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HURRICANE IDA  LATEST COVERAGE

Hurricane Ida traps Louisianans, leaves the grid a shambles

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Rescuers set out in hundreds of boats and helicopters to reach people trapped by floodwaters and utility crews mobilized Monday after a furious Hurricane Ida swamped the Louisiana coast and made a shambles of the electrical grid in New Orleans and beyond in the sweltering, late-summer heat.

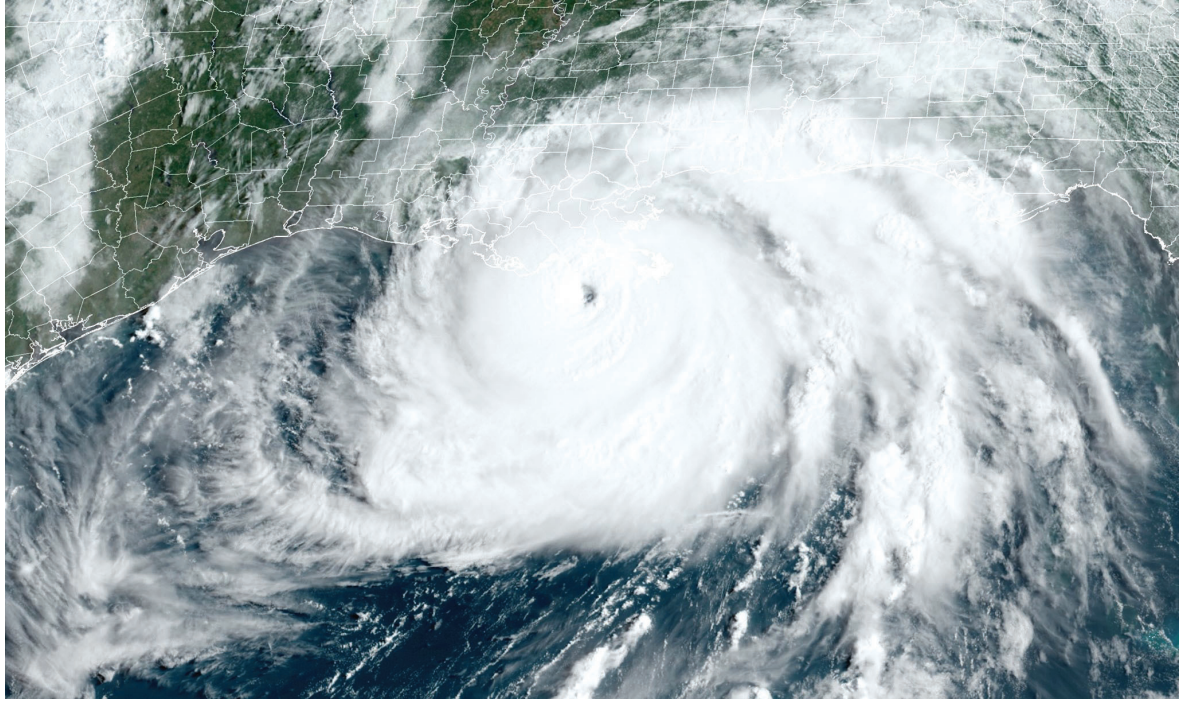
One of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the U.S. mainland weakened into a tropical storm overnight as it pushed inland over Mississippi with torrential rain and shrieking winds, its danger far from over.

Ida was blamed for at least one death — someone hit by a falling tree outside Baton Rouge — but with many roads impassable and cellphone service knocked out in places, the full extent of its fury was still coming into focus.

Officials warned it could be weeks before power is fully restored.

The hurricane “came in and did everything that was advertised, unfortunately,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said.

All of New Orleans lost power right around sunset Sunday as the hurricane blew ashore on the 16th anniversary of Katrina, leading to an uneasy night of



COURTESY PHOTO/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

Hurricane Ida comes ashore near Grand Isle, La. Sunday, Aug. 29.

pouring rain and howling wind.

When daylight came, streets were littered with tree branches and some roads were blocked. While it was still early, there were no immediate reports of the catastrophic flooding city officials had feared.

“I had a long miserable night,”

said Chris Atkins, who was in his New Orleans home when he heard a “kaboom” and all the sheetrock in the living room fell into the house. A short time later, the whole side of the living room fell onto his neighbor’s driveway.

“Lucky the whole thing didn’t fall inward. It would have killed

us,” he said.

Four Louisiana hospitals were damaged and 39 medical facilities were operating on generator power, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said.

