

GIVING BACK

# Crawfish for a cause



Seafood Empire owner Buddy Miles present a check for \$1,000 to the Webster Jr. High football team.

## Local business raises money for Webster Jr. High football

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

Seafood Empire recently hosted a raffle for a sack of crawfish, corn, and potatoes in order to raise money for the Webster Jr. High Football Team. After a month of selling tickets, as well as collecting donations, Seafood Empire donated a total of \$1000 dollars to the team.

Members from the team and school staff gathered Friday with Seafood Empire Owner Buddy Miles for the presentation of the check as well as the drawing of the name for the winner of the raffle. The name se-

lected as the winner was one Antario Hawk.

Miles took a moment after the raffle to elaborate on what inspired him to participate in this act of philanthropy.

"One of the coaches, Coach Grigsby, is one of my childhood friends. We've been friends since we were babies I guess you would say," said Miles.

Wanting to facilitate his friend and his team to play the sport they love and being in the sea food business, Miles got the idea to raffle crawfish to raise money for the team. However, like many other plans and events last year,

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A member of the Webster Jr. High football team seen as he pulls the name Antonio Hawk as the winner of Seafood Empire's crawfish raffle.

LEGISLATURE

# Cameras in classrooms?

## Bill to allow cameras in special education classrooms heads to La. Senate floor

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BATON ROUGE--A bill to allow cameras in special education classrooms if parents or legal guardians request them is headed to the Senate floor.

Sen. Franklin Foil, R-Baton Rouge, the author of Senate Bill 86, said he brought the bill forward on behalf of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and concerned parents.

The bill, which was approved by the Senate Education Committee Thursday, would require public and charter schools to create policies for the implementation of video and audio in special education classrooms.

The cameras would not be allowed near restrooms or anywhere where a child might be unclothed.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Christian, a physician in Baton Rouge and the mother of a 21-year-old with autism, epilepsy and neuromuscular disorder, recounted her daughter's experience with a school in East Baton Rouge Parish.

"I will never forget the day when we were in an individualized education planning meeting for my daughter, and the principal proudly told us that

### The price tag

The installation of the cameras could cost up to \$8 million, but only if every single special education classroom in Louisiana has a camera. If a camera is not requested by a parent who has a child in the classroom, one will not be installed.

Grace was making social progress because they were not having to strap her down nearly as often as they had in the past," said Christian.

Christian went on to advocate for the bill, stating that it will protect students who cannot speak for themselves, who are vulnerable, and who reside in classrooms that are isolated without windows.

Multiple other parents testified on behalf of their children's experiences, including Chris Rowe, who has two special needs children in New Orleans. He stated that the disciplinary action against special needs students in twice as likely than against non-special needs students.

Rowe explained that an incident with one of his children was recorded, and it allowed the school to analyze where the

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# SECOND FRONT

## Gas prices rising

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline jumped 6 cents over the past two weeks, to \$3.02 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that the increase came as the costs of crude oil and ethanol also rose. Ethanol must be blended by refiners into gasoline, per federal rules.

The price at the pump is \$1.05 higher than it was a year ago.

The highest average price in the nation right now is \$4.16 a gallon in the San Francisco Bay Area. The lowest average is \$2.55 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The average price of diesel is up 2 cents over the same period, to \$3.16.

## Raffle: Many involved in raising funds for team

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things had to be put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We talked about it last year, but because of COVID, we didn’t get a chance to do it. Everything kinda got thrown to the wayside. So this year we wanted to make sure we got it done and to make sure we got some money to help these kids out on the football team,” said Miles.

The \$1000 donation given to the Webster Jr. High

Football team was partially funded by proceeds from the raffle, as well as donations collected from Seafood Empire as well as others that Miles had reached out to.

“My father put up money, we put up money, Cooksey Taxes & Accounting, and a couple others put up some money. I want to thank Kemp Design for printing the check for us. So it was just kind of a collective effort. It was quick, but effective,” said Miles.

## Cameras: Bill scheduled for debate on Senate floor

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staff needed more special training and where physical alterations to the school playground were needed.

Sen. Beth Mizell, R-Franklinton, advocated

for the bill as well, stating that even early childhood education centers have cameras and emphasizing the need for them in public schools.

The bill will now move to the Senate floor for further debate.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

# FLYING HIGH



STACEY TINSLEY/BOSSIER PRESS-TRIBUNE

Tactical demonstrations were performed for spectators at the Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air show Saturday, May 8.

## Thousands attend Barksdale air show

STACEY TINSLEY  
Bossier Press-Tribune

Thousands of spectators gathered at Barksdale Air Force Base to watch The Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air show Saturday, May 8.

This year’s airshow theme was “100 Years on Target,” and harkens to the days when the 2d Bomb Wing was known as the 2d Group (Bombardment) stationed at Kelly Field.

It was in 1921 that the 2d Group fell under the control of revered airpower theorist General Billy Mitchell, and joined the 1st Pro-

visional Air Brigade in conducting naval bombing tests, tests that included the famous sinking of the former German battleship Ostfriesland.

Headlining Saturday’s show was the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Thunderbirds. During their new-for-2021 demonstration, the team flew the F-16 Fighting Falcon to its limits, representing the pride, precision, and professionalism of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Also on hand was a dynamic spectrum of military aircraft, spanning from World War II warbirds to today’s stealth platforms.

The B-52H Stratofortress, the F-22 Raptor, the B1B Lancer (‘Bone’) the B-2A Spirit, and the A-26 Lady Liberty are just a few of the planes which will grace our flight-line.

Also joining will be the civilian acts of Randy Ball, Kent Pietsch, Kevin Coleman, and Rob Holland.

In February of 1933, the citizens Shreveport and Bossier City invited the aviators of the U.S. Army Air Service to Barksdale Air Force Base, and since then, Striker Airmen and Guardians have continuously enjoyed the warm welcome and southern charms of the great ArkLaTex.

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Cartavious Davis, 40, was arrested for illegal possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in presence of controlled dangerous substances, possession of schedule I, II, and III substances with intent to distribute, failure to signal, resisting by flight, resisting by force of violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated assault with a firearm, and illegal possession of a firearm by a felon.

Quentaja, 23, of the 11100 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for

simple battery and cruelty to juveniles.

Dominique Washington, 42, of the 500 block of Bailey Street, was arrested for home invasion, simple battery, and resisting arrest.

Brandon Bass, 18, of the 700 block of Drew Lane, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance.

Dlandarius Daniels, 26, of the 500 block of 7th Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I substance with intent to distribute, possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a firearm

near controlled dangerous substances, and possession of a stolen firearm.

