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Tools of the Trade:

Firemen practice life saving techniques

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

Firemen of Webster as well as surrounding parishes met up in Fire District 7 Training Center in Dixie Inn in order to receive training from Brothers of the Boot which is a non-profit that aims to equip firmen with the skills and knowledge they will need when providing a response to various emergency situations.

"We're a chapter of the Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society. That's what the FOOLS stands for. Basically it's a fraternal organization that's really geared toward training," said Bob Callahan, who oversaw Saturday's training.

"We offer some alternative training that they may not see a whole lot of those organizations. It's just extra for the guys that want to go beyond, this kind of training for the guys that want to go, want to go beyond what they have to."

During this session, the firemen present were able to practice vehicle extraction techniques using the Jaws of Life, as well as the practice of lifting large vehicles off of smaller vehicles that may be beneath them, known as a vehicle un-

In regards to vehicle extraction, firemen used the Jaws of Life in order to practice cutting off doors, taking off roofs, and all manner of dismantling a vehicle so that in an emergency situation they can access anyone regardless of damage to a vehicle.

"These basic skills are used on a regular basis in car accidents. Newer cars are a lot better than the older cars. They're a lot more built, a lot more sturdy. They use some high tension metal. So we don't do as much vehicle extrication as we did, say, 15, 20 years ago. Parish-wide, all the departments probably do 50 to 70 vehicle extrications a year," said Callahan.

On top of vehicles being

better built to protect the passenger, Callahan also spoke of how the technology has gotten better over the years, allowing them to transition from gas powered equipment to battery powered equipment.

"With this is new technology, fire service in general is getting away from gasoline-powered tools and getting more into battery-operated tools, now that battery technology is good enough that we can use these tools for 30 or 40 minutes," said

"Now, we're able to run these tools for thirty five, forty, forty five minutes on a battery. It makes it a whole lot simpler, a lot less maintenance and a lot less questions whether that tool is going to start or not when you need time."

The less frequently used but equally important training they conducted Saturday was practicing what's known as a vehicle underride.

"We're going to be using struts, some other tools, and airbags to lift a bus off the car so we can slide the car out. That's called the vehicle underride. So theoretically, we can pull the car out from underneath almost anything.

Admittedly these incidents happen a lot less frequently, but are still not an uncommon

"We had an underride vehicle a year ago and it took an hour to get the bus up enough to be able to pull the car. You can get those on the interstate. Basically with all the tractor trailer traffic, it's not common, but it's not uncommon to get a vehicle underride out here in any of the highways. But typically, the interstate is when you're going to see a lot of those vehicles underrides.

Callahan also showed great appreciation towards local businesses Harmon's Automotive & Towing Service Inc. and Gordon's Towing and Recovery for donating the vehicles used in Saturday's training.



A fireman seen using the Jaws of Life to dismantle a car door frame Saturday.



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Firemen from Webster and surrounding parishes gathered in Dixie Inn for training conducted by the Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society (FOOLS).

Minden Tax Preparer Indicted on Tax Fraud Charges

SHREVEPORT, LA. - A federal grand jury in Shreveport has returned an indictment charging Deborah Cooksey, 56, of Minden, Louisiana, with filing false tax returns, Acting United States Attorney Alexander C. Van Hook

Cooksey is the owner and operator of Cooksey's Tax and Notary Services, LLC, in Minden, Louisiana, with her primary business being the preparation and electronic filing of individual income tax returns. The indictment charges Cooksey with two counts of making and subscribing a false tax return. It is alleged in the indictment that on two occasions, on or about April 15, 2015 and February 11, 2016, Cooksey created and filed her U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Form 1040,

for calendar years 2013 and 2014. The indictment alleges that Cooksey's federal income tax return for calendar year 2013 reported gross receipts and sales

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Louisiana business group says proposal to increase gas tax will not be filed

(The Center Square) - A Louisiana legislator will not move forward with his planned bid to raise the state's gasoline tax this year, according to a business group that backed the plan.

Erich Ponti, president of the Louisiana Coalition to Fix Our Roads, wrote Thursday in a letter to supporters that Rep. Jack McFarland no longer plans to file his Government Reform in Transportation Act and instead will "focus on identifying alternative funding sources that can gather the votes needed for pas-

The recently passed American Rescue Plan could provide a "significant infusion of one-time resources," Ponti wrote.

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SECOND FRONT

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Jasmine Dhow, 28, of the 600 block of Bradford Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tracey Moore, 28, of the 300 block of Oak Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Delondra Washington, 37, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Dominic Washington, 30, of the 500 block of MLK Jr. Drive, was arrested for battery of a dating

Dedrick miller, 41, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance and possession of drug parapher-

Andrenia Adams, 19, of the 8100 block of Pines Road was arrested on two warrants.

Patricia Whittfield, 56, of the 100 block of B. F. Martin Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Mary Walker, 55, of the 500 block of W. R. Reeder Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Dimitrius Castle, 48, of the 500 block of Babb Circle, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Rico Nelson Jr., 22, of the 400 block of Joel Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Joshua Thomas, 26, of the 700 block of Creighton Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace by public intoxication.

Tedrick Glasper, 36, of the 100 block of North 17th Street, was arrested for theft, resisting arrest by flight, and resisting arrest by force or violence.

Quaderick Edwards, 23, of the 800 block of Harris Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

LOCAL

Minden Medical Center Visitor Policy **Update and Cafeteria Re-Opening**

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

Visitor limitations for Minden Medical Center are being lifted and their cafeteria will once again be opened to the public.

