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### CAR CRASH

## Law enforcement urges caution to drivers after two fatal crashes take place over weekend

Webster Parish – Sunday morning, Troopers assigned to Louisiana State Police Troop G began investigating a single-vehicle fatality crash on Dorcheat Road, south of Allen Drive. This crash claimed the life of 27-year-old Joshua Montgomery, of Plain Dealing, who was not wearing a seatbelt.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2008 Pontiac G6, driven by 24-year-old Darien Moore, of Minden, was traveling southbound on Dorcheat Road. For reasons still under investigation, the vehicle traveled off the road, collided with a utility pole, and then a tree.

Moore was not wearing a seatbelt and was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Montgomery was pronounced dead at the scene.

Impairment is not suspected, but routine toxicology samples were taken and will be submitted for analysis. The crash remains under investigation.

Troopers would like to remind all motorists that buckling your seatbelt makes your chance of survival far greater should you be involved in a crash.

Thursday morning, after 9:00 a.m., Troopers assigned to Louisiana State Police Troop G began investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash on U.S. Highway 371, near Woodmill Road. The crash claimed

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### A LIFE REMEMBERED

## As Life of Billy Collins Jr. is Celebrated, Suspect Responsible Dies in Hospital

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

This weekend law enforcement officers, friends, family, and members of the community gathered in order to celebrate the life of one of Webster's own, William "Billy" Collins Jr., a Webster Parish Sheriff's Deputy and Doyline Police Officer who lost his life after sustaining a gunshot wound while responding to a disturbance call.

It started on Thursday with a Sea of Blue being conducted by law enforcement following the visitation held at First Bossier Baptist church. A long line of patrol units traveled east along Highway 80 with emergency lights from the vehicles flashing red and blue all the way to Hillcrest Memorial Park and Cemetery as an expression of respect from fellow officers to the fallen deputy.

Friday a celebration

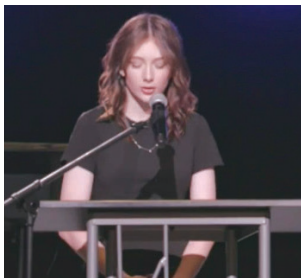
of life was held at where some who were close with Collins spoke in remembrance including Doyline Police Chief Robert Hayden, Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker, and even one of Collin's own daughters, Danielle Collins.

"Courage. That word is the most fitting for the actions performed by Billy Collins, and though we grieve today for the earthly loss of our family, we also want to celebrate the life of this great man," said Sheriff Parker.

Parker kicked off the proceeding with a thoughtful speech recalling the man that Collins was and the dedication he showed to Webster Parish and it's citizens.

"He was a man of professionalism and action. A man who loved his job and community. And a man with the utmost respect with his charge as a peacekeeper and

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STACY TINSLEY/BOSSIER PRESS PHOTOS

Law Enforcement officers and citizens of Webster joined in solidarity Friday morning in a Celebration of Life for fallen Doyline Police Officer William Collins Jr. who lost his life after responding to a disturbance call on July 9th.

## Louisiana Legislature to hold first veto override session in modern history

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Legislature will hold a veto override session for the first time in modern state history.

The announcement came Friday as leaders of the Republican-controlled House and Senate recounted the previous evening's vote to return to Baton Rouge and challenge Gov. John Bel Edwards' veto pen.

"The majority of senators have heard from their constituents who have asked them to take votes on the veto override," Senate President Page Cortez, R-Lafayette, said. "It has become clear that the majority of senators felt compelled to return for the veto session based on constituent feedback."

"This is democracy in action," House Speaker

Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonzales, said.

Override sessions are automatic in Louisiana but have been cancelled by simple majority votes every year since the state's revamped constitution was ratified in 1974. That changed, however, when only 12 of 39 senators and 35 of 104 House members chose to opt-out.

The historic session

will commence Tuesday and last no longer than five days.

Edwards vetoed 28 bills from the 2021 regular legislative session. Any one of them could be challenged.

None has been formally listed, but a House spokesperson confirmed two bills will "definitely" be called: one dealing with transgender athletes

and another regarding concealed handguns.

The Fairness in Women's Sports Act, or Senate Bill 156, would have prohibited high school athletes from competing on teams that differ from a student's assigned gender at birth.

Edwards said the bill would have "unfairly dis-

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# SECOND FRONT

## Crash: Dodge pick up collides with Ford

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the life of an unidentified man.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2019 Dodge Ram pickup, driven by the unidentified driver, was traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 371, behind an uninvolved vehicle. At the same time, a 2000 Ford pickup was traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 371. As the Ram was attempting to pass the ve-

hicle in front, it lost control and collided head-on with the southbound Ford. After the collision, the Ram exited the roadway and overturned, before becoming engulfed in flames.

The unidentified driver suffered fatal injuries, as a result of the crash. Positive identification is pending by the Webster Parish Coroner's Office.

Routine toxicology samples were taken and

will be submitted for analysis. The crash remains under investigation.

Troopers urge motorists to exercise caution when passing. Never overtake another vehicle, when it is not permitted. Always be sure there is enough distance to perform the passing maneuver and merge back into your travel lane.

In 2021, Troop G has investigated 17 fatal crashes, resulting in 18 deaths.

### BLOTTER

#### Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Kenneth Hill, 62, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Glenn Holiday, 57, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Heather Johnson, 37, of the 900 block of Hinton Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I & II substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, and illegal use of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a person under 17.

Keith Johnson, 38, of the 900 block of Hinton Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I & II substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, and illegal use of

controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a person under 17.

Chauncey Grant, 25, of the 700 block of Plus Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Steven Fornen, of the 500 block of Sanders Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Gabriel Maldonado was arrested for felony domestic abuse, aggravated 2nd degree battery with endangerment, and resisting arrest.

Sukea Carr, 26, of the 700 block of Washington Street, was arrested for being a fugitive from Ouachita Sheriff's Office.

Jerry Markray, 53, of the 200 block of B.F. Martin Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jeremy Clark, 28, of the 600 block of Constable Street, was arrested for resisting arrest.

Samuel Dance, 28, of the 8000 block of Highway 371, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kevin Miguez Jr., 37, of the 300 block of Johnson Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Jeremy Youngblood, 24, of the 100 block of Machen Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Michael Dragland, 35, of the 700 block of Chalysbeate Springs, was arrested for being a fugitive of Webster Parish.

