Plaza Monday. "As you walked out, everywhere you saw barricades, uniformed police officers on all the sidewalks.



building.' Caroline Fayard

Fayard, an investment

banker at Goldman Sachs in New York, saw the second plane fly over her building at 1 New York Plaza and into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

After fleeing down 50 flights of steps that terrible Tuesday, Fayard returned to the top of the building Monday where she sat frozen as tragedy and terror-

'It was so odd to "The most look out and you t h e know those towers are supposed to be there, but they're not.'

#### **Caroline Fayard** New York City survivor

ism hit New York City so strongly just a week before.

She returned to her desk to

find everything just as it was the e-mail she was reading Tuesday still open on her computer, her purse with all her money and identification still tucked away in its place.

"It was like time had stopped," Fayard said. "Stepping back in was surreal, like starting right back at the moment you stopped, but everything in between had changed you forev-

Fayard and her friends now talk of life as before the World Trade Center and after, giving their lives what she described as a "demarcation point."

Returning to that life was not so simple. Fayard had to show an expired driver's license and sign in just to get back to her

office because her work and other identification was still at her desk.

Security is as tight as anyone has ever seen, Fayard said, a situation that seems unlikely to change anytime soon.

"I doubt cars will ever drive down Wall Street again," she said. "I think a lot of people are examining everything, saying 'Is this really all that safe?' But I guess that's natural after what's happened."

Once on the 50th floor and in her office, Fayard could not help but look out the huge windows that make up the wall facing where the World Trade Center towers used to be, where she saw the plane go in.

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### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Carl Broussard** </b>

Carl James "Cat" Broussard Sr. died at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, in Baton Rouge. He was 80, a resident of Port Vincent and native of Prairieville. He was a retired process technician supervisor with Kleinpeter Dairy. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Visitation was at Ourso Funeral Home, Gonzales, on Thursday. Religious services were at St. William's Catholic Church, Port Vincent, on Friday, conducted by Deacon Jimmy Little. Interment was in the church cemetery. He is survived by his wife of 59 and 1/2 years, Regina Dupuy Broussard, Port Vincent; three daughters, Joyce Kramer Moran and Charlene Broussard, both of Port Vincent, and Betty LaBourgeois, Whitehall; two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl J. Broussard Jr. and Diane Kyes, Gonzales, and Kenneth "Ken" and Elsie Broussard, Prairieville; three sisters, Magaline Cowart, Albany, and Ruby Chaney and Gaynell Knippers, both of Baton Rouge; five brothers, Rufus Broussard, Alexandria, Pearlie Broussard, Prairieville, Louis Broussard, Gonzales, Oakley Broussard, Walker, and D.L. Broussard, Baton Rouge; a niece, Sis Dupuy; a special friend, Tonya Hunt; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Ella White Broussard; a grandson, Brian Kramer; and a son-in-law, Alton LaBourgeois Sr. <b>

#### **Ethel Brown**

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Ethel Edwards Brown died at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19,

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2001, in Baton Rouge. She was 86, a resident of Denham Springs and native of Tishomingo, Miss. She was a retired university fraternity housemother. Visitation was at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., on Thursday. Religious services were at the funeral home chapel on Friday, conducted by the Rev. Wayne Austin. Interment was in Resthaven Gardens of Memory. She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Parent, and Joyce and Kenneth Gardner, all of Denham Springs, and Sandra and Gary Reed, Baton Rouge; three sons and two daughters-in-law, John H. Brown Jr., and James O. and Patsy Brown, all of Baker, and Paul and Lina Brown, Baytown, Texas; two sisters, Jeannie Sanders, Central, and Lola Lowery, Eudora, Ark.; 17 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Brown Sr.; a daughter, Ima Harris; a granddaughter, Debbie Harris Null; and two daughters-in-law, Peggy LeBlanc Brown and Mary Powers Brown. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church. <b>

#### Mary Holler

</b> Mary Frances "Maw Maw" Holler died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Summit Hospital, Baton Rouge. She was 64, a resident of Walker and native of Baton Rouge. She wished that her body be donated to science so others may live. A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Darrell Bickham at Miracle Ministries, 12163 Florida Blvd., on Friday. She is survived by a daughter, Danna Brown; a son, Todd Holler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Cindy Holler and David and Sonja Holler; a sister and brother-in-law, Nola Ezell Carruth and Leland Carruth: a brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Betty Pavlovich; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny B. Pavlovich and Noelie Bernard Pavlovich Hebert. <b>