"Minden Medical Center has lifted its visitor restrictions and will no longer be limiting patients to one visitor per day. Visitors will still be screened upon entrance to the facility and will have their temperature checked," the hospital's website stated.

"All visitors must adhere to hospital guidelines and must wear a mask. Visitors are allowed to spend the night with their patient if they choose to do so. However, as is usual practice our front doors will lock at 9:00 p.m. and will not reopen until 7:00 a.m. the next morning. Visitors should remain in the patient's room as much as possible."

Patients who are awaiting COVID-19 test results or who are COVID-19 positive in certain areas of the hospital will still have visitor restrictions to help reduce the spread of the virus.

As stated in a press-release, "The MMC Cafeteria will re-open to the public on Thursday, April 1 (not an April Fool's Day joke - it's really re-opening!) We are looking forward to welcoming people in our community back to enjoy breakfast and lunch at MMC!"

"Masks must be worn unless actively eating or drinking, and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Cafeteria visitors must also complete COVID-19 screening and temperature check when they arrive at the hospital. The weekly Cafeteria menu will be shared on Minden Medical Center's website: www.mindenmedicalcenter.com/ patient-visitor-resources/cafeteria/ as well as on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ MindenMedicalCenter"

Cafeteria Hours: Monday - Friday Breakfast: 7:15 a.m. to

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

Saturday: Closed Sunday (Lunch Only): 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Indicted: 2014 receipts were substantially higher than the amount reported

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in the amount of \$522,662 from her tax preparation services business for the calendar year 2013, when in fact she knew and believed that the gross sales and receipts for the calendar year 2013 were substantially higher than the amount reported.

It is further alleged in

the indictment that Cooksey's federal income tax return for calendar year 2014 reported gross receipts and sales in the amount of \$459,361 from her tax preparation services business for the calendar year 2014, when in fact she knew and believed that the gross sales and receipts for the calendar year 2014 were substantially higher

than the amount reported.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Internal Revenue Service is conducting the investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary J. Mudrick is prosecuting the

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Tax: Last attempt to raise gas tax in Louisiana was in 2019

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cents a gallon in taxes on gasoline. The state's portion of 20 cents has not increased in three decades.

McFarland, a Winnfield Republican, had discussed legislation that would increase the gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, then add 2 cents a gallon each year until the increase reaches 22 cents. Each additional penny in tax would raise about \$30 million, and the additional money would help state officials draw down \$780 million in federal money that otherwise would go to other states, McFarland said.

Louisiana, which often is described as having some of the worst roads and bridges in the country, has a \$15 billion road maintenance backlog and a \$13 billion wish list for new projects, according to state officials, which helps drive calls for more revenue.

Tax increases, however, always are controversial and may be even less palatable to lawmakers be-

cause of the current economic uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gov. John Bel Edwards cited that uncertainty to explain why he was not backing the tax increase and why he didn't think it would get the votes of two-thirds of the members of each chamber in the Louisiana Legislature. A two-thirds is needed for a tax increase.

The last attempt to raise Louisiana's gas tax was during the state election year of 2019.

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GOVERNMENT

Commission: Dedicate Louisiana sports betting revenue to early childhood education

(The Center Square) - Louisiana lawmakers should dedicate all of the tax proceeds from legal sports betting to early childhood education, a state commission recommends in a new report.

The Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Commission is urging the state to immediately invest \$85.8 million in educating children from birth through age 3 and continue to increase spending annually by nearly that amount over 10 years for a total cost of \$839 million. The commission made the same recommendation in a previous report.

Two state legislators, Rep. Stephanie Hilferty and Sen. Beth Mizell, cochair the commission, which also includes representation from the executive branch of state government and leaders from the education, business and nonprofit sec-

If the state were to invest the recommended initial \$85.8 million in early care and education now, it would see an economic benefit of \$1.8 billion over the next 10 years, the commission's report said. If no investment is made, the state could see a compounded economic loss of \$12.1 billion over the next 10 years, the commission said.

The federal American Rescue Plan Act dedicates to Louisiana almost \$300 million in Child Care and Development Block Grants and more than \$475 million for child care stabilization. Combined with previous stimulus grants, Louisiana will receive more than \$1 billion to support child care and families, officials said.

The Louisiana Department of Education, however, has to spend all the money by Sept. 30, 2024. Superintendent Cade Brumley said that while he embraces the short-term solution the stimulus money provides, "Louisiana should consider investment for longterm funding solutions."

"The flood of new federal funding from recent stimulus packages will provide Louisiana with an opportunity to address some of the immediate challenges raised by the commission," said Mizell, R-Franklinton. "However, we know that the state must put together a plan

now for how it will fund early care and education at the appropriate levels once the stimulus funding runs out."

Among other measures, the commission recommended committing all revenue raised from sports betting to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund. Voters in 55 of 64 parishes legalized sports betting in their areas last year.

The voter referendum didn't specify how sports betting will operate in the state or what the tax rates or fees would be, leaving legislators to work out the details this year. It's impossible to know how much money sports betting might raise in Louisiana, though a 2019 study might offer a clue.

Louisiana Economic Development hired Spectrum Gaming Group to perform a comprehensive analysis of the state's gaming sector, which included sports betting revenue projections. Spectrum estimated Louisiana could generate between \$237 million and \$332 million annually, adding that legalizing digital gaming and allowing betting on professional and college sports was necessary to maximize the return.

The consultants also said sports betting should be taxed "at a reasonable rate - 15 percent or less - so that gamblers can be offered attractive enough odds to stay in state." Using Spectrum's projections, a 15% tax rate would raise between \$35.55 million and \$49.8 million per year.