Willie Miller, 53, of the 1100 block of Bayou Drive, was arrested on multiple warrants.

DeQuincy Jones, 32, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Jeremy Lewis, 31, of the 200 block of Walter Lyons Road, was arrested for distribution of multiple schedule I substances.

Andrew Russell, 21, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, open con-

tainer, improper lane usage, and speeding.

Malindee Clark, 35, of the 300 block of Goodwill Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Shederrick Shine, 34, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, flight from an officer, obstruction of justice, resisting an officer, driving with an open container, and driving without a driver’s license.

Jennifer Rosypal, 45, of the 300 block of Holoman

Loop, was arrested on warrant.

Kimberly Smith, 38, of the 300 block of Methodist Camp Road, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.

Corey Ray, of the 200 block of Horseshoe Road, was arrested for improper lane usage, possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, possession of a schedule III substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charneidra Curry, 31, of the 100 block of Greer Road, was arrested for misdemeanor theft.

Mayoue Ridley, 49, of the 2600 block of Old Athens Road, was arrested on two warrants.

Eyvonne Hammonds, 49, of the 600 block of North Park Drive, was arrested for improper lane usage, driving while intoxicated, driving with an open container, and no driver’s license on person.

Christopher Oglee, 18, of the 800 block of Fire Tower Road, was arrested on multiple counts of carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

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Unsettled weather is expected through midweek with off and on rain and storms. Tuesday looks wettest with rain beginning to taper off on Wednesday. We'll be back to dry weather and sunshine Thursday. Temperatures will stay in the 60s through midweek but we'll start warming back up on Thursday.

Get the latest forecast from the KSLA First Alert Weather Team at [KSLA.com](https://www.ksla.com) or on your smartphone with the KSLA First Alert Weather App. Search your app store for KSLA to download.

## La. House passes \$42B budget

DAVID JACOBS  
The Cemter Square

The Louisiana House overwhelmingly approved and sent to the Senate several bills Thursday calling for \$42 billion in total spending, including the \$36.4 billion state operating budget.

House Appropriations Committee Chair Jerome Zeringue, R-Houma, has described the state budget as “relatively flat,” though it includes more money for K-12 teachers and higher education faculty, student scholarships, prison guards and foster parents.

Rep. Brett Geymann, R-Lake Charles, raised concerns about future spending growth. He noted the operating budget relies on enhanced federal COVID-19 aid for health care that won't be available next year.

Geymann proposed amending the budget bill to state that if the Revenue Estimating Conference increases its projection of how much money state government can expect to collect, as expected, 75% of the new revenue be spent on only one-time expenses, such as construction projects, coastal restoration, adding to state savings and paying down debt.

The goal, he said, was to avoid creating additional recurring spending that would have to be repeated or cut in future budget years. The amendment failed, 34-61.

House Bill 1, the general operations budget, boosts spending on higher education by \$56 million, corrections by \$36 million and state-backed scholarships by \$23 million, Zeringue said. It calls for \$800 annual raises for teachers and a \$400 pay bump for school support staff.

### OBITUARY

## Kenneth George (Ken) Shelton

Ken Shelton passed away on February 13, 2021 due to complications from an accidental fall. His Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Beech Springs Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana. Visitation will begin at 1 pm and the service will start at 2 pm. Burial will follow the services at Gardens of Memory Memorial Park.

Ken was born on July 12, 1934 in Tyler, TX to James Terrell and Georgia Freeman Shelton. He is predeceased by his parents; wife Vernell Widener Shelton; wife Valerie Grafton Shelton; sisters Infant Peggy, Patsy Ann, Lena Mae; brothers Robert Louis, Doyle Watson, James Howard and Billy Dolph and step-son Michael Gene Shelton. He is survived by his daughter Cindy Shelton; step-son Gerry Hinkle (Kris); step-daughters Sharon Ward and Deborah Anderson; step-granddaughter Kim Cline (John); step-grandson Steve Dale (Amy); several step-grandchildren and one step-great grandchild and several nieces and nephews. And one nephew he considered more like a son than a nephew, Lee Shelton.

Ken served in the United States Air Force beginning at the age of 17. He served during the Korean War for 4 years and spent most of that time stationed in Japan. Oh, the stories he would tell of the friends he made with the Japanese people and how they would take him into their homes and feed him and treat him like royalty. I don't think he ever met a stranger even at that early age. After he left the service, he worked for Haliburton for a while then married with a ready-made family with soon another on the way. After staying in Corsicana, TX for a couple of years he moved the whole family to Phoenix, AZ for the chance to build houses with two of his brothers. He soon became an accom-

plished brick mason. They built several tracts of homes and subdivisions while Phoenix was still a budding city. Eight years passed and after the death of his step-son, Ken began to look for something closer to “home” – East Texas. He and his brother Bill found out about the possibility of managing Stuckey's stores. After further checking Ken found the closest one needing a manager at the time was in Dubberly, LA, not that far from East TX. So on August 7, 1967 Ken, his wife Vernell and their daughter Cindy arrived at Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe in Dubberly, LA to take over the managerial duties of the store. With one week's training Ken was off and running for a 27-year whirlwind ride! Eventually his brother Bill became the manager of the Stuckey's store at Calhoun, LA and the two of them became known as the best managers in this region for Stuckey's. After leaving Stuckey's Ken went to work for the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office as a deputy at what they used to call the “P” Farm. He worked there until they built the Bayou Dorcheat Correction Center. After moving there, he worked his way up from deputy to Assistant Warden before he retired after about 10 years. After being retired a few years, he became a “runner” for McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. until his second wife, Valerie, suffered a massive stroke. At this time, he retired again so he could be home with Valerie and take care of her full time. He did so for 6 years.

Ken was a Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon at Beech Springs Baptist Church for close to 20 years. He also loved to sing in the choir. He was also a Gideon and faithfully attended meetings with Valerie by his side until her stroke prevented them both from doing so. But he always remained a Gideon at heart. Ken valued his faith and his family both very highly. He never met a stranger and if he did, they weren't strangers for long!

Donations in his memory may be made to Gideons International or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

## Man jailed in death of baby found in car

FRANKLIN, La. (AP) — A Louisiana man was charged with murder Sunday in the death of an infant whose body was found in an abandoned car on a bridge, according to authorities.