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Meadowview Nursing & Rehab takes in S. Louisiana evacuees

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

In preparation for Category 4 Hurricane Ida that tore through south Louisiana, Minden’s meadowview Health and Rehabilitation Center took in evacuees from their sister facility Patterson Healthcare Center, along

with their staff and family members.

In a time of need, the Minden community banded together in order to get the evacuees a place to stay, cots to sleep on, and supplies to last them throughout their impromptu stay.

Mere hours after making a post publicizing

their need for assistance, the community along with some help from the national guard banded together to ensure that places to sleep were prepared and that the evacuees got the supplies needed for their impromptu stay.

“We asked for help

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COURTESY PHOTO

Meadowview Nursing & Rehab staff welcome Hurricane Ida evacuees Saturday night.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Edwards tours I-20/I-220/BAFB Interchange

STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

A tour by Gov. John Bel Edwards revealed the I-220/I-20 Barksdale Air Force Base Interchange project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

Edwards, along with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Secretary Dr. Shawn Wilson, toured the I-20/I-220/ Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Interchange project on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

The I-20/I-220 BAFB Interchange project has been a part of the state’s transportation master plan for many years and broke ground in April 2019.

Once complete, it will provide access to BAFB, the first entrance of its kind via an interstate in the area. It will also be the first access road for the base that doesn’t contend with crossing a railroad track.

It will also provide for improved connectivity and security for all types of commercial deliveries and general access to the base.

Gov. Edwards touched on this by noting the community’s important relationship with BAFB, specifically the base’s improvement on quality of life in our area.

“We’re going to improve the lives of people in northwest Louisiana, principally the airmen who live here,” Edwards said. “The quality of life is going to go up. We are demonstrating a real commitment to the Air Force and to Barksdale Air Force Base.”

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The governor's office said over 2,200 evacuees were staying in 41 shelters as of Monday morning, a number expected to rise as people were rescued or escaped from flooded homes. Christina Stephens, a spokesperson for the governor, said the state will work to move people to hotels as soon as possible so that they can keep their distance from one another.

"This is a COVID nightmare," Stephens said, adding: "We do anticipate that we could see some COVID spikes related to this."

Interstate 10 between New Orleans and Baton Rouge — the main east-west route along the Gulf Coast — was closed because of flooding, with the water reported to be 4 feet deep at one spot, officials said.

An area just west of New Orleans got about 17 inches (43 centimeters) of rain in 20 hours, Greg Carbin of NOAA's Weather Prediction Center tweeted.

Still, it appeared that the levees that failed in 2005 during Hurricane Katrina held up in Ida, the governor said.

"For the most part, all of our levees performed extremely well -- especially the federal levees -- but at the end of the day the storm surge, the rain, the

wind all had devastating impacts," Edwards said. "We have water systems that are out. We have tremendous damage to homes and to businesses."

The rain and surge of seawater in the maze of rivers and bayous south of New Orleans threatened hundreds of homes. On social media, people posted their addresses and directed search-and-rescue teams to their attics or rooftops.

The Louisiana National Guard said it activated 4,900 Guard personnel and lined up 195 high-water vehicles, 73 rescue boats and 34 helicopters. Local and state agencies were adding hundreds of more.

Jefferson Parish in suburban New Orleans knew of 500 people who said they were going to stay in areas that were flooded, and it began sending out dozens of boats to account for everyone and start rescuing them, Parish Council member Deano Bonano told WWL-TV.

More than a million customers in Louisiana and Mississippi were without power, according to PowerOutage.US, which tracks outages nationwide. That left them without air conditioning and refrigeration in the dog days of summer.

"We don't know if the damage is extensive. We don't know if the damage

is something we can get up quickly," Entergy New Orleans CEO Deanna Rodriguez told WWL-TV.

The hurricane twisted and collapsed a giant transmission tower in Jefferson Parish along the Mississippi River, and the wires fell into the river, causing widespread outages and halting river traffic, parish Emergency Management Director Joe Valiente said.

The tower, which survived Katrina, is one of eight ways power is brought into New Orleans, and the failure of one of them might have led the others to shut down as well, Rodriguez said.

Other areas were also in the dark.

"One-hundred percent of the grid is smashed, hundreds of telephone poles snapped, trees hit power lines and just ripped them out," Valiente told NPR. He said that the entire power grids collapsed in about 10 parishes and that it could take six weeks to fully restore power.

Edwards said on Sunday that 30,000 utility workers were in the state to help restore electricity.

AT&T's phone system was down all across southeastern Louisiana. Many people resorted to using walkie-talkies. The governor's office staff had no working phones.