Legal settlements the state receives, such as from lawsuits involving tobacco or opioids, also could be a funding source, the commission said. The commission also recommends prioritizing early care and education for opportunities funding created during ongoing efforts to overhaul the state's tax system, though Gov. John Bel Edwards has called for any changes to be revenue neutral, meaning roughly the same amount of money should be raised.

Edwards did not include a spending boost for early childhood care and education in his executive budget proposal, saying he expected the education department to use some of their stimulus dollars for that purpose.

ECONOMY

Dropping gas prices halt after Hold up at Suez Canal

PATRICK DE HAAN

Gas Buddy

(March 29, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.62/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 23.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 80.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.29/g today while the most expensive is \$2.99/g, a difference of 70.0 cents

per gallon.

"After the feverish rise in gas prices to start the year, increases have largely tapered off and we're now seeing decreasing prices in most areas of the country, thanks to oil prices that have moderated for the time being," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBud-

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.84/g today. The national average is up 12.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 87.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"As the Suez Canal has remained block for nearly a week, we could see some volatility in the price of oil this week as the market digests any updates as hundreds of ships remain in limbo. Back stateside, refiners have made the switch to summer gasoline and price impacts have been limited thus far, but demand for gasoline remains strong. Last week saw total gasoline demand at yet another pandemic high according to GasBuddy data. As we approach warmer weather and motorists are increasingly getting outside, it could drive prices higher, so long as COVID-19 cases don't jump along with it and lead to new travel restrictions," said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

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OTHER OPINION

David: Biden's tax proposal is a bit... disingenuous

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Another party shift, another tax proposal.

Former President Donald Trump ran on cutting taxes and increasing jobs, it was a major pillar of his campaign.

Dutifully, he and congress lowered taxation rates almost across the board, a move which has seen benefit throughout several markets, including a perceived increase in labor supply, and a reduction in energy costs for most Americans.

However, just two years removed from the beginning of said breaks, it's still difficult to tell just how much effect the tax cuts will have on the American economy. In truth, the cuts in revenue sources for the government came with no cuts in expenses, a sheet that never balances.

historically, And, never works out.

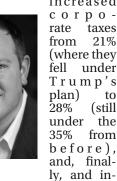
But, still, the law seemed beneficial in the onset and Republicans, as well as Trump, believed that eventually the jobs created and the reduced corporate tax rate would cause of a surge of new revenue into government coffers.

That hasn't quite materialized just yet, but that also doesn't mean it will never happen – it just hasn't happened,

As the political pendulum shifts, however, America will once again face the immediate shift back to a different tax method and an economic outlook that swings a totally different direction than it has the last

And it seems, well, disen-

President Joe Biden has proposed an increased tax bracket for those making over \$400,000, increased



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crease the capital gains tax.

To focus on the corporate rate, it misses the mark in that most large businesses, or even medium size businesses with a good account department, usually pay no taxes at all, or are taxed on a very nominal

The corporate rate is set regarding profits, not income per se. What's the difference? Well, companies are taxes on the money they make in income, after expenses are subtracted,

as well as other deductible expenses are included - including charitable donations, or federal write offs for specific programs. As you can see, companies

with access to the right firms or having a stellar accounting department can quite easily find ways to avoid paying taxes all together, or pay on a profit amount that's, in real numbers, much less than what the company actually made for a given

It's an interesting model, to say the least, trying to find ways to tax businesses without allowing those businesses to pass the expense on to the cus-

In the case of corporate income tax, they don't have to.

what's interesting about all this, is that the actual rate falls upon the small and some medium size businesses. The individuals and companies who can't fund an accounting department or hire a high-powered CPA are forced to run with the ebb and flow in changes in the corporate tax rate.

Which isn't very fun, or easy. Sure, there are plenty of small business owners who have it somewhat figured out by riding the line between profit and loss. That methodology to avoid paying taxes can often bear catastrophe, for a lot of different reasons, or be too hard to track for individual business owners - who are just trying to keep the door's open to pay attention.

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Moral of the story? Even at 21%, most businesses that are paving the two dimes on every dollar sold are small businesses, and sometimes medium.

The large businesses, which

could end up paying hundreds of millions in taxes, usually pay nothing. Simply Google Amazon, Google (Alphabet), Apple, Look at Donald Trump's

personal tax records - his loss carry-forwards and reports of low profits are considered good financing by most buisness owners and wealthy people.

It's the right game to play avoid paying taxes.

In the end, another tax change is going to affect small businesses the most, and a few medium ones, and it's way too fast - considering how young the last tax cut truly is - to run off and increase it again.

What's even scarier? The tax proposal pleases relatively few on either side of the aisle - not a majority.

> MCHUGH DAVID IS PUBLISHER OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH NEWS

OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Louisiana finds vaccine hesitancy as shortages end

Nearly four months after coronavirus vaccinations began, Louisiana is seeing fewer people clamoring for the surging supply of shots, and that fall-off in interest is happening far too soon to contain the spread of the virus.

Talk of waiting your turn has ended, replaced with pleas for people to sign up for available vaccine appointments and to urge their family and friends to do the same. Persuading people appears to be harder than public health officials hoped.

Now, Gov. John Bel Edwards' administration, state leaders, faith-based organizations, civic groups and others are embarking on the difficult task of cajoling the uninterested, the worried and the iffy across Louisiana — and connecting those who are interested but have encountered obstacles.

"We are soon going to get to the point where we're going to have more doses than arms unless we overcome some of this hesitancy and increase our confidence in the vaccines, and that's what we're working on 24 hours a day now," Edwards said in a radio interview.

