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Minden High School holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for new gymnasium

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A storm in the spring of 2016 brought extensive damage to Minden and surrounding areas, and along with that also caused the Minden High School Gymnasium. Now, nearly five years later, Webster Parish School Board Members, Minden High School Staff, and Community leaders got together to celebrate the first step towards getting a new gymnasium for Minden High with a Groundbreaking Ceremony. The gymnasium will be built from the ground up through the help of Yeager, Watson, and Associates Architectural Firm And ELA Group, General Contractor.

Introducing the ceremony, MHS Principal Becky Wilson stated, "There's an old proverb that states, just when the caterpillar thought that the world was over, it became a butterfly. On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, Minden was battered and beaten by a heavy storm. By Saturday, March 12, when the rain finally subsided, many historical records were broken in our area due to receding over 20 inches in rain. Throughout our community, a massive amount of



Minden High School Staff, Webster Parish School Board members, and community leaders gathered on the grounds for where MHS's new gymnasium will be erected during a Groundbreaking Ceremony held Tuesday.

damage ensued from the flooding. Our gym, which was built in nineteen thirty eight, suffered irreparable damages, resulting in it being declared condemned," said Becky Wilson, MHS Principal.

"For our school, for our football team, the many students that use that gym every day, and even our community, this pillar of pride was destroyed. Like the caterpillar who thought it was over, a butterfly will soon

emerge through the hard work of many, many people, including many of you standing here today."

Superintendent Johnny Rowland took to the stage to share

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Winter Weather Advisory for Webster Parish

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This upcoming weekend Webster parish and surrounding areas are expected to be hit with a significant winter storm that will bring sleet and snow along with it. Also, throughout the weekend precipitation combined with below freezing temperatures can potentially lead to bridges and overpasses icing over, causing hazardous driving conditions.

"What we're concerned about

is for this potential of cloudy drizzly weather to persist, temps remaining at below freezing and remaining there throughout the weekend," Meteorologist Brad Bryant with the Shreveport National Weather Service.

"With this light drizzly precipitation going on, there are some concerns for freezing rain and light icing in your area."

Things are expected to get more serious come Sunday, when the area is expected to see a severe weather storm.

"Sunday Night into Monday where it is predicted a significant winter storm will come through the Minden area Sunday night into Monday. Expected across Northwest Louisiana is a mix of snow and sleet and could be at least several inches of accumulation," said Bryant.

He also stated that this storm could possibly bring temperatures down below what Louisiana has seen a long time.

During the storm citizens need to be wary of hazardous

driving conditions. Furthermore, they should take proper precautions at their home to prepare for the cold weather.

This includes Disconnecting outdoor hoses and spickets, leaving water dripping to decrease the chance that the water in the pipe will freeze, and to plan for where to bring pets who remain outdoors.

Monitor the National Weather Service of Shreveport for more updates regarding the winter storm.

Vaccination Clinic to open at Minden Fairgrounds

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Webster Parish would like to announce that a vaccination clinic is going to be held in Minden on Tuesday, February 16th from 10:00am -2:00pm at the Minden Fairgrounds located at 800 Goodwill Street, Minden, LA 71055. When arriving at the fairgrounds, you will need to enter from Clerk Street onto Council Street and go to the livestock building (green building past the main fair entrance). You will exit via Goodwill Street to Clerk Street. This clinic is for persons 65 years old and older. Anyone meeting the criteria that would like to register, must visit the link below to pre-register. Anyone not pre-registered will be turned away. Everyone will receive the Moderna vaccine and will have to return four (4) weeks later on Tuesday, March 16th from 10:00am-2:00pm to receive their second dose at the same location. This is a collaboration between several agencies including LSU Health Shreveport, Louisiana National Guard, Louisiana Department of Health, the City of Minden, Minden Medical Center, the Webster Parish Library, and the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

Below is the link for folks 65 years or older to register.

<https://redcap.link/LSU-PUBLIC-VACCINE-SURVEY> or lsuhs.edu

When completing the pre-registration be sure to choose the location "MINDEN," not "FAIR-GROUNDS" (that is for the LA State Fairgrounds in Shreveport).

There will also be vaccines available for Tier 1B healthcare providers. Healthcare providers that meet the requirement of the Tier 1B providers and have not been vaccinated can go to the following link if needed. Healthcare workers will need to bring proof of employment.

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MINDEN HIGH

NEW GYM: Minden breaks ground for gymnasium

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in the occasion and elaborate on the importance of this Gymnasium not only as a facility, but also as a symbol of the community coming together to support their students.

“As Miss Wilson said, it’s been almost five years since that day in March that we’ll never forget, that frankly changed our community and in some ways changed it forever. But we are so thankful to be able to stand here today to provide a facility that we feel will be second to none anyone in the state,” said Rowland.

“Our staff members and most importantly, our students will have the use of a facility that they can be proud of, that they can feel good about, that they can look to when they’re sitting in those bleachers across the way over there on a home Friday night football game and not only see this beautiful view that we all see here when we’re at a home game, but also look across here and just go, wow, how blessed we are.”

“And, you know, it just stays in keeping with how the citizens of Webster Parish, over time, have supported our schools. So when it passed, the bond issue passed, it was of no

great surprise to me because our citizens stepped up once again and said, ‘you know what, we’re going to provide for our most important natural resource and that our students,’” said Rowland.

“So in the words of, who we all knew as Hall of Fame football player Deon Primetime Sanders, now he’s the head football coach at Jackson State University. He says, if you look good, you feel good. And if you feel good, you play good. And I like to add this to it. Not only does that mean uniforms, and it also means facilities and our kids are about to have facilities that they can be proud of for many, many years.”

Mayor Terry Gardner was also present and shared his thoughts on what this new gymnasium means for not only MHS, but the City of Minden as a whole.

“You know, through devastation, comes growth, and that’s what we have here from the devastation that the football field had. You’ve got a fantastic football field now. This is just going to be the crowning start of this campus. You know, when businesses come to any city, they look at the campuses of your school. Schools are important to

any industry that’s come to pay. They look at your schools,” said Gardner.

“So we appreciate the vision of the Webster Parish School Board and what you do, not only just for the city of Minden, for our entire parish. They do an awesome job, the Webster Parish School Board, and we appreciate the hard work that yall do and the vision the yall have to help grow our city.”

Providing a perspective who was directly impacted by the loss of the Gymnasium, Coach Heard provided some input on the challenges he and his teams faced due to the circumstance, and his appreciation that they would soon have a second to none facility for his team.

“You know, I wouldn’t say it was totally easy transitioning from the old gym to where we are now. And then getting to this point, there’s been some struggles along the way.

But for the most part, the staff that I have right now is the same staff that was here then. I’ve had them the whole way, and they stuck through all of that struggle, and we’ve had a lot of success along the way even with some of those struggles. So I appreciate you guys staying with me through this whole thing,” said Heard.

“Looking at today, when you read the paper, you watch TV, or look online, you see a lot of negative things out there, but it’s good to know that good things are still happening, and this is one of those things. I would just like to thank the good people of Minden for seeing this as an opportunity for the youth of today and the youth of tomorrow and all that it represents. It’s going to be fun to watch and I can’t wait until this thing is complete and we can open those doors.”

In closing, Principle Wilson spoke of a quote that she feels encapsulates what the building of the new facility means for Minden High School students, staff, and the community at large.

“In your program at the bottom, I included a quote by Adrian Parkson that said, ‘each of us is carving a stone, erecting a column or cutting a piece of stained glass in the construction of something much bigger than ourselves.’ And I feel as we watch our new building being constructed, I hope that this is a reminder to each of us to keep constructing something much bigger than ourselves,” said Wilson.

LOCAL

February Police Jury touches on commercial vehicle tags, municipality help, more

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

The February Police Jury Meeting touched base on topics such as tags for commercial/overweight vehicles and the effectiveness of that system in the parish along with a grim reality being addressed regarding the Police Jury’s budget.

When it came to the discussion of tags on commercial vehicles, the conversation centered around the fact that the wording of the ordinance by not being in tune with the goal of what it is trying to accomplish.

The crux of the uncertainty comes from whether or not the vehicles that need tags should be overweight vehicles or commercial vehicles. This contrast is best exemplified by this exchange between President Jim Bonsall and Juror Bernard Hudson of Dist. 5.

“UPS Truck or FedEx truck are not overloaded,”

said Bernard.

“But they’re commercial,” said Bonsall.

“Do you do it because they’re commercial or because they’re tearing up the road?” asked Bernard.