New Orleans' levees underwent major improvements after Katrina,

which breached the city's flood defenses, caused catastrophic flooding and was blamed for 1,500 deaths. Ida posed its biggest test since that disaster.

Farther south, emergency officials had not heard from Grand Isle since Sunday afternoon. About 40 people stayed on the barrier island, which took the brunt of the hurricane and was swamped by seawater, Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng told NBC.

Ida's 150 mph (230 kph) winds tied it for the fifth-strongest hurricane ever to hit the mainland. Its winds were down to 45 mph (72 kph) early Monday, and forecasters said it would rapidly weaken while still dumping heavy rain over a large area.

In Mississippi's southwestern corner, entire neighborhoods were surrounded by floodwaters, and many roads were impassable.

Ida was expected to pick up speed Monday night before dumping rain on the Tennessee and Ohio River valleys Tuesday, the Appalachian mountain region Wednesday and the nation's capital on Thursday.

Forecasters said flash flooding and mudslides are possible along Ida's path before it blows out to sea over New England on Friday.

MINDEN LIONS CLUB



COURTESY PHOTO

State Representative Raymond Crews has been a member of the Louisiana State Legislature since May of 2017. He serves on House Committees of Appropriations, Health and Welfare, and Labor and Industrial Relations. Crews is also a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as well as the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, Raymond Crews was a B52 pilot in the Air Force and Air Force Reserves. While serving in the Reserves he flew combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan after 9/11. He currently runs two small businesses focused on aerial mapping and engineering as well as energy and building performance services. Raymond and his wife Diana have two children that attend Louisiana Tech.

RIBBON CUTTING



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

The City of Minden welcomed Maty Perez to the business community with a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of Roots Beauty Room. Having previously been with the Pink Magnolia for three years, Perez puts her years of beauty experience to work at this new location, offering a wide array of beautification services, including a salon, tanning stations, makeup, and more! Roots Beauty Room is located at 601 Homer Road across from CVS.

EVAC: Community comes together to help

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and our community showed up and showed out. Thank you to Amy Phipps, the National Guard and our Minden community for helping us prepare a warm and loving welcome for our evacuees from Patterson, Louisiana," Meadowview stated from their social media pages.

Several community leaders, organizations, and churches, stepped up to help Meadowview prepare for the evacuees.

While Meadowview could take in the residents, separate lodging had to be found for staff and family members. All of the hotel rooms in Minden were booked to capacity due to the

storm, so St. Rest Baptist Church stepped up and allowed use of it's B. F. Martin Life Center to house the evacuees.

Departments within the parish and city such as the Minden Fire Department and Office of Emergency Preparedness helped to procure and move additional cots. Helping to supply bedding and linens was Minden Medical Center and Claiborne Memorial Hospital. Countless community members and churches such as Lakeview Baptist Church helped by dropping off much needed supplies.

Late Saturday night, three busses packed with residents, staff, and family were transported to Meadowview where their

staff along with assistance from the Minden Fire Department processed the residents and ensured everyone was accounted for and taken care of.

A total of 38 residents and 39 staff family members were transported in this effort.

"We're really grateful and appreciative to everyone who stepped in and assisted to help us. From the fire department, to emergency preparedness, assisting us in the process of getting the residents off the bus and into the facility. We're very grateful that they came and assisted us," said Rebecca Myles, Meadowview Facility Administrator.

POLICE BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Candy Maxie, of the 200 block of MLK Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tony Woodridge, 51, of the 1700 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested for no seatbelt, no child restraint, no turn signal, open container, driving under suspension with priors, driving while in-

paraphernalia.

Hannah Rocha, 28, of the 1700 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested for trespassing.

Bruce Stepehens Jr. 46, of the 400 block of Davis Road, was arrested for no seatbelt, no child restraint, no turn signal, open container, driving under suspension with priors, driving while in-

toxicated, resisting by force, and three counts of resisting an officer.

Joshua Miles, 26, of the 400 block of College Street, was arrested for domestic abuse with child endangerment.

Telvin West, 28, of the 100 block of Squire Street, was arrested for simple obstruction of a highway and disturbing the peace

through language.

Latravion Minix, 29, of the 600 block of Chestnut Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Jatoyia Lott, 28, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested for having too dark of tint, driving under suspension, and no child restraint.

Shontesia Moore, 26, of the 800 block of Park Highway, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Lannessia Walker, 23, of the 800 block of Park Highway, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Horace Melton, 42, of the 2200 block of Alexandria Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tikeyah Lard, 36, of the 200 block of Camp Street, was arrested for driving under the influence second offense, driving under suspension for prior, and improper lane usage.