More than 1.1 million people in Louisiana — 24% of the state's total population — have received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to state health department data. Nearly 655,000 people have been fully immunized, about 14%. (The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses; the Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one.)

That's far below the threshold that scientists believe would be needed to stop the uncontrolled spread of the COVID-19 disease



MELINDA DESLATTE

caused by coronavirus — a worrisome situation as more virulent and contagious strains of the vihave reached the United

Louisiana is falling behind most other states in per-capita vaccine distribution, according to data from the U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention

States.

To try to combat the low numbers, Edwards is throwing open access to the shots to everyone age 16 and older, starting Monday, to end any uncertainty about who might be eligible. The state also is diving deep into vaccination data, to identify which communities they'll target for more direct outreach.

The health department is readying a call center, expected to be up and running within

the week, to respond to vaccine concerns and questions and help set up appointments for those with internet issues or who aren't tech savvy.

And the agency is working with local organizations on a planned get-out-the-vote-style effort that will have people knocking on doors and making phone calls to areas where few people have been vaccinated.

A poll released in February by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that while 67% of Americans plan to get vaccinated or have already done so, 15% are certain they won't and 17% say probably not. Many expressed doubts about the vaccine's safety and effectiveness.

Dr. Joe Kanter, Edwards' chief public health adviser, said he still believes Louisiana can reach herd immunity. He said more and more people seem to grow comfortable with the vaccine as they see their friends, family, co-workers and neighbors get immunized with no significant side effects.

But he acknowledged: "It's very clear to us that there's going to be a lot of work that has to happen ... a lot of outreach, a lot of meeting people where they're at."

Some parishes have started delivering vaccines to people who are elderly and disabled at their homes if they have limited mobility. Specialized vacci-

nation events have been held for fishermen, postal workers and teachers.

Louisiana has been doing drive-thru and walk-in mass immunizations at convention centers, sports stadiums, fairgrounds, event centers, college campuses and churches - in coordination with hospitals, clinics and pharmacies and using the National Guard to help staff the sites.

Dr. Tina Stefanski, the state's medical director for the Acadiana region, said public health officials are working with local leaders to identify underserved communities and steer vaccine doses.

For example, she said a nurse helped set up a vaccination event at a Buddhist temple in Lafayette Parish for the local Laotian community. Stefanski's office is working with seafood processing sites in the region to bring vaccine doses to the employees and is reaching out to grocery stores in the Hispanic community to try to set up small vaccine events on site. "It's still kind of word of

mouth. It's finding people in those communities who know of areas of need," Stefanski said.

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INSPIRATION

Now vaccinated, older adults emerge from COVID hibernation

Bill Griffin waited more than a year for this moment: Newly vaccinated, he embraced his 3-yearold granddaughter for the first time since the pandemic began.

"She came running right over. I picked her up and gave her a hug. It was amazing," the 70-year-old said after the reunion last weekend.

Spring has arrived with sunshine and warmer weather, and many older adults who have been vaccinated, like Griffin, are emerging from COVID-19-imposed hibernation.

From shopping in person or going to the gym to bigger milestones like visiting family, the people who were once most at risk from COVID-19 are beginning to move forward with getting their lives on track. More than 47% of Americans who are 65 and older are now fully vaccinated.

Visiting grandchildren is a top priority for many older adults. In Arizona, Gailen Krug has yet to hold her first grandchild, who was born a month into the pandemic in Minneapolis. Now fully vaccinated, Krug is making plans to travel for her granddaughter's first birthday in April.

"I can't wait," said Krug, whose only interactions with the girl have been over Zoom and Face-Time. "It's very strange to not have her in my life yet."

The excitement she feels, however, is tempered with sadness. Her daughter-in-law's mother, who she had been looking forward to sharing grandma duties with, died of COVID-19 just hours after the baby's birth. She contracted it at a nursing home.

Isolated by the pandemic, older adults were hard hit by loneliness caused by restrictions intended to keep people safe. Many of them sat out summer reunions, canceled vacation plans and missed family holiday gatherings in November and December.

In states with older populations, like Maine, Arizona and Florida, health officials worried about the emotional and physical toll of loneliness, posing an additional health concern on top of the virus.

But that's changing, and more older people are reappearing in public after they were among the first group to get vaccinated.

Those who are fully vaccinated are ready to get out of Dodge without worrying they were endangering themselves amid a pandemic that has claimed more than 540,000 lives in the United States.

"Now there's an extra level of confidence. I am feeling good about moving forward," said Ken Hughes, a 79-year-old Florida resident who is flying with his wife for a pandemic-delayed annual trip to Arizona in April.

Plenty of older adults are eager to hop on a jet to travel. Others are looking forward to the simpler things like eating at a restaurant, going to a movie theater or playing bingo.

Sally Adams, 74, was among several older people who showed up for "parking lot bingo" in Glendale, Arizona. She felt safe because she'd been vaccinated and because she was in her car at the first bingo event in more than year.

Once she fulfills the time to reach peak immunity, she plans to indulge in little things like eating out. Both her and her husband, who is also vaccinated, have only done takeout. Now, they feel like it will be OK to even eat indoors — as long as it's not crowded.

"We'll probably go in and take the farthest table from other people just to be on the safe side," she said.

Indeed, many older adults are taking a cautious approach, especially when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declined to ease recommendations for travel.

Frequent traveler Cindy Charest was so excited about the prospect of jetting away for the first time in more than a year that she posted an airplane emoji with a photo of her being vaccinated on social media.