“I think our ordinance is not clear, I think we kinda got mixed up over time with what we’re doing and we need to clarify it,” said Bonsall.

The Jury agreed to later address the ordinance to make it’s intent more clear and to ensure that it is enacting the change that it is meant to.

Later in the meeting a sobering topic was addressed given the current state of finances for the police jury. This topic came up when the Secretary/Treasurer proposed budget amendments and explained why they needed to be made.

“The reason why we did this is because we had budget workshops in Oct. and yall approved the budget in December.

We did not get in as much money as we thought we were going to get in. That is why I’m asking for budget amendments this early in the year,” said Lisa Balkom.

“Ideally you’d like for that revenue under the criminal court, you’d like that to cover everything, but as you can see it’s not even getting close. That is hole that hasn’t been filled, and it’s a pretty big hole,” said Juror Nick Cox.

Potential reasons for the financial shortcoming were discussed, but Nick Cox summed up the main issue by stating, “The problem is that the costs were higher than we hoped, and the revenue is much lower than we hoped.”

A transfer of roughly \$580,000 from the Juries general fund was made in order to account for the lack of revenue that came in.

“The only problem with that is, how many times can we do that?” asked Cox.

While the finances were a bigger issue than the Jury could find a solution for at the end of a meeting, Nick Cox addressed this issue in order to brace the Jury for what is to come in the future if they do not get budget balanced.

“We will be having a very dark discussion in a year or so, because the money is running out, and I just wanted everybody to know before we get to the point where we’re just straight writing checks blindly because we have no other choice, and taking all of our funds and allocating to these holes that keep sinking,” said Cox.

The Webster Parish Police Jury Meeting takes place the first Tuesday of every month starting at 11:00 a.m. at located at 401 Main Street in Minden. Due to precautions taken to prevent the spread of covid, those who wish to attend are asked to please wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing.

LOUISIANA

Be aware of tax implications of COVID-19 relief benefits

STAFF REPORT

Louisiana Department of Revenue

2020 state income tax filing begins Friday, Feb. 12

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) advises taxpayers to be aware of the state tax implications of federal COVID-19 relief benefits when they begin filing their 2020 state individual income taxes this week.

On Friday, Feb. 12, LDR will begin accepting tax returns through Louisiana File Online, the state’s free, electronic tax filing application; or through commercially available tax filing software. We will also begin processing paper returns downloaded from the LDR website at www.revenue.louisiana.gov/forms.

As taxpayers prepare their returns, it is important to understand which federal pandemic-related benefits are taxable at the state level and which are not.

Economic Impact Payments

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided Economic Impact Payments of \$1,200 for qualifying individuals and \$2,400 for qualifying married couples, with an additional \$500 per dependent child. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (CARES II), individuals began receiving automatically a second round of Economic Impact Payments of up to \$600 for individuals or \$1,200 for married couples and up to \$600 for each qualifying child beginning in December. The payments are refundable tax credits and are not considered taxable income for federal or state tax purposes. They are not subject to Louisiana state income tax.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

The CARES Act provided \$600 weekly supplemental unemployment benefits for individuals out of work for reasons related to the pandemic. Additionally, CARES II provides up to \$300 in weekly supplemental unemployment benefits. These benefits are subject to Louisiana state

income tax.

Suspected Unemployment Benefits Identity Fraud

According to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), pandemic-related unemployment benefits became a target of identity thieves who used stolen personal information to claim fraudulent unemployment payments in multiple states, including Louisiana. Anyone who receives a 1099-G tax form from LWC that documents unemployment benefits they did not receive, or overstates benefits they did receive, should report the possibility of fraud.

Louisiana Department of Revenue Identity Theft Affidavit

Louisiana Workforce Commission Suspected Fraud Form

Frontline Worker Rebates

Act 12 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature provided for a one-time \$250 rebate for eligible workers earning \$50,000 per year or less, who spent at least 200 hours responding to or mitigating the COVID-19 crisis from March 22, 2020, through May 14, 2020. The rebates, funded by the CARES Act, are subject to Louisiana state income tax.

Main Street Recovery Program

Act 311 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature allocated federal CARES Act funds to provide grants of up to \$15,000 to eligible small businesses through a program administered by the Louisiana Department of Treasury. Funds disseminated through this program are subject to Louisiana state income tax.

Paycheck Protection Program

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) established by the CARES Act, provides small businesses with funding for payroll costs, mortgage interest, rent, and utilities. The PPP loans are forgivable under certain conditions and the loan forgiveness is not taxable income for federal tax purposes. The PPP loan forgiveness is not subject to Louisiana state income tax.

2020 Louisiana Individual Income Tax returns and payments are due Monday, May 17, 2021.


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Colder air continues to build in through the weekend. Highs Friday will be in the low 40s but by Sunday we'll barely get above freezing. A little frozen precipitation in the form of sleet or light freezing rain is possible this weekend but it should remain low impact. Overnight lows will get down in the 20s over the next few days.

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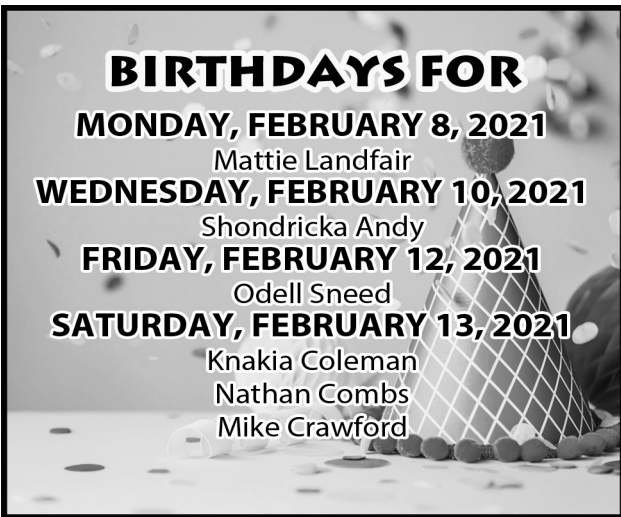
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GAMBLING

Where Louisiana stands on sports betting

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BATON ROUGE—Voters in most parishes supported the legalization of sports gambling last Nov. 3, but it may be 2022 by the time bettors are legally allowed to wager in Louisiana on football and other games.

With 55 of the 64 parishes voting in favor of the proposal, legislators will use this spring's session to set tax rates and create a plan for betting on sporting events.

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board will then create a regulatory model for gamblers and bet takers to use. Mike Noel, the chairman of board, said he expects the rules to be similar to ones that the board recently approved for fantasy sports betting.

Noel said the State Police's gaming enforcement division will begin taking applications from fantasy sports operators after the rules are published on Feb. 20.

In 2018, voters in 47 parishes approved betting on daily fantasy games in which users create virtual rosters of real athletes and hope they record better statistics than the groups assembled by other players. The gaming board decided last year that it would levy an 8% tax on the net revenue from fantasy gambling to help fund early childhood education. Louisiana was one of only seven states that

did not allow fantasy sports betting in 2020.

Louisianans eager to bet on real sports hope that legislators and the board will not take as long as long to create the rules for betting on real sports. Sen. Ronnie Johns, R- Lake Charles, sponsored the bill that legalized sports betting, and he expects lawmakers to have a plan before the Legislature gathers in April for a two-month session.

"I will assure you that we will have an agreement between all parties before the legislature in April with the final proposal," Johns said. "There is absolutely a lot of discussion going on right now, among all parties involved."

As Louisiana struggles to finance its operations given the economic effects of COVID-19, sports gambling could provide the state with extra revenue and jobs. While a legislative fiscal note written in 2018 estimated fantasy sports betting would generate \$375,000 in tax money in the first year, sports gambling could create more.

One key decision will be whether to allow online gambling or limit betting to in-person gambling on casino grounds. If the legislators approve online gaming, the gaming board will have to set up geolocation borders, technology that would keep the apps from working in the nine parishes that did not approve the betting.

"I've personally looked at the mechanism of geofencing, and it's a very safe way of regulating gaming and

betting," Johns said. "The technology has been proven in many other states."

In the two-and-a-half years since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a 1992 ruling against state-authorized sports gambling, 20 states have legalized sports betting. Louisiana and five other states have passed legislation and are working toward taking their first bet.

Several states have had trouble opening books and trying to find the sweet spot of private, tribal and state-run gambling networks to earn tax revenue. There are success stories like Pennsylvania, which has earned more than \$99 million in tax money since November 2018, according to Play Pennsylvania. But states like Delaware have had more modest success. It opened three retail sportsbooks and made \$8 million in tax revenue in 2020.