Jessie Jones, 30, of the 4000 block of Powell Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

## Session: Two thirds majority is required to override a gubernatorial veto

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criminated against transgender youth," adding, "it unfairly targets children who are going through unique challenges and offers solutions to an issue that does not exist in Louisiana."

The topic erupted into national controversy as other states attempted similar bans. Even so, the measure achieved bipartisan support in the Louisiana Legislature: 29-6 in the Senate and 78-17 in the House.

Senate Bill 118, sponsored by Sen. Jay Morris, R-West Monroe, would have allowed residents age 21 and older to carry concealed firearms without obtaining a permit.

Edwards said the measure was not in the interest of public safety and vetoed it early this month.

Advocacy groups and numerous law enforcement officials since have voiced support for Edwards, but others, such as West Monroe Police Chief Jeff Terrell, said it's bad policy.

"Restrictions don't hurt anyone but law-abiding citizens. When you look at it, the

people that are not going to follow the law are criminals. They're going to carry whether the law says they can or cannot," Terrell said.

The measure passed the House, 73-29, and cleared the Senate, 27-9.

Another bill that could be called next week is House Bill 38. Sponsored by Rep. Rick Edmonds, R-Baton Rouge, the legislation would have required large local school systems to participate in the Louisiana Checkbook, a searchable website allowing users to track government expenditures, funding sources, vendor contracts and economic incentives.

Supporters said the bill is a crucial transparency initiative given billions of taxpayer dollars in new education spending. A record \$6.5 billion will flood state school systems next year alone.

Edwards said it was "unnecessary" and "unaffordable."

"Our local school systems simply do not have the resources or technology to comply with this unfunded mandate," he said.

A legislative impact analysis showed the

fiscal transparency effort would cost the state roughly \$540,000 over the next five years and local public-school systems \$765,000.

"If this veto is left to stand, taxpayers will be left to wonder: what are they hiding?" said Daniel Erspamer, CEO of the Pelican Institute.

To successfully override a gubernatorial veto, legislators must reach two-thirds majorities in each chamber, or 26 Senate votes and 70 House votes.

Republicans enjoy dominant majorities but not quite the full two-thirds to rely on party-line voting. Republicans outnumber Democrats 27-12 in the Senate and 68-34 in the House.

Sen. Ronnie Johns, R-Lake Charles, already has said he will not attend an override session because of recent knee replacement surgery.

Two House Independents also hang in the balance. Rep. Joseph Marino, I-Gretna, voted against the override session, and Rep. Roy Adams, I-Jackson, opted for it.

## Celebrate: Collins was honored with a Patriot Guard presentation, a 21-gun salute, Taps, a helicopter flyover, and flag presentations

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defender of the people of Webster Parish," said Parker.

"Without hesitation Billy always answered the call to serve and protect. He performed his loyal duty for his fellow citizens. It was a duty that he held to the highest esteem," said Parker.

"To do his part to uphold the rule of law, to respond to those in need, even in harm's way. That's exactly what Billy Collins did last Friday, when he responded to a call for someone in need. He honored his badge, and

he selflessly performed his duty, and made the ultimate sacrifice to prevent it from happening to another."

"You may not ever see it on the national news, but this community is extremely thankful that there are law enforcement officers like Billy Collins in the world to keep us safe," said Parker.

"Sgt. Billy Collins. A faithful christain. A selfless servant to the people of Webster Parish. He will ever be celebrated and remembered for his sacrifice, for his loyalty, for his courage, for his love of the fellow man. Thank you

Billy, we love you brother."

While others referred more to his life as an officer, his daughter provided a glimpse into what Collins was like in his personal life, recalling fondly his humor and his loving support.

"My dad was always the man that would tell you that you could count on him. No matter what the situation was. He cared so deeply for those he loved. I wish I could convey the amount of love and pride he held for his family and his community. But I know you all know how deep it was," said Danielle Collins.

Doyline Police Chief Robert Hayden also recalled a conversation that now holds somber tones when heard with context of what happened July 9th. One in which Chief Hayden was attempting to coax Collin's wife, Teresa's worries about Collins joining the Doyline Police Department since her grandfather, Deputy Vernie Roberts, had lost his life while serving in northern Oklahoma in 1999.

"Teresa and her family started reliving the nightmare they had once lived before," said Hayden. "When I received the call

and was told what was happening, I immediately remembered the conversation Teresa, Billy, and I had four short years before. That conversation will always haunt me because I said, 'Doyline is a one-mile radius town with good people. And I do not think anything bad will ever happen to him.'"

After the Eulogy, a Last Call was conducted where Officers and Deputies from Webster Parish and Doyline made a final pass by the casket before heading to Hillcrest Memorial Park and Cemetery for graveside services that included a Patriot Guard

presentation, a 21-gun salute, Taps, a helicopter flyover, and flag presentations.

While not directly related to the funeral proceedings, this incident in a sense reached a conclusion on Saturday, the day after all these proceedings took place, as it was announced that the suspect responsible for murdering Collins Jr., Mahlon Taylor, 59, succumbed to his injuries and died at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport.


Rest in peace Officer Billy Collins Jr.



# WEBSTER & MORE


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## OBITUARIES



### Nancy Elaine Ellington

Nancy Elaine Ellington, 72, born July 31, 1948, in Minden, Louisiana, passed away on July 15, 2021, after a lengthy illness. Nancy was a lifelong educator in Shreveport, Louisiana. She taught at Pierre Avenue, South Highlands

Magnet, and St Marks's Cathedral School. She graduated from Minden High School and Louisiana Tech University where she earned a master's degree plus 30. She was honored as Caddo Parish Teacher of the Year. She was a 50 year member of Alpha Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' sorority and a charter member of the Krewe of Centaur.

Nancy devoted her life to teaching and impacted many lives: her students, her student teachers and her colleagues. One could never go out with her without someone coming up to hug Miss Ellington. Her circle of influence and love will be part of her legacy.

Although Nancy had no children of her own, she

dearly loved her two nephews, Gary and Kerry Ellington.


Her hobbies were shopping, traveling, and playing games. Nancy loved anything that was social.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Beatrice Ellington, her brother Clyde Doyle, and a very special cousin, Betty McGowan.

She is survived by her nephews, Gary Ellington (Debbie) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Kerry Ellington (Samantha) of Minden, Louisiana. She is also survived by numerous nieces and numerous great nieces and nephews, and a host of Very close friends. She is also survived by her long-time companion, Wayne Crump.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Alston B. Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 12:00 pm. Sunday prior service.