Ervin Melancon, 53, of Breaux Bridge, was arrested by Broussard police on the second-degree murder charge, a


day after the baby's body was discovered on the Intracoastal Bridge near Franklin, the St. Mary's Parish Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Detectives were responding to reports of a suspicious vehicle Saturday afternoon when they found the infant. A cause of death was still being determined Sunday. The

child's exact age and relationship to Melancon were not given.

Officials did not say what led them to Melancon.

Melancon was being held without bond Sunday at the St. Mary Parish Jail. It was not immediately clear whether he had an attorney who could comment for him.



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## OTHER OPINION

# Biden's ruinous refugee dump

Ready or not, here they come. Thanks to Joe Biden, America the Weary will soon open its doors to another 62,500 low-skilled foreigners from the Third World. The sovereign citizens in neighborhoods across our nation where these newcomers will be dumped will have no say in these decisions. Zip. Zilch. Nada. Open borders judges made sure that the wants and needs of ordinary Americans would be subordinated to those of the refugee resettlement racket. There is no recourse under U.S. law to reestablish local control of the process.

Instead, the United Nations, the U.S. State Department and their globalist partners in the "faith" community (who rake in billions of dollars in tax subsidies off the backs of refugees and at the expense of voiceless citizens) will dictate who gets in and who moves where. It will be mostly young low-skilled Americans forced to compete with the influx of 22,000 Africans, 6,000 East Asians, 4,000 Europeans and Central Asians, 5,000 Latin Americans and Caribbean nationals, 13,000 Near Easterners and South Asians, and another 12,500 refugees from unspecified countries. (Hint: Look for a "Green New Dealer" to ram a bunch of future Democratic-voting "climate refugees" into the mix.)

The numbers don't lie. Replacement theory isn't a theory. It's a grim reality.

Reminder: Long-term unemployment for young Americans has remained more than double that of adults during the global pandemic chaos. Current Bureau of Labor Statistics show the unemployment rate at 10.3% among 20- to 24-year-olds and 13.3% among 18- to 19-year-olds (compared with the 5.3% unemployment among those 25 and older). Nearly a quarter of all unemployed Americans have been out of a job for over a year.

So, why is the importation of 62,500 refugees "justified by grave humanitarian concern" and "in the national interest" as Biden proclaimed Monday. Wasn't this the same champion of the forgotten who decried the "worst pandemic in a century" and the "worst economic crisis since the Great Depression"? Wasn't this the same savior who promised Americans "jobs, jobs, jobs" — especially for those with less than a college education?



MICHELLE MALKIN

The refugee resettlement racketeers have gaslit American citizens into believing that putting our own economic, cultural and demographic interests is un-American. In Biden's refugee admissions announcement, he insisted that "it's a statement about who we are, and who we want to be." Subsidizing the permanent refugee pipeline of generations of welfare recipients and job-takers, we are brainwashed to believe, represents "American leadership and American values."

This is self-defeating hogwash. What is "American" about subverting American control and bullying citizens into financially supporting waves of refugees competing with their own hard-hit progeny? According to the Center for Immigration Studies, the average estimated refugee's lifetime fiscal cost, expressed as a net present value, is \$60,000, with those entering as adults (ages 25 to 64) costing \$133,000 each. Only one-third of those adult refugees have completed more than a sixth-grade education before landing in the U.S. They are granted immediate access to government welfare programs including Medicaid, housing, food stamps and cash assistance. Once they land (and the refugee resettlement contractors collect their pay-

checks), many of the dumpees often relocate to ethnic enclaves to join friends and family where they take low-wage, low-skilled jobs in manufacturing, meatpacking, retail and the trades — exactly the kind of jobs the Beltway politicians promise they are creating for Americans first.

If the swamp creatures were truly committed to protecting Americans while serving "humanitarian" interests, they'd spare us all the globalist expenses of virtue signaling and help refugees back in their home countries. CIS research director Steven Camarota concluded that for "what it costs to resettle one Middle Eastern refugee in the United States for five years, about 12 refugees can be helped in the Middle East for five years, or 61 refugees can be helped for one year."

We have enough of a manufactured crisis here at home without throwing open the doors to the rest of the world's wretched refuse. I can hear the cries of "nativist" ululating as I type — to which I say: You're damned right. "Nativist" is simply the "America last" gaslighters' euphemism for "America first."

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## OTHER OPINION

# DeSlatte: Few issues settled at Louisiana session midpoint

Louisiana lawmakers reach the halfway mark of their nine-week regular session this week, working on a budget flush with cash, struggling to gain traction for a tax overhaul and facing a debate calendar packed with controversial issues.

No bills have yet reached the governor's desk.

Among the rejected or shelved measures, Louisiana won't switch to a closed primary election system for congressional races. The state won't decriminalize prostitution or ban spanking at public schools. And the state seems unlikely to enact new restrictions and penalties on social media companies for blocking certain content.

But other proposals are advancing in the session that must end June 10.

Lawmakers appear poised to give final passage to bills tightening the rules for how colleges must handle allegations of sexual assault, harassment and dating violence in response to a scandal at LSU. They seem likely to rework the way Louisiana shops for voting machines, after two failed efforts to replace the state's voting system. And they are on track to pass new laws aimed at addressing police misconduct and concerns about racial bias in policing.

The main priority for the Legislature's Republican leadership — a widespread rewrite of Louisiana's tax laws — is sput-

tering, however. Many of the bills are stalled in the House amid a lack of agreement about the approach, pushback from special interest groups and other quarrels.

"I'm a realist, and I'm not really sure how much reform we're going to get done this session," Eunice Republican Rep. Phillip DeVillier said to the House tax committee in one recent discussion.

Getting support from two-thirds of the House membership to pass a tax overhaul has been further complicated by an ongoing dispute over the chairman of the House Education Committee, Republican Rep. Ray Garofalo, of St. Bernard Parish.

The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus has called for Garofalo's removal as chairman because of the Republican lawmaker's bill to prohibit teaching of "divisive concepts" about racism and sexism. Black lawmakers said the legislation itself is divisive and includes racist elements, and they said they were given the impression the



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bill wouldn't even get a hearing because of their concerns.

Instead, Garofalo's committee held an acrimonious five-hour discussion of the measure — and Garofalo has refused to say he's shelving the bill. Rather, he and some other conservative lawmakers have doubled down on the issue.

House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, a Republican who won his leadership job with the backing of Black lawmakers, is stuck in a politically tricky position trying to choose between conservative Republicans who want Garofalo to stay and the Legislative Black Caucus who want him to go.

Schexnayder needs votes from both sides to get tax bills passed. The Ascension Parish leader has left Garofalo in his position for now, saying: "We're all talking and trying to work it out."