Mississippi, which passed in-person betting in 2018, took in over \$5.25 million in 2020 by taxing sports bets. This occurred over a 10-month period as the state closed its casinos in the spring due to the spread of COVID-19. An attempt to expand to online gambling in Mississippi died in a legislative committee.

Mississippi taxes casinos 12% for operating a sports book, and 4% of the money goes to local governments. In 2020, Mississippi also saw increases in tourism in towns with casinos and a \$50 million increase in total revenue at its coastal casinos from two years earlier.

Ten states have opened

online gambling to multiple providers, the two most notable being DraftKings and FanDuel, which allow users to play fantasy games and place bets. In December, CQ Holdings, a company that partners with DraftKings at a casino in Illinois, reached an agreement to buy the Belle of Baton Rouge riverboat casino.

The early returns in other states have been mixed. The Oregon Lottery created a one-app system named Scoreboard, which allows bettors to place bets anywhere in the state. However, the app came at a steep initial cost. Matt Shelby, a representative for the Oregon Lottery, said the state is in the black after accruing over \$20 million in tax revenue since October 2019.

While there is a way to go regarding specifications for Louisiana's platforms for bettors, Sen. Johns said the Legislature knows that taxation will look a lot different than it does for the state lottery and casinos.

"We tax the 15 riverboat licenses and the land-based casinos a 21 percent tax," Johns said. "Sports betting won't be taxed at that rate. We have to be very careful in not overtaxing sports betting because, if you do so, you're going to severely limit the number of entities around the state that would be willing to inject into the sports betting business."

But for now, any Louisiana citizens who are looking to gamble on upcoming 2021 sporting events: no dice. The luck may be better in 2022.

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OTHER OPINION

Alexander: Title IX: Leaving girl sports for girls

The fact that this issue has even become a contested matter is a testament to how unhinged, morally and ethically, our nation has become.

The Biden Administration has just made a striking departure from the previous Trump Administration's position on Title IX, a federal education law that prevents discrimination based on sex. Title IX states in pertinent part that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance ..."

However, President Biden has just issued an Executive Order entitled Preventing and Combating Discrimination Based on Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation. The order reflects a significant shift in how the Biden administration will interpret and enforce the rights of transgender and other students.

Simply stated, the Executive Order asserts in pertinent part that "[a]ll persons should receive equal treatment under

the law without regard to their gender identity or sexual orientation", including that "[c]hildren should be able to learn without worrying about whether they will be denied access to the restroom, locker room, or school sports." This language may sound benign but it is not.

Conversely, the Trump Administration's stance regarding schools, students and the issue of sexual orientation and gender identity specifically reaffirmed the position that public school districts may exclude students from athletic teams based on "gender identity" and could require students to use bathrooms based on biological sex, rather than gender identity.

The real tragedy of this policy shift is that all of the progress allowed and encouraged by Title IX for girls is now threatened by the transgender agenda,

which seeks to allow biological males to compete in girl's and women's sports.

What this effectively means is that biological men who "say" or "identify" their gender identity is/as "female" will be allowed to compete in high school and college sports against biological women. This is insane. It will destroy girl sports. Allowing biological males to compete in all-female sports is completely unfair to female athletes. The Equal Protection Clause allows a state or school district to recognize the physical differences between the biological sexes in sports and they should do so.

Transgender people argue that boys who identify as girls actually are girls. No, they're not. And they are definitely not biologically—males clearly have physical advantages over females—and in physical sports, gender and biology really do matter. In fact, physical strength and skill are determinative which is why in athletic sports biological boys win over biological girls virtually all of the time. It's the reason why a Dallas, Texas under-15 boys squad convincingly beat, 5-2,

the world champion U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in a scrimmage.

Let's also remember that sports and athletics play an integral role in the development of young leaders and girls will be robbed of this opportunity for growth and development if forced to compete with biological males. Another very important consideration here is that biological females will very likely lose athletic scholarships if they have to compete for them against biological males. For many biological females, a scholarship is the only opportunity they will have to go to college.

Title IX has made possible enormous growth in women's sports, but it is now being grossly distorted to undermine that progress. Let's please stop with this gender delusion and confusion. It is hurting biological females and preventing them from reaching their fullest potential.

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OTHER OPINION

Buchanan: Of rioters, protesters & patriots

To Parliament, in the London of George III, the Boston Massacre of 1770 and the Tea Party of 1773 were not seen in the same light as they were by the Sons of Liberty in the Massachusetts colony.

To Parliament, this was mob violence, and the shooting and killing at Lexington and Concord were acts of insurrection and treason.

But because we won the Revolution, those events are portrayed and remembered differently. For when it comes to riots and revolutions, all depends on who writes the narrative of history. It is the winners.

"Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past," said George Orwell in his novel "1984."

To the media, the long hot summer of rioting, looting and arson that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was driven by "racial justice" protests against a "systemic racism" that permeates society.

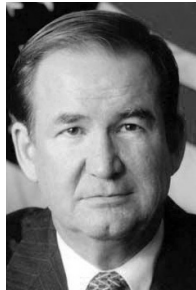
The rioters were calling attention to injustices we Americans have failed to address, like police brutality. And almost all of these "peaceful protesters" were calling us to be a better people.

And did not the riots produce beneficial results?

Joe Biden and his party have responded by setting as a goal the replacement of "equality of rights" with "equity," an equality of results, where gaps in test scores, incarcerations, incomes and wealth between white and black are to be closed by gov-

ernment action.

However, as for the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6 by Trumpists, to protest and perhaps change the outcome of the election, that was an act of insurrection, a treasonous attempt to



PATRICK BUCHANAN

overturn a democratic election and overthrow a democratic government. Of all the riots in 2020 and 2021, that was the unforgivable one.

The proper response to that riot is not to heed its angry voices but to impeach the president on whose behalf they acted, to strip him of any right to serve again in public office, and to write new laws to deal with the horrific "domestic terrorism" we witnessed at the Capitol.

About the morality and justice of the rampage of rioting in the wake of Floyd's death, and the sole riot at the Capitol, the media are the self-anointed judges. They decide which riots are benign and which are malignant, which should receive an empathetic response, and which should end with every participant in prison.

Western democracies almost always grant favorable publicity and moral support to popular uprisings against autocratic regimes.

The Hong Kong protests were

cheered on by the West until there arose a fear in China they were getting out of hand. Beijing then stepped in, ordered the protests halted and imposed law and order.

In Russia, there have been protests in many cities over the recent jailing of dissident Alexei Navalny. But winter weather and thousands of police arrests have cooled the protests, and Vladimir Putin booted out of the country three EU diplomats from Poland, Germany and Sweden who attended the pro-Navalny demonstrations.

When it comes to illegal and disorderly protests, Xi Jinping and Putin take them seriously and play hardball. They see mass protests and riots as Western-inspired, if not Western-planned, and deal with them as subversive activities.

"The messages sent by Russian authorities during this visit confirmed that Europe and Russia are drifting apart," EU minister Joseph Borrell blogged on his return from Moscow to Brussels. "It seems that Russia is progressively disconnecting itself from Europe and looking at democratic values as an existential threat."

In Turkey, demonstrations by staff and students erupted in January over the installation of an ally of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as rector of Bogazici University, among the most acclaimed schools in the country. Hundreds have been arrested in clashes between protesters and police in one of the largest displays of civil unrest in Turkey in years.

In Myanmar, thousands took to the streets this weekend to protest a generals' coup that took over the country a week ago and ousted the elected civilian regime of Nobel Peace prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

The American media defended the Hong Kong protesters and tended to minimize, excuse or ignore its excesses and violence.

But in Moscow, Beijing, Istanbul and Myanmar, the protests are seen as insurgencies, as sappers of the state and regime, and the governments are predisposed to deal with them in every way — save capitulation. They see them as the work of "regime change" ideologues in the West.

In Western nations, protests and riots come largely from the left and rail against what is claimed to be indifference or resistance to the rights of minorities. And the natural tendency of the media is to sympathize with protesters, especially those bedeviling autocracies.

Again, all except the occupation of the Capitol on Jan. 6. That one was different. That one got the sympathy of no one because its premise was that an elite-backed establishment stole the election.

Such accusations against our elites are intolerable and immoral.

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INSPIRATION

Don't get caught up in a whirlwind

Life can be a whirlwind of activities, whether work or leisure.