Christon Harris, 23, of the 400 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

WEBSTER & MORE

3 DAY PLANNING FORECAST

KSLA NEWS 12

JEFF CASTLE

Hot and primarily dry weather is on the way as we close out August and head into September. Temperatures will run in the low to mid 90s over the next few days. Rain chances look slim but a stray pop-up shower can't be ruled out.

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GasBuddy: Price at the pump falls

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana gas prices have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.81/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 0.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 91.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.49/g Monday while the most expensive is \$3.35/g, a difference of 86.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state today is \$2.49/g while the highest is \$3.35/g, a difference of 86.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.12/g today. The national average is down 2.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 90.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
■ Baton Rouge - \$2.76/g, up 0.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.76/g.
■ Jackson - \$2.78/g, up 2.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.76/g.
■ New Orleans - \$2.78/g, up 0.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.77/g.

"While the national average price of gasoline declined yet again over the last week, Hurricane Ida has been causing countless disruptions to critical infrastructure, including oil production, refiner-

PHOTO BY SIPPAKORN YAMKASIKORN ON UNSPLASH.

ies and pipelines. We're likely to see a reversal this week, but motorists need not be too concerned at this point," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"I expect the national average to rise in the neighborhood of 5-15 cents per gallon in the next couple of weeks- far smaller than the impact from Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey, but with damage assessments still to come, it's possible we see slight deviation from that. While Colonial Pipeline shut Lines 1 and 2 as a precaution, it's highly unlikely that this will cause any long-term disruption to fuel supply like we saw months ago after the company was hacked. The biggest question for refineries will be the flooding- which could alter the rise in gas prices, but the odds of a massive surge in gas prices nationwide are extremely low."

Job rate better, because of government, schools

The Center Square

Louisiana's unemployment rate fell in July, but the associated job growth was largely a result of teachers and government employees going back to work.

The observation was noted by Eric Peterson of the New Orleans-based Pelican Institute, who suggested that Louisiana's economy has a long road to pre-pandemic recovery.

"Over half of the jobs added in July were because of an increase in government employees and teachers going back to school rather than job creation in the private sector," said Peterson, codirector of the Pelican Institute's Center for Opportunity Policy. "The only significant private sector job growth was in leisure and hospitality, which added 3,500 jobs."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Louisiana added 12,700 jobs in July - nearly three times the growth in June.

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 6.9% to 6.6% as a result.

Louisiana lagged behind its neighbors - Texas (6.2%), Mississippi (6.1%) and Arkansas (4.3%) - and is one of only 13 states with an unemployment rate higher than the national rate of 5.4%.

Nevada had the highest unemployment rate in July at 7.7%, closely followed by California, New Mexico and New York. Nebraska and Utah had the lowest jobless rates at 2.3% and 2.6%, respectively.

Data from the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows 186,459 job openings statewide, or more than enough to meet pre-coronavirus employment levels.

Critics have speculated successive congressional trillion-dollar stimulus packages and on-going government relief programs have eroded work incentives for many would-be employees. Direct payment stimulus checks, the child tax

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Eric Peterson
The Pelican Institute

credit expansion, the federal eviction moratorium and generous unemployment benefits are among them.

Gov. John Bel Edwards was the first Democratic governor to end federal unemployment benefits before the September expiration, though he negotiated a modest increase in state unemployment payments with the GOP-led state Legislature.

"With the expanded unemployment benefits ending on July 31st, we have yet to see what impact it will have in the Pelican State," Peterson said. "Hopefully, with the

disincentive to work ended, Louisiana will continue to see job growth above 10,000 per month and more concentrated in the private sector."

Louisiana's economy hovered beneath 2 million employed workers before government imposed lockdowns and other COVID-19 safety precautions affected private businesses and employees.

Labor data shows that by the end of April 2020, nearly 300,000 workers had lost their jobs.

The recent federal jobs report shows that by the end of last month, Louisiana had rebounded to nearly 1.85 million jobs, an increase of 58,200 jobs since last July but far short of breaking even with employment figures from early 2020.

"Louisiana is still missing 121,900 jobs since March of 2020, which means that even if Louisiana had the same job growth it did in July, recovery is still over a year away," Peterson said.

OBITUARY

Constance "Connie" Suzanne Maddox

October 02, 1948 - July 21, 2021
Constance "Connie" Suzanne Maddox, is the youngest of two children of Elbert and Mattie House. Born on October 2, 1948, in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

As a young lady she moved to San Diego, CA to start her adult life. She worked in retail selling jewelry. She loved the beach.