But she's taking a waitand-see attitude after the CDC recommended against nonessential air travel, for now.

"I think I got prematurely excited about it," said Charest, 65, of Westbrook, Maine. But she's ready to jump when the time comes. She's watching for changing guidance.

Others are also cautious.

"We're still in the thick of it," said Claudette Greene, 68, of Portland, Maine. "We've made a lot of progress but we're not done with this."

Kathy Bubar said she and her husband are completely vaccinated but are in no hurry to push things. The 73-yearold Portland resident is planning to wait until fall before planning any major travel. She hopes to go on a safari in December.

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"My goal in all of this is to not be the last person to die from COVID. I'm willing to be patient and take as long as it takes," she said.

The Griffins were also cautious before they were reunited with their granddaughter.

Bill Griffin, of Waterboro, didn't dare have close contact with family members until after being vaccinated because he has lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease and high blood pressure, all factors that pushed him into a high-risk category for COVID-19.

"Everybody wants to live for the moment, but the moment could have been very deadly. We listened to the scientists," he said.

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INSPIRATION

Why we need laughter

Johnny Wessler made me laugh while I was interviewing him on my cable television talk show

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As sleep deprived as I've been lately it makes me feel better to remember that the Bible says "laughter is like medicine for the soul" affirming what I've sensed all along.

According to the CDC thirty - six percent or one in three Americans don't get the recommended seven hours of sleep.

At seventy-three I've noticed that when I'm sleep deprived my silliness comes at random speed.

Not to worry, the world famous Italian psychologist Doctor Buscaglia, wrote so much about our need to reach out to others, not knowing whose life we might save. We all need someone to

love, knowing what others are going through. He said we can do doing anything because they will say "she is either old or she's crazy" which liberates me to be me."

Ann Landers wrote "when I was twenty I worried about what people thought about me.

When I was forty I didn't care what they thought about me. When I was sixty I realized they weren't thinking about me!"

Self-centered is what we might be.

I think we would be better off if we realized that it's not all about us.

A friend also told me that being silly can be a sign of a drunk which I'm not as a teetotaler.

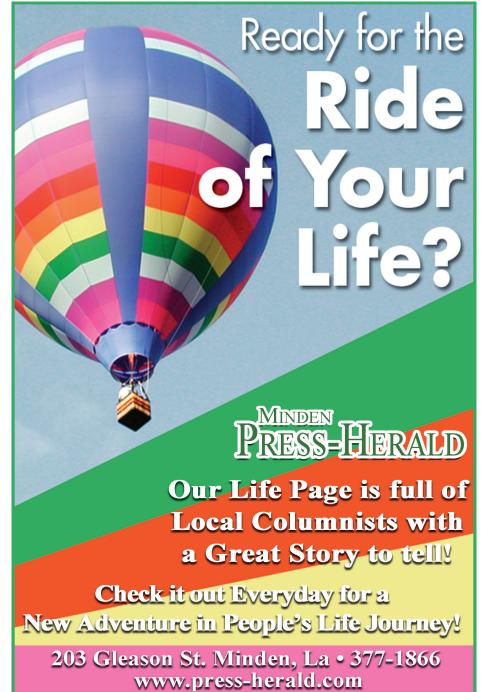
All things considered I think we can be way too uptight and it is exhilarating to let go and laugh which I didn't know how to do as a child born in poverty and in an orphanage.

I am so grateful to know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

Our needs are never insignificant to God.

Life can be overwhelming at times but without Him I can do I can do nothing!

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GOVERNMENT

New project under consideration to preserve Louisiana coastlines

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Thousands of years ago, the Mississippi River Delta was formed from sediment deposited from the river. Layers upon layers of sand, silt and clay make up the land that millions of people live and work on today.

But in the past 100 years, Louisiana has lost over 2,000 square miles of land. That's about the size of Delaware, or the total combined landmass of St. Charles, St. John, St. James, Ascension, East Baton Rouge and East Feliciana parishes.

Man-made levees protect South Louisiana from devastating flooding, but they also prevent the river from depositing sediment to maintain the marshes. Without major action, Louisiana would lose 4,200 square miles of land over the next 50 years, endangering communities and increasing storm surge.

But efforts to halt the erosion are entering a promising new phase over the next four years one in which the state expects, for the first time since the losses began in the 1930s, to see more land created than it loses. That will come as the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) shifts from planning massive new dredging and sediment-diversion projects to executing

"This is the moment in

gram that we have been waiting on," said Chip Kline, the authority's chairman. "We actually have the political will and the funding necessary to implement these projects that we've envisioned for years."

The biggest is the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project, which will help re-create marshes that will provide storm protection to Plaquemines, Jefferson, Orleans and Lafourche parishes.

The project will replace portions of the Mississippi River levee on the West Bank with large concrete gates that can be opened to allow sediment to flow from the river into depleting wetlands, creating tens of thousands of acres of new land.

The sediment from the river also will help sustain land that the CPRA is creating through dredging projects and extend the benefit from the dredging for 60 to 70 years.

Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project is the cornerstone project within the coastal master plan on the restoration side," Kline said. "It gives us a fighting chance to win this battle. It puts us in the ball game to save the Barataria Basin and portions of Southeast Louisiana because that project is designed to mimic the natural process that built this state to begin with.

The project will eventually cost \$1.4 billion, and much of it will be paid for from money provided cover damages from its oil spill in 2010.

Even though the project will harm some areas for harvesting oysters and brown shrimp, it also could provide a model for future sediment diversions along the Atchafalaya River and other points of the Mississippi.