Oftentimes we can be caught up in that whirlwind and find it difficult to get out of it.

So many times we can get so involved with our jobs and have no time for anything else. We work the required hours on the job, then bring extra work home to be completed. Perhaps we're trying to get that promotion that would put us in a better position in our work. Perhaps we're trying to impress our co-workers, letting them see how dedicated we are to the job. Perhaps we hope the boss notices our dedication to the company and then if a

set-up becomes available he will think of us as being the most loyal to the company.

For whatever reason, we can easily get caught up in that whirlwind and find no way out.

Maybe we spend all of our spare time as a dedicated volunteer, and there is nothing wrong with that if we still carve out time for other things. Even good causes can become hindrances to our family time or our own need for solitude. Perhaps we need to evaluate how we spend our time and be sure we are finding a proper balance.

One could even spend

all his efforts with family and family activities, to the neglect of others. There is nothing wrong with family time,

in fact it is one of the most important aspects of our lives. Nevertheless, we can't rely on this time to satisfy the needs of us, or our family. In fact, it could

be smothering our children to the point they can't develop proper relationships with others. None of us wants that.

As we consider how we spend our time, we need to be sure we realize that it is important to take time out, to get out of our work or other obligations.



FANNIE MOORE

FOOD

Popeyes® Makes With Its First-Ever Cajun Flounder Sandwich Coming to Menus Nationwide

MIAMI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb 10, 2021--

Following the success of the Popeyes® Chicken Sandwich and the famous chicken wars it ignited, the beloved Cajun brand is once again raising the bar on sandwich standards with its new mouth-watering launch, the Cajun Flounder Sandwich. Starting Thursday, February 11 th, Popeyes new Cajun Flounder Sandwich will be available in restaurants and for delivery nationwide for only \$4.49.

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POPEYES® MAKES BIG WAVES IN THE SANDWICH GAME WITH ITS FIRST-EVER CAJUN FLOUNDER SANDWICH COMING TO MENUS NATIONWIDE (Photo: Business Wire)

Popeyes knows that its new Cajun Flounder Sandwich will re-set your standards and expectations of a quick service fish sandwich that they are guaranteeing you will love it by launching Sandwich Insurance. For guests who order the new Cajun Flounder Sandwich and don't like it, Popeyes will replace it with the

tried and true Chicken Sandwich for free with purchase of insurance on launch day.

The new Cajun Flounder Sandwich is made to perfection. Four simple yet delicious ingredients, the fried filet is served atop the same buttery toasted brioche bun with barrel cured pickles that fans know and love from the Chicken Sandwich, along with Popeyes legacy tartar sauce.

Caught in the icy waters of the Pacific, Popeyes flounder filet is light, flakey and seasoned in a blend of the Louisiana brand's Cajun seasoning. Dusted in a crispy southern coating and fried up golden brown, the Cajun Flounder Sandwich delivers the flavor and crunch one would expect to find at a local dockside fish shack.

"After seeing the response to our Chicken Sandwich in 2019, we are excited to deliver yet another delicious sandwich to our fans that is sure to reset industry standards," says Sami Siddiqui, President, Americas at Popeyes® Louisiana Kitchen. "At Popeyes, we don't take shortcuts on quality and strive to ensure our ingredients are the best of the best. That's why we're proud to be serving up the most authentic, Ca-

jun Flounder Sandwich in QSR."

On launch day only, skeptics can add Sandwich Insurance to their Popeyes Cajun Flounder Sandwich order for only 15 cents through the Popeyes app. However, Popeyes doesn't think you are going to need it- everyone is going to love that fish sandwich from Popeyes.

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Pause occasionally to watch a beautiful sunrise of sunset. As we watch the glory of these events, we can bask in the beauty and the amazement of God's glorious handiwork. Often, if I miss the actual sunset or sunrise, I search my friends' posts on Facebook because I know there are some who will share pictures they have captured of the magnificently colored creations. Not quite the same, but it can still create awe in the eyes of the beholder.

Spend some time watching the colorful birds feeding on the feeders or flitting across from place to place.

The cardinal is one that can create awe as one sees the brilliant colors he is sporting. Even the blue jay, which can

be so loud with his raucous calls, is a thing of joy to watch.

Laura Ingalls Wilder once said "a bird's song will set the steps to music all day long."

One of the most important things we can do is to take time out of our busy day for reflection.

According to one writer, "Reflection ...enables our minds to be stretched in three different directions-the direction that leads to a proper relationship with God, the relationship that leads to a healthy relationship with others, and the relationship that leads to a deeper understanding of oneself."


As we plan out our day or week, why not plan some time for reflection? A time you can get away from all

distractions, family, TV, cell phones or whatever you are "busy" with. Time when you can go into a room by yourself, sit on the patio or porch or take a stroll in your yard.

This is a time we can reflect on our work, our families and friends, and our relationship with God. If we really think and reflect we may see where we need to spend less time and which area needs more time.

I really need to work on this and perhaps you can join me in rearranging schedules to meet all these needs.

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ROLLING THROUGH LIFE

Autoworkers face dimmer future in a new era of electric cars

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — When General Motors boldly announced its goal last month to make only battery-powered vehicles by 2035, it didn't just mark a break with more than a century of making internal combustion engines. It also clouded the future for 50,000 GM workers whose skills — and jobs — could become obsolete far sooner than they knew.

The message was clear: As a greener U.S. economy edges closer into view, GM wants a factory workforce that eventually will build only zero-emissions vehicles.

It won't happen overnight. But the likelihood is growing that legions of autoworkers who trained and worked for decades to build machines that run on petroleum will need to do rather different work in the next decade — or they might not have jobs.

If the history-making shift from internal combustion to electric power goes as GM, Ford and others increasingly envision, jobs that now involve making pistons, fuel injectors and mufflers will be supplanted by the assembly of lithium-ion battery packs, electric motors and heavy-duty wiring harnesses.

Many of those components are now built overseas. But President Joe Biden has made the development of a U.S. electric vehicle supply chain a key part of his ambitious plan to create 1 million more auto industry jobs with electric vehicles.

Yet for workers at GM and other automakers, that future could be perilous. The more environmentally focused plants of the future will need fewer workers, mainly because electric vehicles contain 30% to 40% fewer moving parts than petroleum-run vehicles. In addition, many of the good union jobs that have brought a solid middle-class lifestyle could shift to lower pay as automakers buy EV parts from supply companies or form separate ventures to build components.

Most vulnerable in the transition will be the roughly 100,000 people in the United States who work at plants that make transmissions and engines for gas and diesel vehicles.

They are people like Stuart Hill, one of 1,500 or so workers at GM's Toledo Transmission Plant in Ohio. At 38 years old and a GM employee for five years, Hill is still decades

from retirement. The future of the plant and his role in it worries him.

"It's something that's in the back of my mind," Hill said. "Are they going to shut it down?"

He and others hope that Toledo will be among the sites where GM will build more EV parts. If not, he'd be open to moving to some other plant to continue to earn a solid wage; top-scale workers represented by the United Auto Workers are paid around \$31 an hour.

Yet there is hardly assurance that automakers will need as many workers in the new EV era. A United Auto Workers paper from two years ago quotes Ford and Volkswagen executives as saying that EVs will reduce labor hours per vehicle by 30%.

"There are just less parts, so of course it stands to reason that there is going to be less labor," said Jeff Dokho, research director for the UAW.

"We're sort of at the beginning of that transition," said Teddy DeWitt, an assistant professor of management at University of Massachusetts Boston who studies how jobs evolve over time. "It's not going to be just in the vehicle space."

The number of industry jobs that will be lost in the transition will likely reach into the thousands, though no one knows with any precision. And those losses will be made up, at least in part, by jobs created by a greener economy, from work involved in building electric vehicle parts and charging stations to jobs created by wind and solar electricity generation.

Indeed, the most far-reaching change in manufacturing since the commercial production of internal combustion-driven vehicles began in 1886 will ripple out to farm equipment, heavy trucks and even lawnmowers, snow blowers and weed-whackers. The oil and gas industries could suffer, too, as the fading of the internal combustion engine shrinks demand for petroleum.

At the century-old transmission plant in Toledo, GM workers make sophisticated six-, eight-, nine- or 10-speed gearboxes. Eventually, those parts will be replaced by far simpler single-speed drivetrains for electric vehicles. Especially for workers low on the seniority list, GM's plans for an "all-electric future" mean that eventually,



Tesla cars line up at annual electric car expo.

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their services will likely no longer be needed.