#### **Eunice Wascom**

</b> Eunice Benton Wascom died at 3:25 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at Baton Rouge General Medical Center. She was 76 and a resident and native of Denham Springs. She was a retired clerk of court with the city of Denham Springs. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Friday, until religious services on Saturday, conducted by the Rev. Walt Blain. Interment was in Denham Springs Memorial Park. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonell and Jim Brown, Walker; a son and daughter-in-law, Carey L. and Lynda Wascom, Denham Springs; a sister, Aletha Arceneaux, St. Francisville; and four grandchildren and two spouses, Heather and Jason Gerard and Chad and Brandy Hodges, all of Walker, Vanessa Diaz and Melanie Wascom, both of Denham Springs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Wascom; parents, Edwin and Wilma Benton; two sisters, Elaine Davis and Lucille Benton; and two brothers, Edwin O. "Ned" Benton and Douglas Benton. She was a charter member of Northside Baptist Church in Denham Springs and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

## **FAYARD:** Big Apple unified in fighting back

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black, smoky hole," she said. "You couldn't see that much. But it was so odd to look out and you know those towers are supposed to be there, but they're not. It's like somebody didn't build there on purpose."

"It was hard at first, but finally one person walked over, and once one did, it was okay for everyone to go."

After meetings with executives at Goldman Sachs and watching the market open again Monday morning, Fayard said it was "relieving" to return to some normal work activity, including calling customers.

Though work felt normal to Fayard, little else did, which she said was not all bad.

"The unity of the people hasn't gone away," Fayard said. "I think people have a lot of absolutes in their minds. They want to see us stand up and fight for what's happened.

'People still notice each other. You hear people talking on the subway, which never happened before. Everybody has a story where they were, what they saw. People want to talk about it—need to talk about it—and for the most part don't mind listening to everyone else."

Vigils and memorials line the streets from Fayard's office

to her apartment, including a fire station that lost eight firefighters and one that most of the nation has become quite familiar with through television, Union Square.

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**Caroline Fayard** New Yorker

"In the first days and even early this week, it was very quiet at Union Square, everyone keeping to themselves, she said. "A lot of candles lit, a lot of pictures of family members. Now it has turned more into a political statement. There's a lot of protesting, and flags are draped everywhere.

"It's become less about the missing people and more about people getting out their anger and their frustration.'

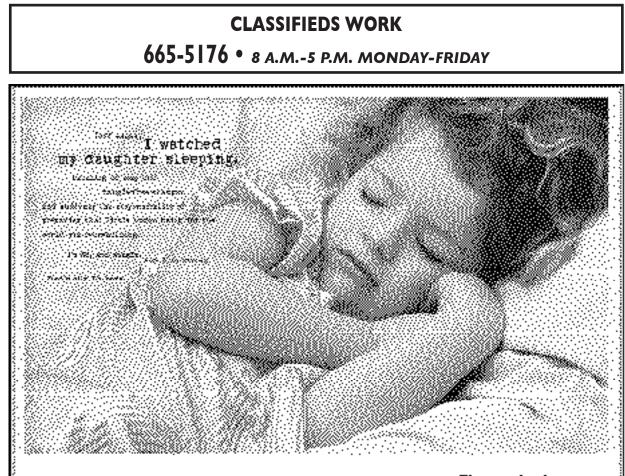
Another positive change Fayard said she has seen is people being more open and honest about their lives.

"People at my office have displayed flags on their desks, brought pictures of their families," Fayard said. "I think they realize what's important and what matters and that it's okay to show those things because we've all been through this together."

In her own life, it has caused the 23-year-old Fayard to think of the important things for her as well.

"I've thought a lot about family, about the importance of my roots," she said. "I've had a lot of discussions with my mom about moving home.

"I never looked at New York as a long-term place for me. There are thousands of me on Wall Street. Somebody is not going to single me out and say, 'You're doing a great job'. But I came here a year and a half ago to prove I could do it and because it would be fun. I feel like I've aged being here, especially through all this. It's been a good experience for me."



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