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### Tommie Sue Liles

Dixie Inn, LA - Tommie Sue Liles went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 16, 2021 from complications from COVID. Visitation will be held Monday, July 19, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Roseneath Funeral Home in Minden. A graveside ceremony will be held at Gardens of

Memory Cemetery on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. Chet Johnson officiating.


Sue Liles was born in Martin, LA to George Brown and Eunice Martin Brown on November 4, 1936. Sue loved loved loved God and her family. She worked at the LAAP and as a hair dresser for many years. She was also the pianist for 25+ years for Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden.

Ms. Liles was preceded in death by her parents, husband Herbert Chester Liles, son Richard Allen Liles, son-in-law Daniel Roger Fory I, grandsons Jason Malcolm Fory and Daniel Roger Fory II, and brothers James Brown, Arthur Jackson Brown, and William Brown.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved daughters Debra Liles Fory and Donna Liles; granddaughter Katie Walz, great grandson Logan Steiner and great granddaughters Aria Walz and Avery Walz, and her loyal canine companion Coco.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers that you make a contribution to the Northwest Louisiana Suicide Prevention Coalition or to the charity of your choice.

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### Daniel Richard Shirley

Daniel Richard Shirley, of Dubberly, LA was born October 5th 1953 and will live in our hearts forever. He passed on July 16th.

He is survived by his two sons, Ben Shirley and Robert Shirley


who will proudly carry on in their Dad's memory. Danny was blessed with six beautiful grandchildren, Coen Denny, Ayla Denny, Zoey Shirley, Sienna Shirley, Hartlynn Shirley and Hadley Shirley. He is loved by his attentive brothers and sisters, Jo Ann Harrod, Janie McTaggart, Pat Stevens, Frank Shirley, Sue Draper, Lynn Garza, Tom Shirley and Jerry Shirley. Tommy Parham and Conrad Reeves were his loving brothers-in-law.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dee Shirley, Maxine Shirley and sister, Lynn Garza. His wonderful and beloved wife, Kathy Shirley passed on in 1997 and Danny looked forward to the day they would be reunited.

Always hard working, Danny had a successful career as an Oil Field Consultant. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and spending time with his Family. We celebrate a life well lived and are grateful for the love and grace of God.

A Graveside Service will be held at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, LA on Saturday July 24th at 10:00am under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

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# OPINION

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### OTHER OPINION

## Malkin: Feds' bill for no-fly secrets: \$4,536

I sent a simple request in April to my government for public data that taxpayers have the right to see. Through the federal Freedom of Information Act, I asked the Transportation Security Administration (as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation) for the following information:

No. 1: The policy statement outlining the processes and criteria according to which officials nominate, consider and approve names for the no-fly list, selectee list and extended selectee list.

No. 2: All information, documents, records and communications within the TSA and/or between the TSA and the FBI regarding attendees of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol rally and their inclusion on the no-fly list, selectee list and extended selectee list from Jan. 6, 2021, through the present. (I requested copies of all information, records, emails, phone logs/transcripts, letters, notes, memoranda and all electronic or nonelectronic communications/records/information related to aforementioned events and aforementioned parties.)

No. 3: All information, documents, records and communications within the TSA and/or between the TSA and the FBI using the search terms "Nick Fuentes," "Nicholas Fuentes," "Nicholas J. Fuentes," "America First," "Lauren Witzke," "AF-PAC" or "Groypers."

You'll be interested to know, my fellow American citizens

and taxpayers, that the price of unlocking the TSA/FBI's no-fly secrets is precisely \$4,536 (\$28/hour). Michael Tobias, government information specialist at Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration/



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Freedom of Information Act Branch, informed me that "it would take a combined search time of 162 hours" to fulfill my request and that half of the estimated cost — \$2,268 of the \$4,536 — would be due up front as an advance payment. "Thank you and have a great day!" Tobias ended his missive to me.

So much for "freedom" of information. LOL.

I have appealed this onerous tax on investigative journalism and refiled my FOIA request this week, noting that I am a member of the media and reiterating that any information I receive will be shared with the public. Stay tuned for updates, but in the meantime, ask yourselves (and your elected representatives, while you're at it) this question:

What is our government trying to hide at such a high cost to ordinary Americans?

As I reported in this column

in April, the subjects of my FOIA request (Nick Fuentes and Lauren Witzke) have faced repeated obstacles to traveling by air since the beginning of the year. Their plight is part of what I believe is a clearly coordinated campaign of discrimination by Big Government and Big Tech against America First nationalists. Remember: Multimedia entrepreneur Nick Fuentes has been banned by all the usual Big Tech suspects (most recently by Twitter last week after the Anti-Defamation League published a hit piece), along with livestream service DLive, Coinbase and every payment processor for his forceful advocacy of populism, an end to mass migration and protection of the nuclear family. Former Delaware GOP Senate candidate Lauren Witzke (banned from Twitter for calling a pedophilia-flirting transgender activist "demonic") had her Wells Fargo account shut down just last month.

Both attended the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol rally for former President Donald Trump, but neither had entered the building. Neither has been charged with any crimes. Both were peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights. Yet, President Joe Biden's TSA and multiple airlines told Fuentes he no longer has "clearance" to fly; Witzke cannot check into flights online, is swabbed for explosives and has "Secondary Security Screening Selection" marked on her tickets.

My FOIA request would help unearth clues as to the criteria for putting untold thousands of innocent American citizens on secret lists and tyrannically classifying them as "security" threats.

Witzke called out the feds' information lockdown for the bribery that it is: "The full force of the federal government is trying to extort ordinary Americans who just want to know the truth. WHY are they persecuting us?"

Laura Loomer, another early and repeated victim of Big Government/Big Tech abuse, also weighed in: "Not only are they trying to extort people for wanting to know the truth, but they won't even reply to my lawyers' requests to find out why the FBI has illegally red flagged me" and prevented her unilaterally from owning firearms. "The federal government is illegally extorting Americans and they are abusing their power to politically persecute and target political opposition."

The rest of the deep-pocketed corporate media remains stubbornly uninterested in freeing the truth on behalf of persecuted dissidents. It's not a newsflash, but it bears repeating: The Fourth Estate is not a neutral actor, but an active collaborator with the Swamp and Silicon Valley in stifling America First.