"This is that moment to define where we go in the future," said Tony Totty, president of the UAW local at the Toledo plant. "This is a time we need to ask ourselves in this country: What are we going to do for manufacturing? Is manufacturing dead in our country?"

Those worries already were in the air when Biden made an October campaign stop at the Toledo union hall. Totty delivered a letter imploring the candidate "not to forget about the people getting the job done today."

Even though fully electric vehicles now constitute less than 2% of U.S. new vehicle sales, automakers face intense pressure to abandon internal combustion engines as part of a global drive to fight climate change. California will ban sales of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035. European countries are imposing bans or strict pollution limits. Biden, as part of a push for green vehicles, pledged to build a half-million charging stations and convert the 650,000-vehicle federal fleet to battery power.

At the moment, though, American motorists have other ideas. They continue to spend record amounts on larger gasoline vehicles. With average pump prices close to a \$2 a gallon, trucks and SUVs have replaced more efficient cars as the nation's primary mode of transportation. In January, roughly three-fourths of new-vehicle sales were trucks and SUVs. A decade ago, it was only half.

All that demand will still keep Toledo in business for years. Yet there's little doubt that the move

to electricity is inexorable. About 2.5 million electric vehicles were sold worldwide last year. IHS Markit expects that figure to increase 70% this year alone. In December, there were 22 fully electric models on sale in the United States; Edmunds.com expects that figure to reach 30 this year. GM alone has pledged to invest \$27 billion on 30 EV models worldwide by 2025.

The acceleration of the trend has heightened anxiety even at plants that are now running flat-out to meet demand for GM trucks.

"It definitely scares me," said Tommy Wolikow, a worker at GM's heavy-duty pickup assembly plant in Flint, Michigan, who has worked eight years for GM. "I think that eventually there's a good chance that I might not be able to retire from this plant."

Depending on how fast consumers embrace electric vehicles, Wolikow fears he could be bumped out of his job by employees with more seniority. Workers already are starting to vie for jobs at three plants that GM has designated as electric vehicle assembly sites, two in the Detroit area and one in Tennessee.

In the meantime, GM says it needs its full factory workforce as it rebuilds inventory depleted by a coronavirus-related factory shutdown last spring.

"We have to run our current core business smart and strong, because that will ultimately allow us to invest in this all-electric future," spokesman Dan Flores said. "There's no way we can speculate on the future of any individual facility."

Not all internal combustion-related jobs will

vanish in the transition. GM excluded heavier trucks in its EV goal. And some manufacturers will keep making gas-electric hybrids, said Kristin Dziczek, a vice president at the Center for Auto Research, an industry think tank.

It's unclear what will happen to workers at GM or other automakers who might be squeezed out in the transition. In the past, GM has protected some workers in periods of downsizing. When it closed an assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio, in 2019, for example, laid-off workers were given a chance to transfer to other plants. And when GM shuttered factories heading into a 2009 bankruptcy, laid-off employees received buyout and early retirement packages.

The UAW says it views the transformation to electricity as potentially less a threat than an opportunity for growth. Dokho suggested, for example, that the Biden administration could offer incentives to build more EV parts here.

"We're optimistic about making sure that there are jobs in the future, and that the jobs there now are protected," he said.

Every major industrial transformation, DeWitt said, has tended to result in both lost jobs and new work. He noted, for example, that when Americans migrated from farms to cities after the Civil War, agricultural jobs dwindled. But cities were wired for electricity, and jobs such as electricians were created.

If the automakers are willing, DeWitt said, most of their workers could be retrained to move from gas vehicles to electric parts and vehicle assem-

bly.

"It feels unlikely to me that all of that knowledge we have built up in that workforce for the past 50 years is all of the sudden completely useless," he said.

The protection of jobs seems sure to be a top issue in the next round of UAW contract talks in 2023, and workers will especially want to preserve higher-wage positions. GM and other automakers now view battery manufacturing as a parts-supply function with lower pay.

The automaker is building a battery factory in Lordstown in a venture with South Korea's LG Chem. CEO Mary Barra has said that workers there will be paid less than those at vehicle assembly plants, to keep costs closer to what competing automakers will pay.

The 2023 contract bargaining could be even more contentious than it was two years ago, when a 40-day UAW strike cost GM \$3.6 billion.

Indeed, the reckoning between GM and the union may come sooner than anticipated, said Karl Brauer, executive publisher at the CarExpert.com website. Automakers, he said, generally work on vehicles five to seven years ahead of when they go on sale.

"You could make the argument that by 2028, they're not going to be doing any more development on internal combustion engine vehicles," he said. "Which starts to sound much closer than 2035."

Krisher reported from Detroit.

STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Stepdaughter's Sermon

February is Black History Month now often called African-American History Month. Black History Month grew from journalist Carter Woodson's 1926 Negro History Week. He chose February because it was the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Black History Month was first held in 1970 at Kent State University a few weeks before the infamous peace rally campus killings by the Ohio National Guard. The students were protesting the Vietnam War. The violence sparked national protests and student strikes. A half century later saw more outrage in a similar spirit of questioning untenable conditions.

Racism remains an insidious aspect of our founding, history, and worst of all, current climate. Busting into the U.S. Capitol with a Confederate flag is plenty offensive albeit easy to identify. Subtle forms of racism are more stealthy and more widespread. You might be guilty of it and you don't even know it. I've seen many a white person who understandably assesses themselves as nice get real uncomfortable real fast when someone challenges them with new ways of thinking.

Doubly difficult for me to talk about. Dirk Ellingson is clearly a European moniker that tips you off without seeing my mug shot. And I know how much you all hate Yankee condescension. So not a column

of subtle digs at southern ways. Racism is a problem everywhere. George Floyd was killed in Minnesota, not Mississippi.

Pandemic caution forces many to attend schools and churches through Zoom technology. My stepdaughter Lindsay lives in Kansas City. Her sons attend a school where most students are African American. In a photo negative flipped from my own childhood experience, the white kids are the minority. Lindsay preached a sermon the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend via distance learning. Her church audience was people here she's known for years. Despite being a message for white people from a white messenger, its theme was relevant to a subject we all need to address. I was moved and got her permission to share excerpts:

It is not my intention to call out white people. It's rather the opposite. I want to call you in. I want you to reflect with me before I talk about my journey. Here are some questions from the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo.

How did your parents tell you that race didn't matter and that everyone was equal? Did they have many friends of color? If people of

color did not live in your neighborhood, why didn't they? Where did they live? What images, sounds, and smells did you associate with these other neighborhoods?

Were you encouraged or discouraged from visiting these neighborhoods?

If you went to school together, did you all sit together in the cafeteria? If not, why not? Were the honors or advanced placement classes and the lower track classes equally racially integrated? If not, why?

When I reflect on these questions, I don't remember ever talking about race in my family. We never had a sit-down dialogue about race. We didn't live around black folk. At my high school, white and black folks were very segregated. We didn't eat together.

The West Monroe Rebels built an empire on football. We couldn't have gone to state all four years if it weren't for the African Americans on our team. I often wonder if anyone ever asked them what they thought about the white band playing Dixie every time they scored a touchdown and what it was like to look up at the stands and see people waving Confederate flags?

I know I didn't understand the meaning because I went to college in 2000 and put Confederate flag pil-

lows on my bed in my dorm room. When folks cringed seeing them, I assured them, "Oh it's not about that. It's my high school." It took friends refusing to enter my room until they were gone that I realized the hurt and anguish this symbol brought on to people of color that caused me to remove them.

I realize looking back I really didn't have any relationship with anyone of color. My assumption was that black folks aren't smart, they don't work hard, and are poor dirty people. TV and movies taught me they were the murderers and rapists. There was never a father figure to be found. I bought into those narratives.

I used to believe I didn't have much to learn about race and how to do better. I'm a super nice white person that has had lots of experience with African Americans since leaving college. I've taught in all black classrooms several times. I have hired black high school kids to work at my summer program I direct. All these things qualify me as not being racist or so I thought.

My son Avett was coming home in kindergarten with a picture of Rosa Parks and telling me all about the Civil Rights movement. We hadn't talked about race much because I thought it was too soon. His school has taught me it's never too early to talk about race. We have received so many

blessings from being in a community that is teaching us how to be better humans. I know they won't be putting Confederate flag pillows on their bed in college.

I have a sign in my yard that says Black Lives are Sacred. It was given to me by a group of white Catholics from the parish up the street. I had a preschool parent comment to me that her husband who is black feels safer jogging down our street because of all the signs that show support for him. It makes him feel more accepted and cared for.