But no approach seems available to satisfy both sides of that debate.

With most tax measures stuck in limbo, the one measure on track to pass is Schexnayder's business-backed effort to centralize Louisiana's sales tax collections. If the constitutional change wins legislative passage, however, it still would require a vote of the people — and it would only start the centralization process. Lawmakers would have to work out details in follow-up legislation in a future session.

Beyond finances, lawmakers have found an array of contentious issues over which to fight. Advancing and awaiting further debate are proposals to legalize recreational marijuana, to ban transgender women from female sports teams at schools and to allow people 21 and older to carry a concealed handgun without a permit.

Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, already has indicated he'll veto the transgender sports prohibition and the concealed carry legislation if they reach his desk.

Other proposals winding their way through the process would allow college student athletes to earn money for endorsements and sponsorship deals; prohibit COVID-19 vaccines from being required to enter state facilities; and set the regulations and taxes for sports betting.

In a rare moment, debate over the budget has taken a back seat to other controversies. That's mainly because the state has none of the financial woes of prior years thanks to an influx of federal coronavirus aid. Budget discussions are about how to spend the billions in cash, and those debates tend to be less heated than talks about how to slash spending.

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# Do they have your money?

## Louisiana Treasury partners with Revenue Department to pay more than \$4 million in unclaimed property claims

Special to the Press-Herald

BATON ROUGE, LA. - Louisiana State Treasurer John M. Schroder announced today that the Department of Treasury will mail \$4.3 million in Unclaimed Property checks to citizens across Louisiana after using tax records to update addresses. More than 33,000 checks will be mailed beginning this week.

“Every year, we work with the Department of Revenue to update addresses in our Unclaimed Property files. We want people to know this is real money. Through data matches, we can mail checks without requiring people to send in a claim form. All you have to do is check your mailbox and cash your

check,” said Treasurer Schroder. “Even if you don’t get a check, you still may have Unclaimed Property. Visit our website at [www.latreasury.com](http://www.latreasury.com) to search.”

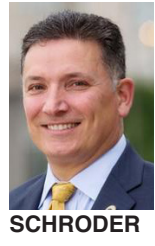
The largest amounts of checks are going to addresses in East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans and Caddo parishes. However, checks will be sent to addresses across Louisiana.

Each year businesses turn over millions of dollars in unclaimed cash, stocks, bonds, securities, and insurance proceeds to the State Treasurer’s Office. Known as “Unclaimed Property,” these

funds include payroll checks, old bank accounts, royalties, utility deposits, interest payments, stock certificates, and life insurance proceeds.

One in six individuals in Louisiana has Unclaimed Property, with claims averaging \$900. One of the main reasons an item becomes Unclaimed Property is because of an incorrect or old address.

Louisiana law allows the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share its database of current and correct addresses with the Treasury for the sole purpose of returning Unclaimed Property. Through this cooperative effort, the Treasury was able to update the addresses it had on file and mail 33,880 checks.



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### HORTICULTURE

## Full sun or some shade? Testing teas in south Louisiana

HAMMOND, La. (AP) — A Louisiana State University scientist is testing whether tea plants in south Louisiana do better in full sun or partial shade.

Two New Iberia farmers and one in Amite are trying their hands at tea farming, and an organic farm in the Alexandria area and a New Orleans-area tourist plantation have plans to do so, horticulturist Yan Chen of the LSU AgCenter said.

Tea is grown in places like Hawaii, generally as an expensive specialty niche crop. And there are at least two commercial tea farms each in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, according to consultant Jordan G. Hardin.

Louisiana’s were all started within the last three years, and leaves can’t be harvested until the plants are four or five years old, Chen said in an interview Tuesday.

Part of Chen’s studies will compare plants grown in full sun at the AgCenter’s Hammond Research Center with partly shaded bushes

grown on land owned by David Barron near Amite, less than 20 miles (32 kilometers) from the research station.

Barron’s 150 acres (about 61 hectares) are mostly planted in pine, but he has created a clearing for tea, he said in an AgCenter news release.

About 1,500 plants grown there from seedlings are being compared with about 500 grown from seedlings at the AgCenter’s Hammond Research Station, Chen said. Both plots are a variety from the Republic of Georgia.

The leaves will be tested for the amounts of caffeine, sugar and three amino acids, and tea from those plants, brewed at a standard heat and steeping time, will be tasted to see whether bitter tannins are noticeable.

Tannins shouldn’t be noticeable unless tea has steeped too long, she said.

The AgCenter is in Hammond, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) from New Orleans.

Chen said Louisiana

gets more intense sunlight and heat than some other areas where tea is grown. Moreover, while the plants can acclimate to extreme heat or cold, quick swings between the two can cause significant damage.

“The problem is not how extreme weather we can get,” Chen said in the AgCenter news release. “It is the sudden temperature changes. We can change from 80 degrees to 40 degrees in a day or half a day.”

In addition to the seedling plots, she’s testing different fertilization schedules on plants grown from cuttings and therefore much closer to each other genetically than those grown from seed.

Barron plans a tea company including a processing plant and tasting room. When his business is fully operational, he told the AgCenter, visitors can pick tea themselves.

“We will process it, and you can drink it that day. So it will be as fresh as it can be, and that’s when things are their most flavorful,” he said.

### INSPIRATION

## Stepping to a different drummer on the world less traveled

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 68 children has an autism spectrum disorder, a 30% increase over its 2012 estimate of 1 in 88 children.

If it is true that some of our greatest thinkers, including Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein had autism then maybe we better reexamine our attitudes toward those who are born with this disorder.

I especially enjoyed watching episodes of the ABC show, The Good Doctor, starring Doctor Shaun Murphy, who gave us a glimpse into autistic behavior.

Even though the jury is out on what causes autism, I would like to talk a little bit about the advantages of autism because I don’t care what disability we have we need to celebrate our uniqueness and not label others, trying to fit everyone in the same mold.

We won’t all be football players or tennis stars nor should we want to be because it takes

all kinds to make the world go round.

If Thomas Edison, the founder of General Electric born in 1847, hadn’t been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at home because



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

his teacher said “he is addled and his mind wanders in class,” we might not have the light bulb today.

Thomas Edison was asked one time what he would have done if he hadn’t invented the light bulb he replied “I would still be in there trying...”

Why is it that we often try to put everyone in the same mold? Why do we want to categorize what is important and what has value only with the grade placed

on it by those in authority?

Is there not some value in “stepping to the beat of a different drummer?”

It took Thomas Edison five thousand tries before he invented the first incandescent light bulb.