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### OTHER OPINION

## Edwin Edwards' legacy? It's complicated

That Edwin Edwards' fame might have diminished a bit while he was imprisoned became clear on the day of his third wedding in July 2011 — months after his release and just days shy of his 84th birthday — to a 32-year-old woman.

After a private ceremony at a French Quarter hotel, the wedding party walked around the block for lunch at Galatoire's on Bourbon Street.

"Who is she?" an onlooker asked, thinking reporters and photographers were swarming because of the young woman with the cascading blonde hair and shimmering dress — bride Trina Grimes Scott — not the man who, 15 years earlier, had finished his fourth term as Louisiana's governor.

Edwards, a Democrat, who died a week ago at 93, is the fourth ex-governor Louisiana has lost in less than two years. He was heralded for bringing African Americans into state government in the 1970s, for an overhaul of oil taxes that enriched state government, for a keen mind, sharp wit, showmanship and deft political skills. And, for a scandal-tinged career that eventually landed him in prison for eight years, convicted of taking payoffs to help steer riverboat casino licenses to his cronies.

Now comes the wait to see if time will burnish his legacy the way it has those of the three who recently preceded him in

death.

Mike Foster, a Republican elected governor after Edwards' final term, took some divisive positions, banning affirmative action in state contracts. And he paid a fine for failing to disclose his 1995 campaign purchase of mailing lists from ex-Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. But Foster, who died last year, was widely praised for working with



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Dem - ocrats, launching major education reforms and getting Louisiana on sound financial footing. Kathleen Blanco, a Democrat in office from 2004-08, shouldered much of the blame for a plodding response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. But by the time Louisiana's first female governor died in August 2019, having faced cancer with courage and grace, people were talking of her barrier-breaking career, a corruption-free administration and her focus on education spending.

Buddy Roemer seemed the picture of abject political failure when he was tossed out

after one term in 1991, having finished third behind the scandal-tainted Edwards and Duke. In death - he died in May - the Democrat-turned-Republican is remembered more for his success in pushing campaign and budget reforms while clearing a huge fiscal hole he inherited, from Edwards, in 1988.

Edwards, although remarkably popular to the end, never again enjoyed the widespread adulation arising from his first two terms as governor from 1972-1980, when the new constitution was adopted and oil riches grew.

Even his third term, bedeviled by falling oil prices and two long federal trials over the awarding of health care facility permits, had its successes. He persuaded legislators to help salvage the 1984 World's Fair and backed a deal to keep the Saints in New Orleans. In his fourth term in the 1990s, he overcame skepticism in the Legislature to win funding for the New Orleans arena, which helped draw an NBA franchise.

When he emerged from prison at 83, he was healthy, making wisecracks and about to marry his young prison pen pal. But his legacy has taken a beating.

That 1974 constitution is showing its age, having been amended more than 200 times. Louisiana's dependence on oil revenue proved to be a mixed

blessing.

His cavalier attitude about his reputation for womanizing doesn't wear as well in the post-"me too" era. Some of the famed one-liners are downright cringeworthy. "You're only as young as the women you feel," for example.

And there is the ever-present question among his detractors: How great a governor might he have been had he been less interested in enriching himself and his friends?

Maybe history will be as forgiving as former Gov. Dave Treen, who died in 2009. The Republican was defeated for re-election by Edwards in 1983 and was often the butt of his jokes. But, as Edwards steadfastly maintained his innocence after his 2000 trial, he found an unlikely ally in Treen, who came to call the trial "dubious" and the sentence "vindictive."

"He and I still don't agree on some things but we completely agree that giving our lives in service to the state was all worth it," Treen wrote in a forward to author Leo Honeycutt's 2009 biography of Edwards. "Both of us love Louisiana."

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INSPIRATION

# In honor of National Simplicity Awareness Day: Why are we afraid to hear ourselves think?

Albert Einstein said; “If you can’t explain it, you don’t understand it well enough.” What Einstein was probably driving at was an application of “keep it simple, stupid” which sales people often strive to do including the late beloved Claudia Harvill Browning, a very successful local real estate business woman, who often liked to use the quote “keep it simple, stupid” which leads me to the heart of my subject of simplicity.

Most of us destroy ourselves by fearing public opinion, of going in too many directions, trying to keep up with the Jones, of trading what we want most for what we want now, of having to have too many things regardless of who gets hurt in the process which leads me to one of my heroes of

the past.

Henry David Thoreau, born in 1817 and the author of Walden’s Pond, said “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

He learned a great truth desperately needed today. He went apart for a year or so by himself to stay in a log cabin, located by Walden’s Pond, near Concord, Massachusetts.

I’ve been fortunate to spend time inside the replica of the cabin while visiting my oldest son,

Perry, who lives near Boston.

It is a beautiful, peaceful setting.

The cabin is furnished, as it was back then, with only a small bed, a stove, a table and a couple of chairs.

I’m caught up with simplicity when I ponder how much creative time is wasted in the pursuit of “striving after the wind,” accumulating more and more yet never satisfying the yearning deep within.

From my understanding Thoreau only took with him one rock and threw it away because of the time it took to dust it off and put it back in place.



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

Absurd? Perhaps that is a bit extreme but it teaches a valuable lesson we should heed today.

I think some solitude in the woods, with no media, would be beneficial to troubled teens who seem to be always hooked up to background noise.

Why are we so scared of hearing ourselves think?

I sense it takes a lifetime of practice, of going apart, of getting into touch with ourselves, to hear our own thoughts but it’s in this space that we grow and become all we can become!

We must simplify lest we become lost in our pursuits.

It’s easy to lose our creativity if we are frenetic. We must focus on our talents -- not putting too many irons in the fire, we rob ourselves of our

quality time, preventing ourselves from centering down, getting into touch with ourselves.

We must hone our talents, sharpen our skills, polish our gift or we will become rusty.

To become focused we must simplify or we will burn our energy.

We must look not to one side or backward in regret at lost opportunities, lest we become scattered and never achieve our dream. If we try to do all things equally well we won’t become all that we can be. Our creativity will be lost in the mundane things in life, of keeping our bodies fed, of caring for our grounds, of making our house a showcase.

If we leave our one small gift to take care of itself it will die!

To be gifted we must work at our talents dai-

ly and make our field of endeavor our focal point our obsession. In return we will then make a meaningful contribution to those we touch.