The church I teach preschool at has experienced hate filled vandalism to their building. Someone has taken exception to the large banner promoting peace and justice in our front lawn. Not only did they destroy two of these banners but they also broke over forty windows and attempted arson. Our director of over thirty years was approached by a family attending our school that asked, "Why can't you just take the sign down?" It's a sign that says Black Lives Matter in a huge heart.

Her response was prophetic in my opinion. "My husband and son-in-law can't take off their black skin when met with hatred and racism. What do you think the message to them would be if we took down the sign proclaiming that we stand with them?"

I want to ask you today to commit to not

staying silent the next time someone tells you a racist joke. Can you respond to the e-mail chain someone sends you of a racist joke and simply say, "That's not funny?" You don't have to explain why. They'll know. This is just a small step that makes a big difference.

Lindsay humbly and eloquently gave more testimony space limitations keep me from sharing. That last part makes me uncomfortable and it's not the first time. I once interviewed Marian Wright Edelman, the founder of the Children's Defense Fund, in Washington, D.C. She said the same thing about racist jokes. Even if you're not telling them or laughing, your silence is part of the problem. I felt sheepish. I no longer laughed at racist jokes yet nor did I confront those who unfurled them. That conversation was 25 years ago. I'm ashamed to admit I have often stayed silent overhearing racist remarks in Louisiana and in Missouri.

I take heart the generation of my daughters seems less racist than my own. An insightful indictment states we love black culture (athletes and musicians) but not black people. We should do both.

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NFL

Brees renegotiates to help Saints with cap if he retires

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees has agreed to renegotiate his salary down to the NFL minimum in 2021, a move that would save the New Orleans Saints considerable space under the salary cap next season, a person with knowledge of the situation said Friday night.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the Saints nor Brees have publicly discussed the new contract agreement, which was first reported by overthecap.com.

While the 42-year-old Brees has not announced his retirement, guaranteed money from his previous contract, which ran through 2021, would have counted more than \$22 million against the salary cap next season if the record-setting QB chose to stop playing this year.

Under the newly agreed upon contract, Brees could help the Saints by waiting until June to retire, at which point his guaranteed money would be effectively split between 2021 and 2022, providing the Saints with more than \$11 million in additional salary cap space in 2021. However, Brees contract also would count around \$11 million against New Orleans' 2022 salary cap.

Brees has played 20

NFL seasons, including the past 15 with the Saints, and is the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing with 80,358.

His 571 career touchdown passes rank second behind only Tom Brady's 581.

Brees won nine of 12 regular season starts while completing 70.5% of his passes in 2020, and then won a wild-card round playoff game against Chicago before New Orleans' season ended with a divisional-round loss to eventual NFC champion Tampa Bay and the 43-year-old Brady, who plays in his 10th Super Bowl on Sunday against Kansas City.

Brees missed four games this season with multiple fractured ribs and a collapsed lung. It marked the second straight season Brees had to miss part of a season with an injury. In 2019, Brees missed five games because of a thumb injury on his throwing hand that required surgery.

Brees holds the NFL's single-season record for completion rate at 74.4% in 2018, but also holds the second-highest mark at 74.3 in 2019 and third-highest at 72% in 2017.

His 70.5% rate in 2020 ranked ninth all-time, giving Brees six of the top nine season completion rates in NFL history.

NBA

LaVine scores 46 points, Bulls hit 25 3s to beat Pelicans

CHICAGO (AP) — It was Zach LaVine and Coby White all night long. There were layups and jams, well-placed passes and 3-pointers.

So many 3s. LaVine scored a season-high 46 points, hitting nine of Chicago's franchise-record 25 3-pointers, and the Bulls cooled off the New Orleans Pelicans with a 129-116 victory Wednesday. "I expect to do that. I put in the time and effort," LaVine said. "It happens that way. You hit a couple, get hot. You wish it could happen every game. Obviously, it can't. But when you get in a zone, you want to

stay in it."

White made eight 3s and scored 30 points in an impressive show by Chicago's starting backcourt. LaVine and White became the first duo in NBA history to make at least eight 3s apiece in the same game, according to STATS.

Denzel Valentine added four 3-pointers and 16 points as the Bulls went 25 for 47 from beyond the arc and shot 59% (48 for 81) overall.

"We (were) due for a good team shooting night," White said. "We haven't been shooting the ball well as a team, especially at home."

New Orleans had won

four in a row, including a 130-101 victory over Houston on Tuesday night. But the Pelicans looked a little tired in the second half of the opener of a four-game trip.

"Bad combination tonight of them being great and making shots and us being a step slow defensively," coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Zion Williamson had 29 points for New Orleans, and Brandon Ingram finished with 21 points on 6-for-19 shooting. Lonzo Ball scored 19 of his 21 points in the first half.

New Orleans led 74-66 at the break despite Chicago

setting a franchise record with 14 3s in the first half. But the Bulls rolled right by the Pelicans with a big third quarter.

White connected from long range and Daniel Gafford had a driving dunk with 7:03 left, capping a 19-2 run for Chicago. White hit another 3 with 15.3 seconds remaining in the third, lifting the Bulls to a 106-88 lead.

"Their ball movement was incredible," Williamson said. "The pace of their offense was great, and they were also hitting shots."

TURNING IT AROUND White had been struggling, shooting just 35.9%

from the field in his previous five games. But he went 8 for 17 from deep and 10 for 20 overall in the victory over New Orleans. He also had seven assists.

"I'm very happy for Coby that he got back on track," LaVine said. "He showed that confidence again."

TIP-INS Pelicans: Rookie PG Kira Lewis Jr. scored a career-high 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting. The 19-year-old Lewis was the No. 13 pick in last year's draft. "I love his mindset. I love his approach to the game. I just really love his mentality," Van Gundy said. "(Assistant coach) Teresa Weatherspoon's done a

terrific job with him, getting him acclimated to the NBA, and I really look forward to watching his growth as the season goes on."

UP NEXT Pelicans: Visit the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night. The teams were supposed to play Jan. 11, but the game was postponed because of COVID-19 issues with the Mavs.

Bulls: Host the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday night. The Bulls lost 130-127 to the Clippers in their first meeting of the season Jan. 10.

NFL

NFL carousel will spin soon, and not just for quarterbacks

The Matthew Stafford-Jared Goff trade not only has whet fans' appetites for big deals, it's caused a social media frenzy about which quarterbacks are headed elsewhere.

That could happen with the likes of Carson Wentz, Jimmy Garoppolo, Deshaun Watson and Cam Newton. And on a slightly less publicized level with Teddy Bridgewater, Jameis Winston, Sam Darnold and Mitchell Trubisky.

But before anyone gets the idea that half of the NFL's starting signal-callers from 2020 will be employed by new teams in 2021, well, know that carousel is not spinning out of control.

Why not? Money. More specifically, contract dollars. Dead money. Salary-cap repercussions.

The COVID-19 pandemic not only reduced revenues for the NFL across the board, it also has forced a lower salary cap for 2021. That figure is undetermined, though it won't be less than \$175 million and probably will be in the \$180 million-\$185 million range.

So any cap hits for trades involving QBs with mega-contracts will be built as much on finances as football skills. Sure, plenty of teams with questionable quarterbacking would love to add a Watson or Wentz

— and even inquire about the availability of the likes of David Carr or Matt Ryan. But the price tag is a paramount consideration.

There are also the tricky contract dynamics for Dak Prescott and Ben Roethlisberger. Prescott played under the franchise tag cost of \$31.4 million but was injured in the Cowboys' fifth game. Dallas is adamant about keeping Prescott, preferably with a long-term deal.

"One of the things that we're going to have to really see where we are, and it will affect everybody, all 32 (NFL teams), and it will affect our team," Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones said, "is what the consequences of the virus have had on our cap situation going forward, and where is that salary cap going to be and what kind of cap are we going to manage into. So all those things will play a role into players that we keep that are under contract, where we can sign — obviously Dak being at the top of that list — and then going from there."

Roethlisberger has indicated a willingness to redo his contract with Pittsburgh for what likely will be his final season. He's set for a cap hit of \$41 million, and that won't happen.

There probably are fewer



teams with long-term set signal-callers than those in flux. For sure, the Patriots, Jets, Texans, Colts and Steelers in the AFC have uncertainty. Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, New Orleans, Carolina and San Francisco in the NFC could be making significant changes.