It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before he sold his chicken recipe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the multi-purpose store, known as

Walmart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses.

But back to my favorite story of Thomas Edison. I love this story because it affirms the power of persistence. The Bible says “The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all.”

God knew what he was doing when He made man. He gave

us each one at least one small talent and we can use it and it will multiply or if buried it will die.

Who can place value on what we do? So many inventions come into being simply because of necessity. When we want something badly enough we can believe it into existence. It is a tried and true statement that says “what we can conceive and believe we can achieve.”

I say just keep on keeping on at whatever you do whether great or small and never ever let anyone else define what is valuable or has any worth.

None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two snow flakes are alike.

God must have liked variety.

How could anyone not believe in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, who causes the blood to flow through my veins and who created me to breathe without even thinking about it than to believe in atheism.

We will never fully appreciate the value of what others do in life, whether great or small, because that is how we unfortunately are made and this lack of understanding is what causes much of the conflict in the world.

If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little more -- and not bully each other even as adults -- we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!!

Having this knowledge gives me the energy to go on even in the midst of emotional storms, but I am energized knowing that God will always pull me through because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever getting me to the right place at the right time.

I am thankful for this “peace that passes understanding.”

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SPECIAL FEATURE CONTENT



# WAVES OF FUN

## Swimming safety tips for summer

Playing in or around water is one of the joys of summer, but this treasured seasonal pastime comes with some serious risks. Drowning is the second-leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of 14 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, many families will have more informal gatherings and take trips to the beach, increasing the potential for children to have unsupervised access to water sources. Because of this, it's important for children to take swimming lessons to learn water safety skills and create safer habits in and around water. As swimming lessons begin across the country, many are being conducted safely with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Protect your family's safety around water this summer with these tips from the Make a Splash Tour, presented by Phillips 66 and the USA Swimming Foundation.

Designate a Water

Watcher and Closely Monitor Children. Designate a water watcher when you are in, on or around water. Watch all children and adolescents swimming or playing in or around water, even if they know how to swim. Keeping young children or inexperienced swimmers within arm's length at all times can help ensure you're able to provide assistance if and when it's needed.

Wear a Life Jacket. Anyone participating in any boating, paddling or towed water sports, regardless of swimming ability in pool or open water situations, should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Preschool-aged children (5 years old and younger), who are not protected by touch supervision, in particular, should always wear a life jacket. Swimming aids and water toys – such as water wings, inflatable water wings and rings – are not intended to be life-saving devices. They may provide some buoyancy in the water but do not prevent drowning.

Swim with a Buddy. When possible, choose swimming locations

where a trained lifeguard is watching for dangerous conditions and helping keep an eye on swimmers. Also make it a practice to always have at least two people swimming together. That way, if someone has a problem, the other can get help.

Learn to Swim. Research has shown formal swimming lessons reduce the risk of childhood drowning by 88%. Through the annual Make a Splash Tour, the USA Swimming Foundation, with the support of Phillips 66, encourages children's swim lessons. By equipping your child with the skill of swimming, you'll open doors to a lifetime of safety, fun, fitness and even employment opportunities.

While lessons progressively teach a variety of swimming strokes, some of the most important things swimmers learn – even in beginner classes – are breath control and how to float. These basic skills are essential for staying above water should someone find himself or herself unable to touch or too tired to swim to safety.



Children can participate in swimming lessons before they can walk, and parent-child swim lessons provide bonding opportunities along with water safety education.

Enter Water Feet First. Diving in a pool that is too shallow or into water where you're not certain what's below the surface, like a lake, can have dire consequences. Teach

children to dive only in designated diving areas and to always enter water of unknown or non-visible depth feet first.

Swim in Designated Areas and Obey Posted Signs and Flags. Ropes, buoys and flags in larger bodies of water like lakes or oceans are commonly used to mark off safe swimming areas and provide visual cues about

changes in depth, underwater surfaces and currents. Teach children what these signs and markers mean and that they're in place as safety tools, not toys to play with or float on.

Learn CPR. If the unthinkable does happen, knowing how to perform CPR allows you to take immediate action, which has been shown to significantly better the outcome for children with submersion injuries. In the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, you could save someone's life. Seconds count; the more quickly lifesaving CPR is started, the better the chances of recovery. There are many places that offer CPR training, including community organizations and nonprofit groups. Remember to keep your certification current once you have completed the initial requirements.

Make safety a priority for your summer water fun. Find more information, including swim lesson providers in your area, by visiting [usaswimming.org/makeasplash](https://usaswimming.org/makeasplash).

## FINDING A SWIM LESSON PROVIDER

If you're unsure where to take your child for swim lessons in your community, these tips can help:

- Ask other parents in your area where they take their children. You can ask people you know and use social media and neighborhood boards to get tips. If your school has a swimming team, the coach may also be able to give you some ideas.
- Another resource is online search tools, such as [usaswimming.org/makeasplash](https://usaswimming.org/makeasplash), which allows you to search for swim lesson providers near you. Many of these programs also offer options for free or reduced-cost swim lessons.

- Once you identify a program, visit the facility with your child to see how swim lessons are run.
- Find out who your child's teacher will be and whether it's possible to meet him or her in advance.
- Learn the program expectations for you as a parent or guardian.
- Inquire about the provider's approach and learn-to-swim philosophy.

While researching programs, some industry best practices to look for include:

- Ask about the facility's COVID-19 mitigation protocols. Swim lessons can be safely administered with proper protective equipment and procedures.
- A nationally recognized learn-to-swim curriculum or an independently developed learn-to-swim curriculum that follows a similar model.

- Trained and certified instructors, with on-deck lifeguards holding current CPR and first aid certifications.
- A maximum 6-to-1 student-to-instructor ratio for group lessons.
- Minimum of 30 minutes per week of in-water instruction with a minimum total in-water instruction time of four hours.
- Written and practiced emergency action plans.
- Regulation of the facility and water by the Department of Health or similar governing agency.
- Established and practiced child-protection policies.
- Screening and background checks on all staff members.



# Amazon bringing robotics facility to region

Special to the Press-Herald

Last Friday, Gov. John Bel Edwards and Amazon announced the company's first robotics fulfillment center in Louisiana, with over 1,000 jobs and a \$200 million capital investment coming to an LED Certified Site in north Shreveport. Located in the Hunter Industrial Park, the site is near Interstates 20, 49 and 220 and provides ideal access for Amazon's logistics operations.