It won’t come easily.

It’s more fun to work with our one talent knowing that “there will always be those greater and lesser than ourselves,” to quote Max Ehrmann, who wrote Desiderata.

The Bible still teaches that if we bury our talent that it will die.

To paraphrase President Theodore Roosevelt who said “many of us live in the gray areas of life, knowing neither victory nor defeat.”

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GARDENING

## Yard Care

Each summer I see yards getting scalped. When cutting your lawn, you should be cutting the top one third of the grass blade. Each type of lawn turf has a specific height for best health. Not only cutting your lawn at the right height; proper times and amount of water is critical for a healthy lawn.

There are recommended heights to properly cut and maintain your grass to have a healthy yard. Step one is knowing what type of grass you have growing in your yard. Step two is knowing the recommended mowed height your yard should be for your particular lawn grass type. Here are some recommendations for cut height of grass for a healthy yard.

Common Bermuda is one and one fourth inch to one and one half inch. Hybrid Bermuda is three fourths of an inch to one inch. St. Augustine is two to three inches. Centipede is one to two

inches. This last type of grass is not your typical turf grass but it is a grass we in North Louisiana have to deal with, Bahia grass. The recommended heights for Bahia is three inches. These are all recommended heights after you have cut to have a healthy yard. Just a reminder it is best to make small adjustments to mower height because you still only want to remove the upper one third of the blade of grass.

You may be asking; how do I know what height my grass is or how do I set my mower? The best way to answer is get a ruler and measure. Simply put ruler on top of soil and see how long the grass blade is. When adjusting your mower height, place mower on level ground, preferably concrete porch and measure from concrete to the cutting surface of the blade to get height of grass when done cutting.


Watering your yard is important for a healthy

yard. Certain grasses prefer a lot of water while others do not. As stated in a previous article the average yard in North Louisiana, only needs about an inch of water per week. I failed to mention when the best time to water. Recommended best time for watering your yard is between 4am until 9am. This allows for any evaporation of excess water during the day. Watering at night can lead to fungal issues in your yard along with other diseases.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 318-927-3110.

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# No state student mask mandate in Louisiana; local school systems to have final say

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Department of Health will not require students to wear masks when they return for the upcoming school year in August.

The decision is included in updated guidance for statewide K-12 school systems.

Dubbed “Ready to Achieve,” the plan relaxes unprecedented COVID-19 precautions that swept through public and private schools last year. It relies on the Louisiana Department of Health and the Children’s Hospital of New Orleans’ review of new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

The 16-page document lists dozens of protocols, health and safety standards and social distanc-

ing measures.

Louisiana State Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley was careful not to portray the 2021-2022 safeguards as authoritative directives.

“Our school operational guidance serves as best practices. These are not mandates,” Brumley said in a statement. “The State of Louisiana has not issued a mandate relative to the use of facial coverings by students or faculty on a school campus or inside a school facility.”

Unvaccinated students in grades 3 through 12 are expected to wear masks and all students are recommended to keep 3-foot distance from each other within classroom settings.

Other recommendations include limiting group sizes for large gath-

erings and extracurricular activities, organizing classrooms to maximize physical distance among students and keeping students 6 feet apart and in cohorts no greater than four when outside.

While the updated state guidelines aren’t mandatory, related policies will occur at the local level, leaving open the possibility of renewed mask mandates in certain areas.

“School system leaders should continue to work with the local medical community to determine what works best based on local context,” Brumley said.

Sandy Holloway, president of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, agreed.

“Decisions regarding

masking and other prevention measures are best made by those closest to our students, and Louisiana’s local school systems have the authority to develop COVID-19 policies appropriate for their communities,” Holloway said.

Schools were inundated with strict safety requirements last year, pursuant to an executive order from Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Edwards lifted the order’s student mask decree in May, saying, “For nearly 15 months, Louisiana has operated under necessary public health restrictions designed to save lives by slowing the spread of COVID-19.”

Such mandates occurred across the country and led to controversy in



many states.

Let Them Breathe, a nationwide group of concerned parents, questioned the efficacy of masks.

“There have been no long-term studies assessing what the mental, physical, social, and academic effects are of masking children for lengthy time-periods daily are,” founder Sharon McKee-

man said.

The Louisiana Department of Education said it will require face masks for all students on school buses because of public transportation rules issued by the federal government. The department’s updated approach to COVID-19 is subject to change per related events or CDC information.

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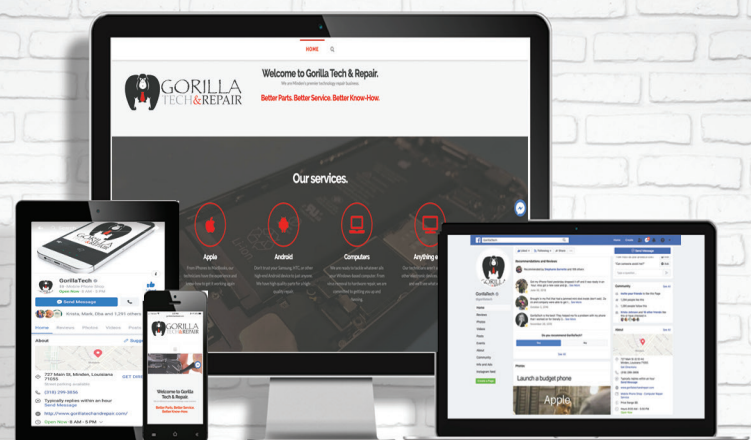
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# Exercising safely

## Recovering from COVID-19 might affect fitness regimen

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The number of people who have been infected by the novel coronavirus COVID-19 is difficult to determine, as millions of people may have had the virus but been asymptomatic. But as of April 2021, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University reported that more than 31 million people in the United States have had confirmed coronavirus infections, and Canada reported 1,087,158 confirmed cases with 80,204 considered active at that time. Thousands of new cases are reported daily nationwide, and many others have occurred around the world.

Even though COVID-19 is widespread and highly contagious, the silver lining is that a very high percentage of people recover from the disease. WebMD says that recovery rates fluctuate between 97 and 99.75 percent. However, COVID-19 can affect various parts of the body and produce long-lasting side effects.

A study from the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency found that 91 percent of people who recovered from COVID-19

reported at least one long-lasting symptom, and fatigue and trouble concentrating were the most common. With this in mind, individuals who have recovered from the illness and want to get back to their daily activities — including exercising — may need to be especially careful.