Since the CPRA was formed in 2007 to centralize the state's coastal environment efforts, it has secured over \$21.4 billion for protection and restoration projects in 20 parishes. It has built or improved over 300 miles of levees and 60 miles of barrier islands and dredged over 150 million cubic yards of material, creating nearly 50,000 acres of new land.

Each year, the authority presents a plan to the Legislature outlining project timelines, anticipated costs and funding sources. The fiscal year 2022 plan includes 110 active projects, including nine in Southwest Louisiana, 35 in South Central Louisiana, and 66 in Southeast Louisiana. The authority anticipates over \$887 million in investments in the coming year, with 90% of total expenditures going toward project construction and maintenance.

These projects fall into two basic groups- hurricane protection or risk reduction projects and restoration projects. On the restoration side, the overwhelming majority are dredging projects in which material is taken from the Mississippi Rivand pumped into depleted marshes. The authority anticipates that these projects will create about 15,000 acres of new land.

Other projects include flood gates, surge protection, pump stations and barrier island restoration.

Although the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project is yet to be constructed, the key to years of careful planning and development is housed in Louisiana State University's Center for River Studies.

The center uses its 10,000-square-foot model of the Lower Mississippi River to perform experiments that recreate the river flow, water levels and sediment travel at a rate of one year of real-life movement for every hour.

Director Clint Willson said that the work conducted at the center provides data that is crucial for the operations of CPRA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

"With the model, we're trying to help the state understand how the sand moves down the river year to year, decade to decade," said Willson. "Then the state can think about how much sand is going to be available that they can either dredge and pump for marsh creation projects or how much sand will be available when they open the river sediment diversion gates."

Kline said the model was "a game changer for us" in designing the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project.

"It's an impressive structure, and its value cannot be put into words," Kline said.

"Going into the future," he added, "we plan on using that model to help inform the operations of that structure-when do we need to turn that structure on to capture the most sediment? What kind of flow do we need to operate the diversion?"

The work at the river studies center and the hundreds of coastal protection and restoration projects employed by the state all share a common goal—protect Louisiana residents, conserve the

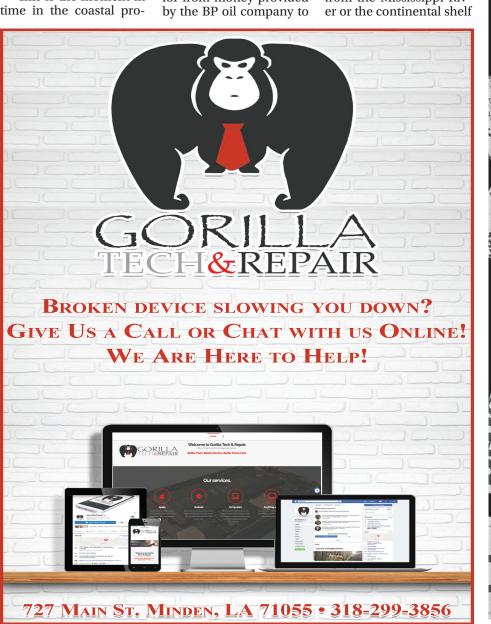
state's coast and preserve Southern Louisiana's cultural heritage.

As the marshland sinks, scientists project that sea levels will rise as a result of climate change, further complicating the task of saving the state's coast-

"I'm never going to say, 'I'm just going to walk away because this is a losing battle," Kline said. "This is a battle that has got to be fought, now and into the future, to make sure that we continue to live and work in the place that is so unique known as South Louisiana."

The coastal authority's annual plan awaits approval from the House and Senate Natural Resources committees and the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works committees before a vote by the full House and Sen-

Members of the public can read the plan at coastal.la.gov and comment on it by emailing coastal@ la.gov through Saturday, March 27th.





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OUTDOORS

FREEZE SHOULD HAVE KILLED GIANT SALVINIA - BUT DID IT?

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Down here in our part of the world, we have things growing and living among us that, quite frankly, we hate.

Fire ants? What purpose do they serve other than to allow us to create new dance steps when we find our ankles wrapped up with these nasty biting critters?

Kudzu? Who needs it? Entire hillsides and margins of rural roads are wrapped with this obnoxious plant that if you find yourself standing in a patch for over five minutes, it will start to climb your ankles.

Pine pollen? We are right now seeing our shiny blue, red or maroon vehicles changing to a dusty yellow color right before us as our eyes water and sneezes begin.

These things are all bad and we would be better off is we didn't have to deal with them but there is another that for the past decade or so has threatened to put an end to something most of us love, and that's getting out on the water to fish, ski and swim.

Giant Salvinia has a strangle hold on most of the lakes in the northern half of our state and with our winters that mostly lean to the moderate temperature side not being capable of killing the plant that dies when faced with freezing temperatures, it looks like we're stuck with it.

But wait. In mid-February we had snow, ice

and temperatures as low as single digits so is there hope that the dastardly plant is finally gone?

Mike Wood is a retired fisheries biologist and when I posed this question to him, here was his answer; "yes and no".

"The cold weather was a blessing for us and it killed Salvinia. Unfortunately, however, there will always be some of the plant, a sprig or two, that found shelter in a hollow log or underneath a blanket of fallen leaves. This is all it takes for the fast growing plant to begin reproducing itself again," Wood said.

According to the biologist, while the plant is in evidence in south Louisiana below Alexandria, it is being somewhat controlled by a bug that feeds on Salvinia.