The Amazon robotics fulfillment center will include contemporary robotics technology, inventory and shipping operations in a multi-level building with a 650,000-square-foot foundation. The project will create over 1,000 full-time jobs with starting pay of \$15 per hour and comprehensive benefits beginning on day one — full medical, vision and dental insurance; and 401(k) savings with a 50 percent company match. The development will generate 800 construction jobs, and Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in an additional 1,118 new indirect jobs, for a total of more than 2,100 permanent new jobs in Northwest Louisiana.

"This new Amazon project is a major advancement for the Shreveport-Bossier City metro area and for Louisiana's economy," Gov. Edwards said. "In addition to providing strong benefits, Amazon will pay workers double the minimum wage or more in a state-of-the-art technology environment. Only a

year ago, we dedicated Hunter Industrial Park as one site in a growing inventory of LED Certified Sites that now numbers 126 statewide. Through partnerships with our elected officials, economic development allies and utility partners, we are proving that great things are possible in Louisiana when we make smart plans for the future."

One of every five U.S. residents lives within a 500-mile radius of Shreveport, making the location enviable for distribution and logistics companies. Amazon will begin construction of its Shreveport fulfillment center immediately, with plans to open the site in September 2022 in time for its busiest e-commerce season.

"Amazon may be a global business, but it's made up of small businesses and communities. From the local jobs we bring, to the local people we employ, train, and upskill—our business is made up of people from communities like Shreveport," said William Hicks, Regional Director of Operations at Amazon. "We're thrilled to be able to expand our operations in Northwest Louisiana and we look forward to becoming part of the fabric of the local community."

The Amazon Robotics fulfillment center in Shreveport is the largest of seven Amazon facilities operating, announced or under construction in Louisiana. The company's committed investment in the state to date is more than \$600 million and includes seven Whole Foods

Market locations. In Shreveport, Amazon employees will pick, pack and ship smaller customer orders, such as books, toys, electronics and other household items.

"The City of Shreveport is committed to developing a diverse business community," Mayor Adrian Perkins said. "We are excited to be the new home for a state-of-the-art distribution center. This will be a valuable asset to our community and will provide employment opportunities to hundreds of our residents. This project could change the life trajectory for many of our citizens who are still dealing with the financial fallout from the ongoing pandemic."

"Great things are happening in Caddo Parish, and we are delighted to welcome Amazon into our parish and region," said Caddo Parish Commission President Lyndon B. Johnson. "The arrival of such a large and multidimensional distribution center to Caddo Parish will undoubtedly have a significant impact on our area's economy. The ability to utilize over 1,000 members of our community's diverse and talented workforce will enhance the quality of life for our residents, and is a result of the strong collaboration between our governing bodies and community partners to create a winning opportunity for Amazon and the parish."

LED and its economic development partners began formal discussions with Amazon about a potential Shreveport fulfillment center in August 2020.

To secure the project, the State of Louisiana offered the company a competitive incentive package that includes the comprehensive workforce solutions of LED FastStart®, the nation's No. 1 workforce training and talent attraction program. To offset site infrastructure costs, Amazon will be eligible for a \$5 million performance-based grant payable in two installments during 2022 and 2023. In addition, the Caddo Parish Industrial Development Board is negotiating a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, or PILOT, agreement with the company.

"The Caddo Parish Industrial Development Board (IDB) is excited about this project and proud of the part we've played," said Caddo IDB President Kyle McInnis. "Alongside North Louisiana Economic Partnership, LED, Caddo Parish, and the City of Shreveport, we have worked diligently to ensure that the tax incentives involved are attractive to the company while also providing substantial economic benefits to Caddo Parish and its citizens. Our board is made up of a diverse set of volunteer community leaders, all pleased to see our work lead to this great success. The project confirms that Caddo Parish is an attractive place for large-scale industrial development, and we look forward to more projects like this."

In 2020, Amazon ranked Louisiana No. 5 among all states for the fastest annual growth among its digital entrepreneur partners. More than 14,500 small and medium-sized busi-

nesses in the state participate in Amazon's fulfillment network and collectively recorded a 49 percent growth in recent year-over-year sales.

"We are thrilled to have Amazon become a new major employer in North Louisiana," said Chairman Chap Breard of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. "Their decision to locate in Shreveport confirms that North Louisiana's competitive strategic location, strong stakeholder partnerships and project-ready industrial sites, like the Hunter Industrial Park that was certified in 2020, are critical for success in economic development." In addition to the entities noted above, NLEP gives special recognition to community stakeholders including Walker-Alley & Associates, the Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission, Caddo Levee District, Engineering and Public Works Departments of the City of Shreveport, State Fire Marshall, Louisiana Department of Transportation and

Development, and AEP SWEPCO for their responsiveness and collaboration in bringing this major project to fruition.

The hiring of most employees for Amazon's Shreveport fulfillment center will begin in the summer of 2022, approximately three months prior to the launch of the facility. To keep up-to-date with career opportunities at Amazon in Shreveport, visit Opportunities. LEDFastStart.com/global/en/Amazon.

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# HEADED TO STATE



Glenbrook Apaches Regional Champions after defeating the St. Joseph's Fighting Irish 16-2.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Apaches defeat St. Joseph's twice to win South State Championship

MARNIE GREGG  
Special to the Press-Herald

After two wins against the Fighting Irish of St. Joseph's Catholic School of

Greenville, MS, the Glenbrook Apache Baseball team was named South State Champs. This win also advanced the team to the State Champion-

ship. Although the Apaches beat the Fighting Irish by only 2 runs in the first match-up (held at Glenbrook on Monday the

3rd), they dominated the second game on the 7th with a final score of 16-2. Hayden Harmon struck out 9 batters over five innings. He was also effective at the plate with 5 RBIs. Landry Powell had 4 RBIs and his brother, Jackson Powell, had 3. The Apaches will face off against Tunica Acad-

emy in Tunica, MS on Tuesday at 5:00pm for game 1 of the three-game Championship series. The series will finish at Glenbrook on Saturday at 2:00pm. For the most up-to-date information, follow the "Glenbrook Booster Fan Club" page on Facebook.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

## La tech to face Marshall in C-USA Tournament Wednesday

Special to the Press-Herald

Conference USA released the brackets Sunday for the upcoming C-USA Softball Championships and Louisiana Tech has earned the No. 6 seed. The Lady Techsters will face the No. 7 seeded Marshall Thundering Herd on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the first day of the four-day event at the WKU Softball Complex. The game will be a rematch of the 2019 Championship game in Birmingham in which LA Tech defeated the Thundering Herd 3-1 to claim its second title in three years.