Plus, Urban Meyer is sold on Trevor Lawrence as the first overall draft pick for the Jacksonville Jaguars. There are a handful of quarterbacks in this draft who also could wind up as starters

next season.

"Who we pick at that quarterback spot, that's going to be one of the most important decisions I've made in my lifetime, along with the partnership of our owner and general manager," Meyer said. "I see some elite quarterbacks out there right now."

The free agent market doesn't have those, unless Prescott lands there. The strength in free agency is on defense, from the line to the secondary.

Indeed, two of the keys to

Tampa Bay's championship, linebackers Shaq Barrett and Lavonte David, will be available if the Bucs don't re-up them before next month.

Bucs coach Bruce Arians expects them back, as well as receiver Chris Godwin and the three additions Tom Brady recruited: Rob Gronkowski, Antonio Brown and Leonard Fournette.

"I'm very, very confident," Arians said. "I have all the trust in the world in (GM) Jason (Licht) and what he would do. These guys, they

have a bond. There will be dollars involved. But I think that this group is so, so close that sometimes dollars don't matter. But we're going to do everything we can to get the dollars right, too, because they earned it."

If they reach free agency, look for the likes of defensive linemen/edge rushers Leonard Williams, Trey Hendrickson, Haason Reddick, Matthew Judon, Bud Dupree and Yannick Ngakoue to cash in. Defensive backs John Johnson III, Justin Simmons, Marcus Maye and perhaps veteran Patrick Peterson, whose performance has faded recently, could be popular.

Blockers and pass catchers seem most attractive on offense. In the trenches, two All-Pros might be free: center Corey Linsley and guard Brandon Scherff. So might Joe Thuney, Trent Williams and Taylor Moton.

In the pass-happy NFL, teams always are looking for receivers, and the top wideouts about to hit free agency are Allen Robinson, Kenny Golladay and JuJu Smith-Schuster.

Finally, consider that finances could force some teams to make surprise moves. But bidding wars could be tepid this time around.

NBA

MAVS' CUBAN RELENTS ON ANTHEM AFTER NBA REITERATES POLICY

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban relented Wednesday and the national anthem will be played before home games this season after the NBA reiterated its "longstanding league policy" to include the song.

The league's initial reaction to Cuban's decision was to say teams were free to conduct pregame activities as they wished with the unusual circumstances created by the coronavirus pandemic. Most teams don't have fans at home games.

But the NBA abruptly reversed course with Cuban's decision reverberating around the country, including a question put to White House press secretary Jen Psaki during her daily briefing. Athlete protests of social and racial injustice during the "The Star-Spangled Banner" became a flashpoint between then-President Donald Trump and various leagues during his administration.

"With NBA teams now in the process of welcoming fans back into their arenas, all teams will play the national anthem in keeping with longstanding league policy," the league said.

The Mavericks played a prerecorded anthem with both teams stand-

ing along the free throw lines, as spelled out in NBA guidelines, before Wednesday night's 118-117 win over Atlanta. In the past, Cuban always had live performances of the anthem, although that practice has changed across all sports because of the pandemic.

Less than half of the roughly 1,500 vaccinated essential workers were at their seats during the anthem. All players and coaches stood, including Dallas coach Rick Carlisle with his right hand over his heart.

"It's an animated discussion, which is certainly not surprising," Carlisle said before the game. "This was Mark's decision. He was steadfast about it. It's been quite a day."

The Mavericks released a statement from Cuban while acknowledging the club would return to playing the anthem.

"We respect and always have respected the passion people have for the anthem and our country," Cuban said. "But we also loudly hear the voices of those who feel that the anthem does not represent them. We feel that their voices need to be respected and heard, because they have not been. Our hope is that going forward people will take

the same passion they have for this issue and apply the same amount of energy to listen to those who feel differently from them," he said. "Then we can move forward and have courageous conversations that move this country forward and find what unites us."

The Mavericks played their first 10 regular-season games without fans before allowing the essential workers in for free for the first time Monday against Minnesota.

Rich Patterson, a 29-year-old who works in health care and attended the Atlanta game with a colleague, said the anthem was important to him, but that he wasn't hung up on whether it was played before sporting events.

"This is a sporting event and I'm here to have fun," Patterson said from seats a few rows from the front of a platform about a dozen feet above the playing area. "I'm not here to worry about politics on either side."

Cuban at that point declined to elaborate on his decision to not play the anthem, other than to say nobody noticed until after 11 regular-season home games.

The move wasn't without support among NBA coaches.

"This should happen everywhere," New Orleans coach Stan Van Gundy tweeted Wednesday. "If you think the anthem needs to be played before sporting events, then play it before every movie, concert, church service and the start of every work day at every business. What good reason is there to play the anthem before a game?"

The question Van Gundy raises has been debated for some time.

The NBA rule book does not specifically say that the anthem — or anthems, in games involving the Toronto Raptors, the lone Canadian team in the league — must be played before games. The only rule regarding the songs states this: "Players, coaches and trainers must stand and line up in a dignified posture along the foul lines during the playing of the American and/or Canadian national anthems."

That rule was relaxed last year in the NBA's restart bubble at Walt Disney World, when the league took no objection to players kneeling for the anthem to show their desire for an end to racial injustice and police brutality.

Players were criticized for kneeling; some of those who stood, such as

Miami's Meyers Leonard and Orlando's Jonathan Isaac, also faced backlash on social media for choosing to stand. San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, a graduate of the Air Force Academy and coach of the U.S. men's national team, also stood for anthems in the bubble.

In an interview with ESPN, Cuban said it was never his intent to quit playing the anthem for good. The outspoken billionaire said the issue was part of an ongoing conversation with people in the community and the league, particularly as fans begin returning to arenas.

"We have no problem playing the national anthem at all," Cuban said. "I stand for the national anthem. My hand is always over my heart. The real issue is how do you represent the voices of those who feel the anthem doesn't represent them or causes them consternation."

Dallas players Jalen Brunson and Willie Cauley-Stein said they felt Cuban was showing support for them, and they appreciated it.

"One thing I'll say about Mark is he's not scared of what's being talked about," Cauley-Stein said. "It's not just a business

to him. When you get to this level, it's such a business. And when you've got a guy that shows his full character and he's not being a businessman and he's like human, that's big-time for a player to go through."

Backlash to not playing the anthem was swift in the Texas Capitol, where Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick urged Cuban to "sell the franchise & some Texas Patriots will buy it." Other GOP lawmakers suggested the tax breaks the American Airlines Center receives should come under new scrutiny.

Patrick said he intends to introduce a bill in the Texas Senate that will ensure the national anthem is played at all events that receive public funding. He said the bill has broad support.

"It is hard to believe this could happen in Texas, but Mark Cuban's actions of yesterday made it clear that we must specify that in Texas we play the national anthem before all major events," Patrick said. "In this time when so many things divide us, sports are one thing that bring us together — right, left, Black, white and brown."

INSPIRATION

Love is Eternal

No doubt, we’ve all used our best lines to coin the perfect poem for our sweetheart. I recall one that was written (surely) by a country bumpkin: “I used to think when I was young, that girls were sweet as pie; now when I think of what I think; I think I think a lie.” We can do better than that, don’t you think? When we write about love, we pull emotions deeply from the heart. We want to express our warmest and purest ex-

pressions to those who are dearest. That’s what God did when He sent Jesus to show us what eternal love really is. He gave His best – His greatest gift-Jesus. Paul writes about this unique love also in 1 Cor 13. “...love is the greatest of all these (virtues)”. Of all of the attributes a Christian can possess, love is of highest order.



Bill Crider

Wasn’t God’s eternal sacrifice proof that no greater gift could be given than “His only begotten Son” to save a sinful, decaying world? Now this week florist world-wide will be their business – delivering flowers, candy, balloons and other gifts with the “I Love You” notes attached. And many hearts will be soothed by hearing

those special words of love as well. Hallmark probably counts Valentine’s Day as one of the biggest ‘sellers’ of the year for them. No matter how we slice it, the greatest lover among us cannot come close to the eternal love of our God. The measure of God’s love for mankind is found in Romans 8. In fact, His love is so strong that it has erased death’s victory and sting in the lives of believers. “Where death is your victory? Where is

your sting?” The Father’s love overshadowed death with Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross at Calvary. When Christ arose from the grave, death no longer had any grip on Him (or us). And it was all because of God’s eternal love. Jesus explained this love to Nicodemus (John 3:16). So, if God is for us, who can be against us? For Christ is at the Father’s right hand interceding for us. Well, then, ‘who can separate us from the love of

God?’ He has justified (just-as-if-I-had-never-sinned) by His forgiving love. Therefore, absolute ‘nothing shall separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!’ God’s eternal love is a guarantee for eternal security in His kingdom. Share this love with others this week and God will bless you in special ways.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Walking in the Ways of the World

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.” Ephesians 2:1-2 NASB



Max Hutto

salvation in Christ as being spiritually dead. Without Christ a person walks in the ways of the world. The word “walk” is used to describe one’s manner of life, one’s lifestyle, the overarching direction of one’s life. It describes one’s consistent pattern of daily thoughts, actions, and habits. In verses

2 and 3 Paul identifies three distinct forces that influence and drive a person’s worldly lifestyle.