Health experts recommend a slow, phased approach to resuming exercise after recovering from COVID-19. It's also worth noting that it may take some time to regain pre-illness fitness levels, so individuals are urged to go easy on themselves if they cannot meet certain milestones.

David Salman, Ph.D., a clinical fellow in primary care at the Imperial College London, was lead author of a report published in the British Medical Journal that aimed to answer questions about returning to exercise. One of his recommendations is to wait for seven days after major symptoms have stopped before beginning to slowly build up physical activity. One should start with light-intensity exercises, such as walking or yoga. Gradually, more challenging activities, including brisk walking, swimming or light resistance training, can be introduced. Each phase should be maintained



for at least seven days.

People should be mindful of getting out of breath or feeling too fatigued by exercise. If this occurs, they should move back a phase until exercise feels comfortable. Pay attention to body cues while doing normal daily activities, as these can help determine if you need to rest.

The University of Colorado Boulder Health and Wellness Services says exercise should not continue if people experience chest pain, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, abnormal heartbeats, or lightheadedness. Individuals are urged to consult with their doctors if these symptoms appear.

Within a few weeks of infection, many people with mild cases of COVID-19 can typically be back to their normal fitness routines, says Anthony S. Lubinsky, MD, clinical associate professor at New York University Grossman School of Medicine. But slow and steady is the key to getting there.

COVID-19 has affected millions of people. With time and guidance, most people who contracted COVID-19 can return to their pre-illness levels of physical activity.

BUSINESS

## Handling consumer demands in a post-pandemic society

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines that began in late 2020 has allowed many areas of the world to gradually emerge from the pandemic. That's good news for business owners, many of whom were forced to make changes they never could have imagined making as recently as February 2020.

The relationship between businesses and their customers requires careful consideration on the part of business owners. Business owners want to provide the best possible experience for their customers, and that's worth noting as the world emerges from the pandemic. Though billions of people across the globe



ic that could have staying power in the years ahead.

- Sanitation practices: The U.S. COC notes that strict sanitation protocols put in place during the pandemic could be something consumers demand in the future. The COVID-19 virus opened many consumers' eyes to how quickly po-

tentially dangerous viruses and germs can spread, so business owners should expect to keep protocols designed to prevent the spread of illness in place even after the pandemic has ended. Measures that might be part of the new normal include making hand sanitizer readily avail-

able to customers and staff and keeping customers informed about daily sanitation practices.

- Curbside pickup: The convenience of curbside pickup is something consumers likely won't want to sacrifice even after the pandemic has ended. Businesses might not need to offer

the same rapid turnaround for their curbside pickup services once in-store shopping picks up. But offering curbside pickup may attract customers who like it for its convenience as well as its safety.

- Takeout: The restaurant business was hit especially hard during the pandemic.

A report from the National Restaurant Association estimated that, in 2020, restaurant and food-service sales were \$240 billion below pre-pandemic forecasts. The group also noted that more than 110,000 eating and drinking establishments closed, either temporarily or permanently, in 2020. Those that were able to remain open relied heavily on takeout orders in order to do so. Consumers who grew accustomed to getting takeout from their favorite restaurants may want to continue doing so well into the future. Continuing to offer that option, even after capacity restrictions are lifted, is a good way to reward customers who prefer takeout, and it's also a great way to generate extra revenue.

The world is slowly emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses that adjusted their offerings during the last year-plus may benefit by continuing to offer a more versatile array of services even after the pandemic has ended.



# SPORTS

## OLYMPICS

### Olympic athletes test positive in Tokyo days before Games

TOKYO (AP) — A third athlete at the Olympic Village in Tokyo has tested positive for COVID-19, with the Czech Republic team reporting the case Monday of a beach volleyball player who could miss his first game.

The positive case of an American gymnast, who was not identified and is an alternate on the women's team, also was confirmed by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Olympic champion Simone Biles was not affected by the result, nor were any of the other gold medal favorites on the team.

Czech beach volleyball player Ondřej Perušić could miss his opening game on Monday after a PCR test confirmed his infection. Perušić and his playing partner are due to begin their Olympic program against a team from Latvia.

Czech team leader Martin Doktor said in a statement they would ask to postpone the game until the infected player is cleared to play.

Perušić, who said he has been vaccinated, is the second member of the Czech delegation to test positive in Tokyo after a team official's case was reported Saturday.

He is the third athlete who was staying at the village to test positive. Two South African men's soccer players had their COVID-19 cases announced Sunday.

The players and a team video analyst who tested positive one day earlier were moved to the "isolation facility" managed by the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee.

Their 21 close contacts around the South Africa team now face extra scrutiny before their first game Thursday against Japan in Tokyo. The monitoring regime includes daily testing, traveling in a dedicated vehicle, training separately from teammates not affected and being confined to their rooms for meals.

"Although you are a close contact, you are able to do the minimum that you need to do so that you can continue your preparation for the Games while you are being monitored," said Pierre Ducrey, the Olympic Games operations director.

## COLLEGE SOCCER

### Posthauer nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year

Former Louisiana Tech soccer midfielder Amber Posthauer is one of 535 female college athletes nominated by NCAA member schools for the 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year award.

Posthauer finished up her four-year career as a Lady Techster this past spring, amassing 33 points on 14 goals and five assists while famously breaking the single-game program and Conference USA record for most points and goals during her junior year.

In the classroom, the Pflugerville, Texas native was both a C-USA All-Academic First Team selection and a First Team CoSIDA Academic All-District 6 honoree this past season.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# One to watch



COURTESY PHOTO/DARRELL JAMES

Louisiana Tech freshman linebacker Tyler Grubbs

### La. Tech's Grubbs named to Chuck Bednarik Award watch list

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech linebacker Tyler Grubbs was named to the Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List as announced by the Maxwell Football Club on Monday.

The Chuck Bednarik Award has been presented to the College Defensive Player of the Year since 1995 and is named in honor of Chuck Bednarik, a former standout at the University of Pennsylvania and with the Philadelphia Eagles. Bednarik is a member of both the College Football Hall of Fame's Class of '69 and the NFL Hall of Fame's Class of '67.

Grubbs will look to cap-

italize on a breakthrough freshman campaign where he was a 2020 FWAA, ESPN and 247Sports.com Freshman All-American. As a true freshman, Grubbs was named first team all-Conference USA by both the league and Phil Steele while also earning a spot on the Conference USA All-Freshman team.