The four-day, eight-team tournament utilizes both single and double-elimination formats. Wednesday's first round will be single elimination for competing teams, while the quarterfinals and semifinals are set up for double-elimination play. All games leading up to Saturday's championship will be streamed live on ESPN+, while the title game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network at noon CT.



Louisiana Tech's Lindsey Edwards.

Thus, in order for Tech to advance to the double elimination portion of the tournament, the Lady Techsters must defeat Marshall and No. 3 seed Charlotte on Wednesday. Fans can purchase single-game tickets to the Conference USA Softball Tournament hosted by WKU at two on-site locations. The first gate is behind the softball pressbox

and concessions stand while the second location is at the entrance to Parking Structure 3. All tickets are general admission and are the same for inside the complex and structure. No all-session or all-tournament tickets will be available this year so fans will need to purchase a \$10 ticket for each game they wish to attend.



The seating area will be cleared and sanitized between each game. Every game (minus the championship game) will

be streamed on ESPN+ with the title game being televised on CBS Sports Network.

### BASEBALL

## Navarro eliminates BPCC from Region XIV sub-regional tournament

Special to the Press-Herald

After staying alive with a big comeback victory against Blinn College late Saturday, the Bossier Parish Community College Cavaliers were eliminated from the Region XIV North Sub-Regional Tournament by Navarro College on Sunday in Tyler, Texas.

Navarro, the No. 1 seed, shut out BPCC for the second time in the tournament, 8-0. The Bulldogs advanced to this weekend's Region XIV Super Regional.

BPCC closed its season 23-22. The Cavaliers rallied from a 9-2 deficit after five innings to defeat Blinn 10-9.

BPCC cut the lead to 9-4 with two in the sixth then scored four in the eighth to get within one.

The Cavs tied it on a Garrett Felix single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. The hit scored Chance Lyon, running for Elliot Hebert. Hebert was hit by a pitch with one out and advanced to second on a Collin Young walk.

Young scored the winning run on Mason Hammonds' single to right field.

Felix went 4-for-6 with five RBI. Hammonds, Hebert and Gavin Baird had two hits apiece. Andrew Mills had three RBI.

Landon Foster allowed three hits and one earned run in 4 1/3 innings of relief.

Daniel Shafer didn't allow a hit in 2/3 of an inning after relieving Foster. Jayden Saylor, who got the win, got the final out of the eighth inning and sat down Blinn in order in the top of the ninth.

BPCC managed just five hits off Navarro's Chad Ricker in the seven-inning game.

Felix went 2-for-3. Six BPCC pitchers allowed nine hits and struck out nine.

The Cavaliers also lost to Navarro (28-11) 12-0 earlier in the tournament. They defeated Wharton County 12-0 in the first round.



# OUTDOORS



COURTESY PHOTO

The surviving members of the annual gathering of cousins. From left, Glynn, Sambo and Doug Harris.

# Fishing is all in the family

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Pres-Herald

## FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Bass fishing has been fair around the brush and trees with some hitting soft plastics and spinners. Crappie are scattered and slow. Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. No report on catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**BLACK BAYOU** – Bream fishing is good on crickets and worms. Bass are around the grass and pads and are hitting plastic frogs and lizards. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – The river had been falling but is on the rise again with off colored water. Big Crappie Masters tourney this coming weekend could produce some challenges. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – Crappie fishing has been fair on the flats on shiners and jigs fishing 10-15 feet deep in 18-25 foot water. Bass are in the

creeks with some caught on crank baits and soft plastic lures. Bream fishing is just getting started on 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 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Crappie are moving from the shallows with most caught on shiners and jigs around planted brush in 15 foot water. Some good catches are being reported below the spillway as well. Bass have been fair around the banks with spinners and worms working best. Bream are moving to the shallow beds and are beginning to take crickets and worms. No report this week on stripers or catfish. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

**CANEY LAKE** – Some big bass are being caught with a couple in the 9 to 10 pound range. Some are hitting trick worms and drop-shot rigs. Crappie fishing is

fair but some big slabs are being caught around deep brush on shiners or jigs. Both chinquapins and bluegills are doing quite well around spawning areas on crickets and worms. No report on catfish this week. For information contact Bateaux's 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** – Catfish and bream fishing have both been good this week. Crappie and bass are fair. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE ST. JOHN** – Bass are fair to good on topwaters early with soft plastics later in the day. Catfish are bream are both biting while crappie are fair in deep water. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water was falling but is on the rise again. Very little fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

with an idea that would bring the four Harris boys back together. Doug and Sambo both still live in the area where we grew up and Doug has a farm pond stocked with bass and bream. He suggested that we plan a get-together down in our old stomping grounds, catch some fish, have a fish fry kick back and relive some of those long-ago memories when we were boys.

On June 29, 2007, we met for the first time, me traveling from Ruston and brother Tom from his home in DeRidder. Our initial gathering was so enjoyable that we hit on the idea of making this an

annual event so we did.

This past Saturday, the 14th annual Cuz'n Fish Fest took place on Doug's pond and it was almost as fulfilling as the first time we met. Our group, sadly has been reduced by one as my brother Tom passed away five years ago and my sister, Linda, now fills the void left by Tom's death.

The annual gathering today is a bit different that those first ones. Spouses have been added to the mix along with a few special friends who look forward to getting together under the shade trees almost as much as we do. During the early days of

our get together, we talked and laughed about some of stuff we pulled, like swiping watermelons and sugar cane from nearby fields and other things we could only whisper and giggle about. Last Saturday, the conversation was more along the lines of our aches and pains as we're all in our 80s now.

My hope is that we'll be having our cousin get-togethers for years to come. It's one of the most special events I get to attend every year and I'm already looking for the next one.

GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS  
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# COLLEGE BASEBALL

# No. 14 Bulldogs split doubleheader behind Wells' Grand Slam

Special to the Press-Herald

MIAMI – A timely grand slam from Hunter Wells and a strong pitching performance out of the bullpen from right-hander Landon Tomkins helped Louisiana Tech earn a doubleheader split at FIU Baseball Stadium on Saturday.

After dropping game one 10-5, LA Tech responded with a 12-7 comeback victory in game two to split the first two games of the series. With a one-run lead in the seventh inning, Wells turned on an 0-2 pitch with two outs to blast No. 14 LA Tech's first grand slam of the season. Tomkins earned his fifth save of the season after allowing just one earned run over the final four frames of the game, allowing no hits in his relief appearance until the ninth inning.

FIU (18-28, 9-17 C-USA) won the first game behind a key five-run seventh inning. All five runs in the decisive bottom of the seventh came with two outs.