Lord Jesus, while I formerly walked in my trespasses and sins, I desire to walk according to Your Word. Let my walk, my lifestyle, bring glory and honor to You.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

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Joseph told the pharaoh there was to be a 7 year drought. Joseph gathered corn for the 7 good years. His brothers in Canaan got hungry and went to Egypt to



Mack Ford

buy corn. They did not know Joseph, but Joseph knew them and forgave them for selling him as a slave. He was always humble, always generous, and always obedient. He filled their sacks with corn and put money in their

sacks, but he accused them of being spies and kept one a prisoner until they brought their youngest brother to see him. Benjamin was his only true brother. To be continued...

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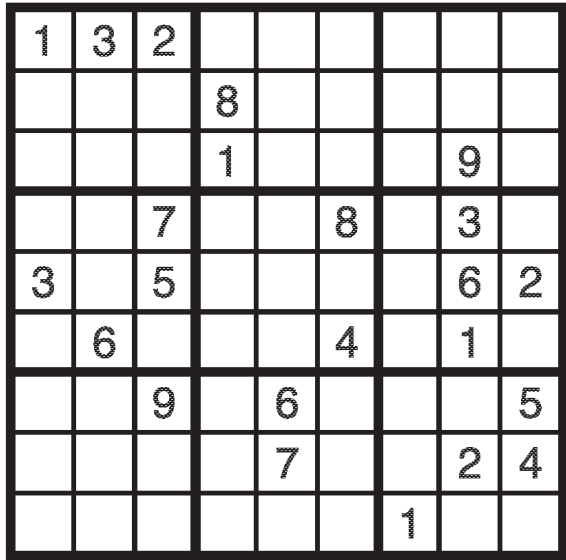
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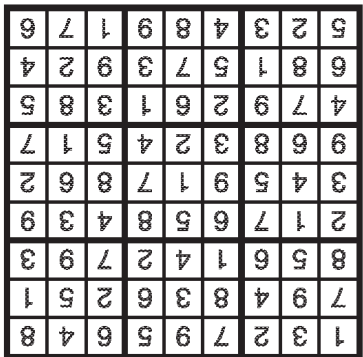
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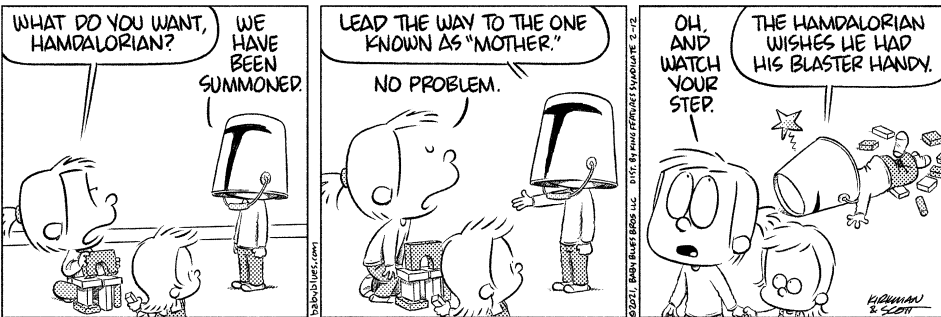
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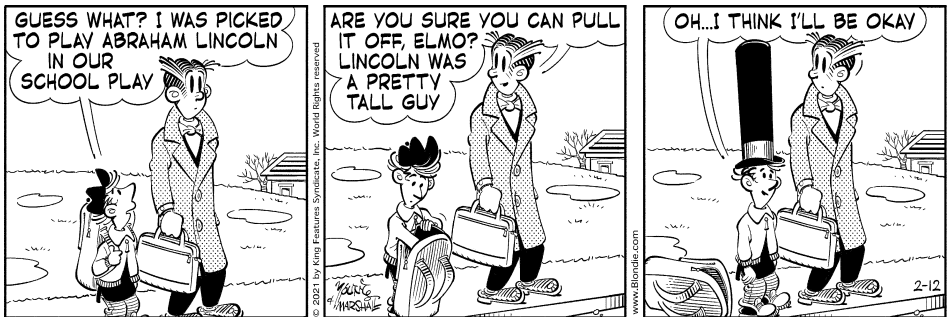
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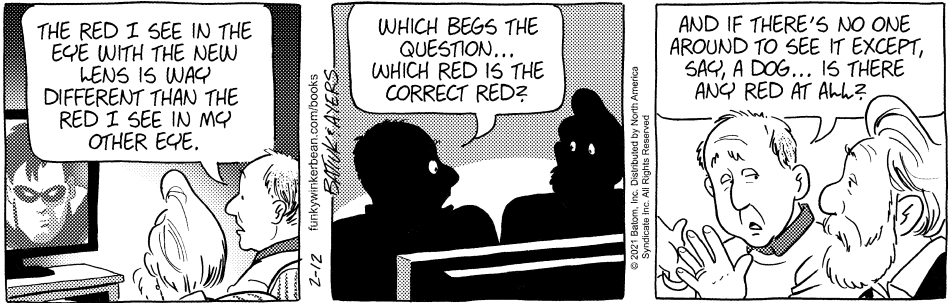
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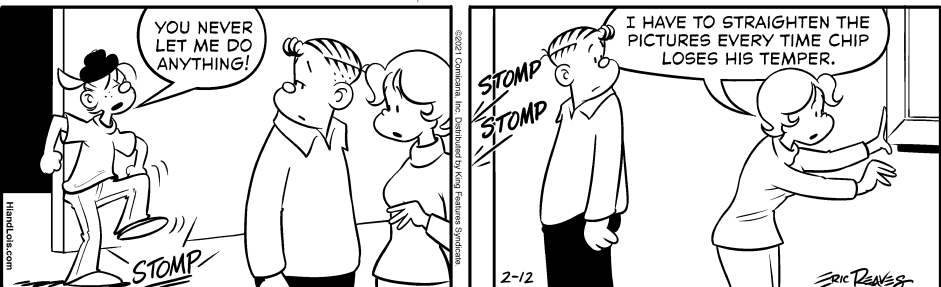
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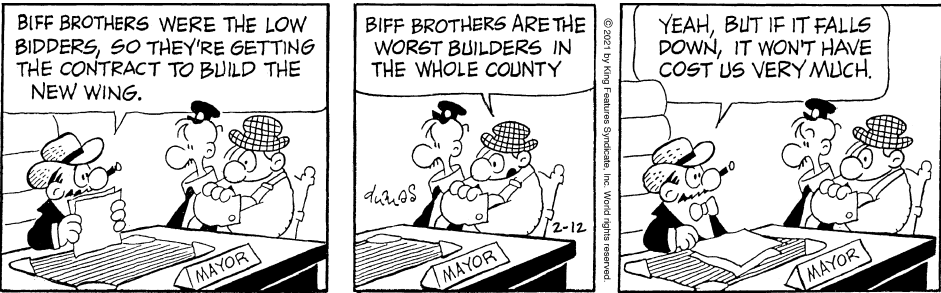
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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2021

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Ralph James, Chief of Police Paul Miguez, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson, Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero, and members of the public. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin and Ralph James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from January 7, 2021 at Council Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2021 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the January, 2021 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Ralph James and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Report for January 7, 2021. Matt Austin moved to accept the January, 2021 Police Department Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hallie DeMoss moved to adopt the Law Office of Christopher Stahl as Village Attorney for 2021 as presented: the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James. The motion was approved unanimously. Ralph James moved to accept Wise, Martin, & Cole LLC, as the Village of Heflin's Official Auditor for 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously adopted Always Best Quality Maintenance LLC, as the Village of Heflin landscaper for 2021. Hallie DeMoss move to accept Minden Press Herald as the Village of Heflin's Official Journal for 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Ralph James as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Matt Austin. Attest by: Sherry Limosnero Village Clerk, February 12, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

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