"The Salvinia weevil is helping control the plant down south but, like the host plant, it is unable to tolerate cold temperatures and the result is that when weevils are introduced to north Louisiana lakes, it does the job for awhile until we get sub-freezing temperatures and then they die," Wood continued.

The lakes that are hardest hit by the Salvinia invasion are some of our older lakes that are full of standing cypress and tupelo gum trees.

"In these lakes, such as Bistineau, Black Lake and Caddo, there is little wind flow and wave action so the plant just sits there and reproduces itself. Also" Wood added,

"lake draw-downs and spraying is not nearly as effective as in lakes with more open water.

"Toledo Bend has had Salvinia since 2006 but so much of the lake is open water where most of the infestation is in some of the arms of the lake," said Wood.

Boaters and anglers are urged to thoroughly inspect their boat and trailer when leaving a lake because should a future outing be to a different lake, a small sprig of Salvinia left on boat or trailer can start an infestation in the next lake visited.

Our pine pollen will be gone in a few weeks but Giant Salvinia? In a manner like fire ants and kudzu, it looks like it'll be here to stay.

FISHING ŘEPORT – 3-24-21

BUSSEY BRAKE — Cooler stormy weather has slowed fishing a bit. Bass have been fair this week. The bream are showing signs of starting to move to the beds. Crappie are slow to fair this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Crappie are scattered and fair. Bass are fair in the shallows on soft plastics and spinners. Bream are just now starting to hit crickets. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER

- The river is still too
high. No fishing report
this week. For latest in-

formation, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE Crappie are making their move to the shallows with best fishing around trees on shiners or jigs. Bass are starting to move up while some are still fairly deep. Best baits this week have been spinners, crank baits, spinners and soft plastics. Bream are just now starting to show signs of life as they're moving to shallow bedding areas and starting to hit worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-

LAKE CLAIBORNE

– Bream are beginning
to show up around shallow spawning areas with
some caught on crickets
and worms. Catfishing
has been fair to good on
jugs and trotlines. Crap-

pie fishing has been best at night fishing shiners off the piers and docks with a good many caught on yo-yos baited with shiners. Also, fishing has been good for crappie below the spillway. Bass are fairly shallow with some caught on Carolina rigs and wacky worms. No report on stripers this week. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE - Bass fishing has been best fairly shallow with trick worms, jigs and spinners picking up a few. No heavy weight bass were reported this week. The chinquapin bite has started with fish moving shallow and hitting worms and crickets. Crappie fishing is good with most of the bigger fish moving shallow while some average sized fish are still being caught beneath the Highway 4 bridge on shiners and jigs. No report on catfish. For latest information contact

Bateaux on Caney Lake at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – The turn to cooler weather has moved the crappie off the banks and slowed the fishing this week. Catfishing has been fair while bass and bream are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Cooler weather and rain have slowed down the crappie bite. Bass have been fair to good early mornings on soft plastics and jigs. Catfishing has slowed this week. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

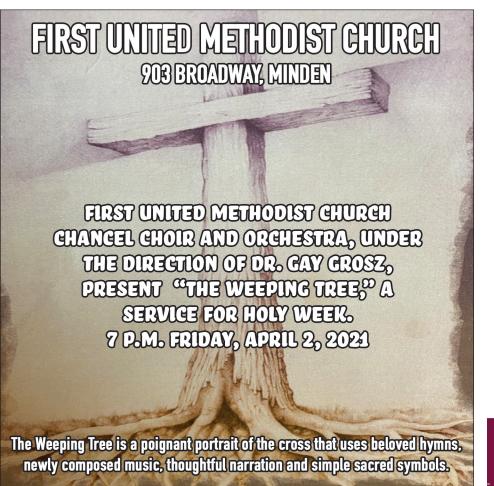
LAKE YUCATAN – The water is very high and rising. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



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BASEBALL

Finding their Stride: Glenbrook Apaches Baseball sees big wins over Claiborne

WILL PHILLIPS

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The Glenbrook Apaches Baseball team has been bringing home some decisive wins over this past weekend earning two victories over Claiborne Academy, 13-0 on Friday and 12-6 on Saturday.

The last time Coach Tony Sanders spoke with us about his team and their performance, he noted that while they have rock solid defense, their hitting wasn't quite where he wanted it to be. However, over the course of the past games it seems the Apaches are finding the sweet spot for their offense and have been scoring high run games against their opponents.

"Hitting here as of late has finally come alive and I'm starting to see the guys start to produce and throw up the runs to help our pitchers out. But again, our pitchers have still been dominating," said Sanders.

To hear him put it, improvements in their abilities to score hits has come both focusing more on that in practice, on top

of the experience they've gained having faced tougher teams earlier on in the season.

"That's the hardest aspect of the game is being able to hit. The guys got a little bit more focused and we always struggled early on hitting. Everybody just started clicking at the same time, which was good," said Sanders.

"Early in the season we faced a lot of top tier guys early in the season and that helped us. I knew we were going to struggle against those guys, and that helped us to be better

Of course, Sanders also took time to note some key players on his team whose performances have really shined over the past few games.

As far as pitching, Sanders said, "Hayden Harmon had an excellent game against Providence the other night, struck out 14 or 15 batters. Cale Hollis got the win in game one against Claiborne Academy, only allowed two hits and struck out seven bat-

When speaking of their hitting, he stated, "Maddox Mandino has been

doing real well with the stick. Clemens has come home really good too lately with the bat and being able to get on base a lot, and had multi-hit games in the last several games. He's done really well as of

With consistent play, Sanders is feeling confident his team will be able to secure themselves a lock for district in the coming games.