The New Orleans, La., native registered a team-best 99 tackles and finished second on the team in both solo tackles (45) and tackles for loss (9.5) as a true freshman in 2020. Grubbs opened the season with back-to-back double digit tackle performances with a career-high 16 tackles against Southern Miss (Sept.

19) and a 12-tackle outing against Houston Baptist (Sept. 26). He ended the 2020 campaign with a career-high 12 solo tackles against Georgia Southern at the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl (Dec. 23).

Grubbs finished the 2020 season ranked second in C-USA and 25th in the FBS in tackles per game at 9.9, and he was sixth in C-USA in tackles for loss with 9.5.

The winner of the 2021 Bednarik Award will be announced as part of the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show held on Dec. 9.

Louisiana Tech opens the 2021 season at Mississippi State on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 3 p.m. Tech will then open a three-game home stretch against Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### SWAC Media Day set for Tuesday and will be aired on ESPN3

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) will host its annual SWAC Football Media Day on Tuesday, July 20 at 10 a.m. (CST) at the Sheraton-Birmingham hotel.

The event will be streamed live on ESPN3 with college football commentators Tiffany Greene and Jay Walker teaming up to host the event. All 12 SWAC head football coaches and two student-athletes from each institution will be in attendance to address the media about the upcoming 2021 football season.

Defensive back Dan Fields and quarterback Elijah Walker will be joining head coach Broderick Fobbs at the event. The trio can be seen on ESPN3 beginning at 11:20 a.m. (CST) for a ten-minute segment, before having time on radio row, virtual interviews, and time with television affiliates.

The league will also announce the 2021 All-SWAC Football Preseason Teams as well as the predicted order of finish voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

## TRACK & FIELD

### Anderson earns Academic All-District 6 Honors

Louisiana Tech's Sydney Anderson was named a 2020-21 Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country First Team Academic All-District 6 honoree on Thursday, as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Anderson, who graduated from Louisiana Tech in the spring with a bachelor's degree in computer science, earned a spot on the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll four times across her LA Tech career.

Anderson posted a 3.51 cumulative GPA as a LA Tech student-athlete. The Yorkville, Illinois native was also named to the dean's list nine times and president's list three times at Louisiana Tech.

In the field, Anderson competed eight times in the high jump between the 2021 indoor and outdoor seasons. Her third-place mark of 1.69 meters (5-6.5") at the Conference USA Indoor Track & Field Championships earned her Third Team All-Conference USA honors for the indoor season. She finished the season with four top-five marks and a season-best jump of 1.70 meters (5'-7").

missioner's Honor Roll recipient and three-time C-USA Academic Medalist recently graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 3.98 while majoring in Exercise and Health Promotion with a minor in Entrepreneurship.

Established in 1991, the NCAA Woman of the Year award is rooted in Title IX and recognizes graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their NCAA eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their col-

legiate careers.

The nominees competed in 24 sports across all three NCAA divisions, including 251 nominees from Division I, 107 from Division II and 177 from Division III. Multisport student-athletes account for 141 of the nominees.

The NCAA encourages member schools to honor their top graduating female college athletes by nominating them for the Woman of the Year award. Schools can recognize two nominees if at least one is a woman of color or international student-athlete.

Next, conferences will select up to two nominees each from their pool of member school nominees. All nominees who

compete in a sport not sponsored by their school's primary conference, as well as associate conference nominees and independent nominees, will be considered by a selection committee.

Then, the Woman of the Year selection committee, made up of representatives from the NCAA membership, will choose 10 women from each division to make up the Top 30.

The selection committee will determine the top three honorees in each division from the Top 30, and the nine finalists will be announced this fall. From those nine finalists, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will choose the 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year later this fall.



POSTHAUER



OUTDOORS

# Bass fishing, as a novice

**GLYNN HARRIS**  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

With photos of big double digit bass constantly showing up on social media, I began thinking about fishing for bass from the perspective of a novice, a non-pro, in other words, from me.

I love to fish for bass. Something about the explosion on top of the water when a bass smacks a topwater plug gives me the jitters. Ditto for when I feel the tap-tap on the line when fishing a plastic worm and seeing the line begin moving to the side. Catching a glimpse of white beneath the surface when a bass smacks my spinner bait is something else that gets me worked up.

I don't fish bass tournaments; never have. I fish for bass simply because I love the sport. It all started for me when as a kid, my dad gave me one of his old hand-me-down reels, a Pflueger Akron casting reel without any of the fancy stuff reels come equipped with today. My reel was spooled with black line strong enough to pull a mule out of a bog; this was before monofilament line came on the market. The reel was fastened to a Tru-Temper steel rod.

I carried the lures he gave me in a brown paper bag and they included some that would likely be collector's items today. When is the last time you went to the tackle shop and saw a Shakespeare Dopey; a River Runt; Dalton Special or Hawaiian Wiggler on the shelf? Those were the lures with which I learned to fish for bass. You could spend a couple of bucks and be pretty well outfitted with fishing lures. However, they were treasured products you didn't want to chance hanging up and losing.

I remember one time



COURTESY PHOTO

Like this youngster, this writer enjoys bass fishing for the sheer fun of it."

I was fishing for bass in Molido creek behind the house, a creek that was home to not only bass but sharp-toothed chain pickerel....we called them "jack fish". I made a cast with my much loved River Runt and the lure plunked down next to a fallen log, a perfect hidey hole for a bass.

I began my retrieve when I got a solid hit. Raring back on my rod, I was set to fight what felt like a really nice bass when the fish I had hooked sprang from the water with my River Runt dangling from its toothy jaw. I panicked when I realized this was no bass but a jack fish which promptly severed my line taking the only River Runt I had with him. I have felt resentment and dislike for jack fish ever since.

I remember the first squirrel I ever shot; the first deer I brought down; the first gobbler I called in and downed, the first duck I ever shot and I remember the first bass I ever caught. I was a little bitty shaver and was fishing the same little creek behind our house. Casting a Hawaiian Wiggler next to a stump, I promptly got a strike, set the hook and six inches of bass was catapulted out of the creek and over my head. I grabbed the squirming fish and hot-footed it through the woods to the house to show my mama what I had caught.