The Bulldogs (33-12, 17-9 C-USA) will send right-hander Jarret Whorff to the mound in game one of Sunday's doubleheader. Both games will be seven-inning contests with the first pitch of the day scheduled for noon ET/11 a.m. CT.

The first game of Saturday's doubleheader was a continuation of Friday's suspended contest. Both games on Saturday were nine innings.

Game 2 Recap: No. 14 LA Tech 12, FIU 7

Game two of Saturday's doubleheader entered the sixth inning deadlocked at 2-2 after the Bulldogs and Panthers traded two spots early in the contest. After scattering five hits across its first five team at-bats, the Bulldogs smacked four hits, two singles and a pair of doubles, in a four-run sixth inning to take their first lead of the ballgame.

Right fielder Philip Matulia opened the sixth with a leadoff walk, moving up to second base on Cole McConnell's infield single. Catcher Jorge Corona then moved Tech's corner outfielders up 90 feet apiece with a single of his own, loading the bases for shortstop Alex Ray. Despite facing a pitcher's count at 1-2, Ray was able to smack a high chopper to shortstop, beating out a throw at first to avoid the double play and pick up the RBI on the fielder's choice.

After taking their first

lead of the game, the Diamond Dogs used a pair of doubles to plate three more runs in the frame. Leadoff batter Taylor Young crushed an RBI double to center field on a 2-1 pitch, bringing home McConnell from third base to make it 4-2 Bulldogs. Two batters later, centerfielder Parker Bates blasted a two-out, two-RBI double off the center-field wall to stretch Tech's advantage to 6-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, FIU's Humberto Torres blasted a three-run home run to trim the Bulldogs' lead to one with nobody out in the frame. Right-hander Landon Tomkins then entered the game for the Bulldogs, dominating the rest of the way to earn his fifth save of the season.

Tomkins allowed no hits over the sixth, seventh and eighth innings, giving up just two walks and striking out four Panthers over his first three frames. Tomkins' scoreless sixth helped LA Tech maintain a one-run lead entering the top of the seventh, which is when the Bulldogs pulled away from FIU for good behind their first grand slam of the season.

A one-out single from McConnell, who went 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI in game two, put the first runner on in the four-run Bulldog team at-bat. A single from Corona and then a two-out walk from Young loaded the bases for Hunter Wells with two down. After falling behind in the count, Wells jumped all over an 0-2 pitch to tally his eighth home run of the season. The third baseman's grand slam was Tech's first slam since Bates accomplished the feat at UL-Lafayette on Feb. 16, 2020.

McConnell and Ray tallied an RBI single apiece in the top of the eighth to extend the Bulldog lead to 12-5 midway through the eighth. The pair of RBI singles made it the third straight inning LA Tech had tallied multiple runs scored.

LA Tech clinched the doubleheader split in comeback fashion, erasing an early two-run deficit with a pair of runs in the third. Ray opened the top of the third with a double to left center, turning it over to the top of the order with a runner in scoring position. Young then watched ball four on a 3-2 pitch to put runners at first and second before Wells

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Monday's unlisted clue: TEAR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: DIRTY — IN THE SINK

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|---------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Bills   | Honeydew list | Newspapers | To-do list |
| Books   | Laundry       | Projects   | Toys       |
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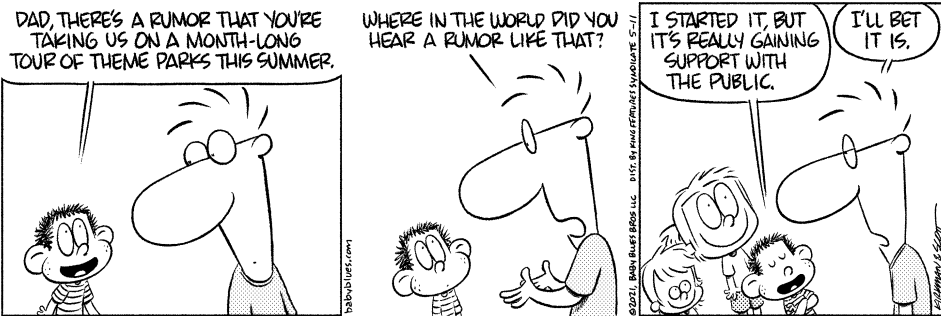
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ground went up in flames. The exits were locked. A burning cigarette thrown into a waste bin has been determined as the probable cause of the disaster.

1981 - The musical Cats is premiered. The piece sparked a musical craze around the world and catapulted the composer Andrew Lloyd Webber to stardom.

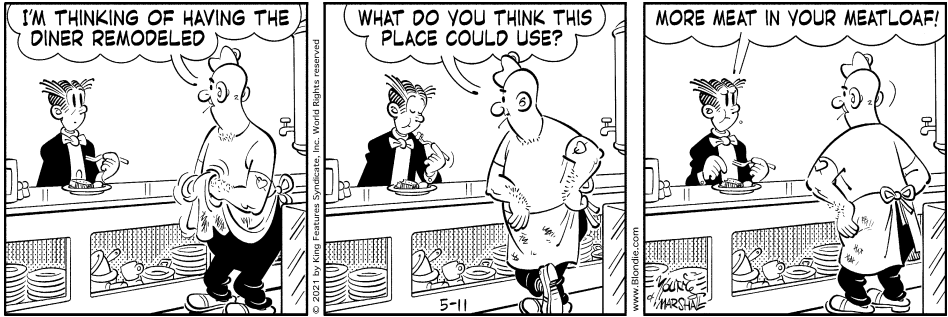
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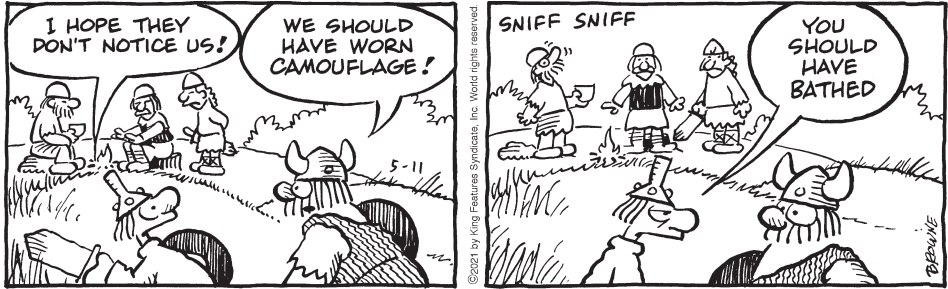
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