'We're in the heart of district right now. Just beat Claiborne two games and we play to try to go for the series sweep tonight. So we secure our lock of district in the next couple of days with a couple more wins. But hitting has really started to come home, and that's really what about us is a top competitive team to be able to compete this year."

For those who want to show support for the Apaches, they will be Senior Night Thursday, which will include a double header against UCA starting at 4 p.m. They will also be honoring their seniors Jackson Poweel, Sammy Feaster, Ryan Sheets, and Jonathan Parkerson.

BASKETBALL

Bulldogs Beat Rams on Lofton, Jr.'s Game-Winner

FRISCO, Texas – A year ago, Louisiana Tech ended the season on a win and it was miserable.

The sudden shutdown of college basketball made

Fast forward to 2021 and LA Tech ended the season on yet another vic-

It was a mass celebration this time around as the team surrounded Kenneth Lofton, Jr. who scored the game-winning bucket with 0.3 seconds left to lift the Bulldogs to a 76-74 victory over Colorado State on Sunday in the NIT consolation game inside the Comerica Center.

The freshman capped off an incredible tournament, pouring in a career-high 27 points to go along with 13 rebounds.

He was unstoppable. He was relentless. He was playing bully ball, especially on his 10th and final made field goal.

"That is how coach drew it up," said Lofton, Jr. who was voted to the NIT All-Tournament Team after averaging 20.0 points and 9.3 rebounds over the four games. "He told me to rip it and go to the goal.

Rip it he did.

With the game tied at 74-74, the Bulldogs had the ball with 14 seconds remaining. Amorie Archibald dribbled half of that off the clock, then dumped off a bounce pass to Lofton, Jr. at the elbow. The forward went oneon-one with his defender, knifed through traffic down the middle of the lane and finished strong with his left hand.

"It was a great win for our team," said head coach Eric Konkol. "I am so proud of our guys. Their mental resolve and competitiveness really showed coming off yesterday's loss. We had to quickly regroup and get ready to face a very good Colorado State team. We kept chipping away and found a way to come away with a great win to end the

LA Tech (24-8) played from behind for almost the entire game and had its back against the wall down 64-53 with 8:41 to go after a 9-0 run by the overall No. 1 seed CSU (20-8).

The 'Dogs needed to dig deep, playing in their third game in the past four days and their 32nd overall of the season. After Isaiah Crawford sank a floater in the lane, the momentum began to sway.

After Lofton, Jr. netted a free throw and a layup at the rim, LA Tech went to the perimeter to continue the run. Kalob Ledoux drained back-to-back triples to tie it up at 64-64, then Archibald swished a corner three in front of the team bench to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the game with 5:03 to go.

Ledoux and Archibald continued their offensive scoring, combining

for seven more points to build a 74-69 advantage at the 1:55 mark. The Rams, who went 17-of-23 from the foul line, made three of them down the stretch and tied it up when they took advantage of the 'Dogs 16th turnover and got a fastbreak layup to

Coach Konkol called a timeout with 14 seconds, drew up the play for Lofton, Jr., and the rest is history.

"After yesterday's loss, I felt like we had another chance to show what we have and end the season on a good note," said Lofton, Jr. "We wanted to end the season on a good note, for our seniors especially, and that is what we did."

Through this whole season, I was grateful for the opportunity to play basketball and enjoyed every moment with my teammates," said Archibald. "Getting this far was an amazing accomplishment for us.

It was the largest comeback of the season, eclipsing the 10-point comeback against Ole Miss in the first round. Archibald and Ledoux each had 14 points and Crawford added 13. The team shot 50.0 percent from the field (30-

went **CSU** 23-of-51 from the field for 40.7 percent while hitting 11 three-pointers. Isaiah Stevens led the Rams with 18 points.

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1981 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan is shot. A lone gunman opened fire outside a hotel in Washington D.C. The mentally ill assassin claimed his only motive was to become famous.

1976 - Thousands of Palestinians protest against Israel's massive land expropriation. In the event, which is annually commemorated on Land Day, 6 protesters were killed and scores injured by Israeli police.

1964 - Jeopardy!

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By Dave Green

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A BOOK OF MAPS

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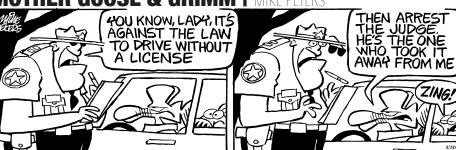


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WHEREAS, Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town desire to enact certain rules and regulations garding said sales of alcoholic beverages.

NOW. THERE-FORE, BE IT OR-DAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Cotton Valley, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows: ARTICLE GENERAL.

Section 3.1 - Defi-

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means alcoholic beverage containing more than six percent alcohol by volume. Beverage of low alcoholic content

means alcoholic beverages containing not more than six percent by volume. Chief of Police as

used in this Chapter shall be the person holding the office of chief of police or the person designated by him to act for him.

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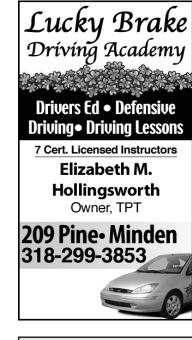
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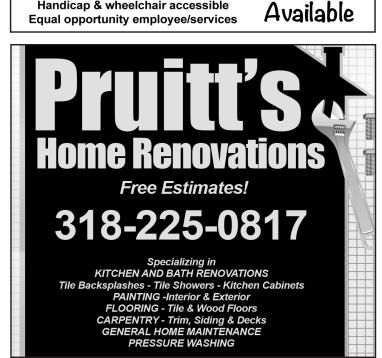
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