Last weekend while headed back home for our high school reunion, I paused when crossing the bridge over Saline Bayou and looked toward the railroad bridge just

on the other side. This was a spot when as kids, we could seine crawfish, head for the sandy banks with cane poles and toss a hook baited with a crawfish into the current. If things went as I hoped, the line would straighten, quiver and I'd be setting the hook in a bass that used that sandy stretch of water for spawning. We called them smallmouth bass when in reality they were spotted or Kentucky bass.

I never dreamed of becoming a bass fishing pro nor did I ever want to. Having the chance to see the swirl, feel the tug and know I'm connected to a bass has given me a lifetime of fishing pleasure.

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## FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** - Bream fishing continues to be good on worms and crickets. Crappie are scattered. Some bass are being caught around the willows on crank baits and jigs. No report on catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**BLACK BAYOU** - Bream fishing has been good on worms and crickets. Bass have been fair around the edges of the grass and brush on Wobbleheads, jigs and spinners. Crappie are scattered and fair on shiners or jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**OUACHITA RIVER** - The river is falling and crappie fishing is picking up around tops in the river and in the river lakes on shiners or jigs. Bass have been best in the mouth of the cuts on crank baits and soft plastics. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** - Bass fishing has been best in the deeper holes on plastic worms and crank baits while plastic frogs are working best early mornings around shallow grass and pads. Crappie are still on the flats with best catches made on jigs or shiners fished 4 feet deep in 8-10 foot water. Bream fishing is still good around the beds on worms and crickets while channel cats are biting cold worms off the banks. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** - Stripers are schooling and hitting topwater lures when they're on top and trolling white

bucktails when they're down. Bass have been best fishing topwater lures fairly shallow with Brush Hogs picking up some as well. Crappie have been better at night around the lights in 20 foot deep water. Bream are still around the beds and catfishing has been fair on cold worms. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** - A good many barfish have been caught trolling spoons while some bass are being caught on topwater lures fairly shallow. Some are being caught on deep diving crank baits and oversized plastic worms along the drop-off to the deeper holes. Some are chasing shad on top and hitting a variety of shad imitation topwater lures and crank baits. Crappie are around the deeper tops and hitting jigs and shiners fished 12 feet deep in 15-25 foot water. Some bream are still around the beds and hitting crickets and worms. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** - Catfishing has been good, bass have been fair on plastic worms. Bream are fair while crappie are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE ST. JOHN** - No report. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**LAKE YUCATAN** - The water is falling and fishing is starting to improve with some crappie being caught this week. For information, call Surplus City Land-ing at 318/467-2259.



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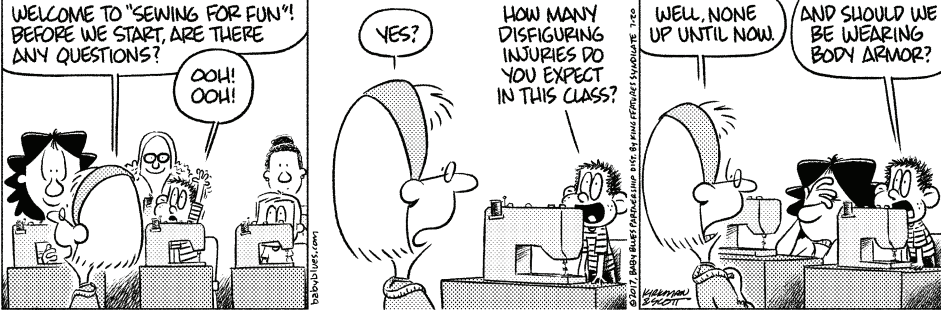
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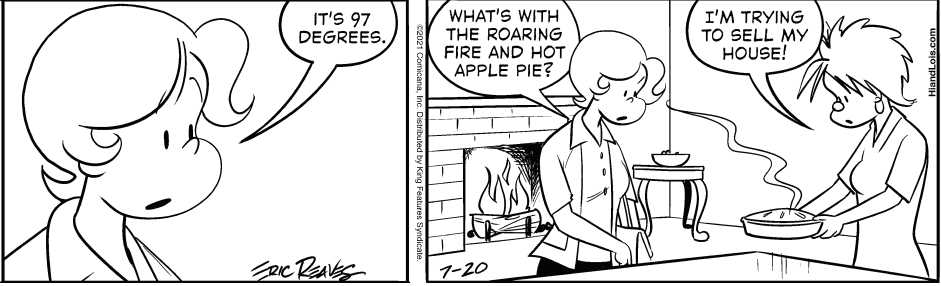
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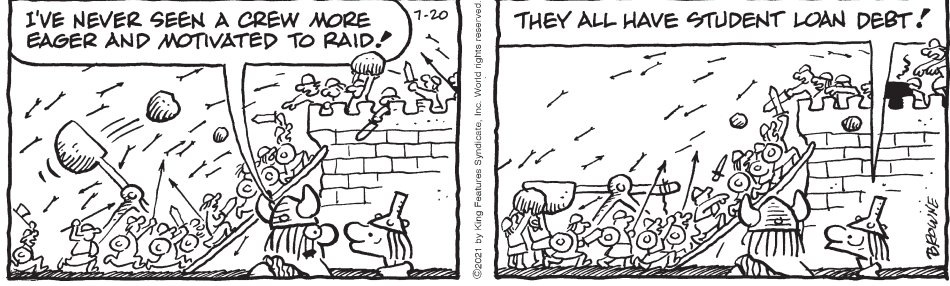
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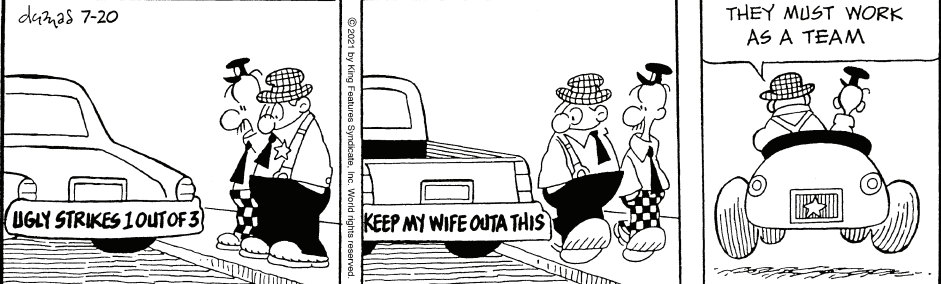
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