Connie later worked as a Property Manager for many years. Loved by the tenants and management.

In 1982, she married Keith Maddox. They lived in Sunnyvale, CA for many years. Their union of 39 years is loving and inspiring. They were inseparable. Keith adores Connie. He would move heaven and earth for her. Wanting to give her the world. And she loved Keith beyond words.

They lived in California until 2006, when they returned to Connie's hometown of Minden, LA. Keith took a job as a truck driver and was on the road quite often. Connie became a dog lover by accident (Beasley, Skipper, and later PJ) who became her babies and companions in Keith's absence.

Connie was a faithful church attendee. She had developed a strong relationship with GOD. When she was able, she sang in the church choir.

Battling medical issues for years, Connie was strong and a fighter. She would be in pain quite often, but it

was hidden behind that infectious smile.

In March 2021, when we learned that she had pancreatic cancer the news was devastating to all. Hoping for the best but fearing the worst, July 21, 2021, at 1:05pm she succumbed to pancreatic cancer.

She is survived by her brother William "Bill" House and sister-in-law, Rita of Minden, LA, her nephews, Merlin of Dallas, TX and Donald of Tyler, TX, niece Lanette of Bossier City, LA, great niece Ashley, great nephews Ray, Christopher and Jonathan.

Connie has a myriad of friends whom she considered sisters: Donna Lee Milligan, Cynthia Leon, Ginger Sutter, Deana Watkins, and Loren Powell.

The family is grateful for Connie's church family and the community which were extremely instrumental with her aid and support.

Connie has a heart of gold. She is the kindest, sweetest person you will ever meet. She never had a bad word to say about anyone. She is a generous, loving spirit. She had a great love of art deco, old Hollywood, flamingos, San Diego, the beach, and shopping.

She will be greatly missed as she brought joy and LOVE to everyone she met.

Viewing 10:00 to 12:00. Service 12:00 to 1:00 on July, 2021 at Aulds Funeral Home, 7849 East Kings Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Service provided by Brett Cook, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana.

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OTHER OPINION

Hanna: LSU should just sell it all

For some time now a movement has been afoot to name the basketball court in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC) at LSU after Dale Brown.

You may remember Brown. He came to LSU in 1972 at a time when the men's basketball program was considered a joke. The team had not experienced any success to speak of since the early 1950s when Bob Pettit and Ned Clark, along with Norman Magee from nearby Port Allen, won a couple of Southeastern Conference championships and earned a spot in the Final Four. They were good, but those basketball squads of the early '50s represented the last notoriety men's basketball at LSU would know until Maravich arrived in 1966. No explanation is needed for who Maravich was and what he accomplished in his four years in Baton Rouge. He was a once-in-a-lifetime talent. That's why the PMAC is named after him.

Brown inherited a basketball program that could best be described as a dumpster fire, but over the next 25 years Brown won 60 percent of his games and became the winningest men's basketball coach in the history of the Ole War Skule. Along the way he took the Tigers to two Final Fours, won four SEC championships and one SEC tournament championship. He was known as the "Master Motivator," which is fitting since Brown had a knack for taking teams with less talent than others and working wonders with them.

An outspoken opponent of the death penalty, Brown was the first basketball coach in the SEC to start five blacks, and he did it in the 1970s when the civil rights movement was still not the most popular topic of discussion anywhere in Louisiana except in the black community. He took some serious heat for it too.

To this day, Brown, who is retired and still lives in Baton Rouge, is an ardent supporter of the LSU's men's bas-

ketball program. He's not hard to miss at the home games, sitting just a few rows off the court, attentively watching the action.

Next month the LSU Board of Supervisors is expected to entertain a resolution to name the basketball court at the PMAC after Brown. The resolution is being pressed by Collis Temple, a member of the LSU board who also was the first black to ever play basketball for the Fighting Tigers. Brown was his coach.



SAM HANNA

Yet, it seems there are a few members of the LSU board who are reluctant to name the court after Brown. Apparently they are concerned about naming the basketball court after an elderly white man. After all, being "woke," or sensitive to all matters that one might find offensive, is all the rage around the country these days, including it seems among members of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

We should not be surprised that the LSU board lacks the moral fortitude to do what's right for an honorable and decent man like Brown. Think about it. It was just a year ago that the LSU board ripped Gen. Troy Middleton's name off the campus library because Middleton had penned a letter in the early 1960s explaining how LSU abided by state law at the time in keeping white students segregated from black students. It seems it was just too

much for the LSU board to stomach, prompting those spineless wonders to besmirch the reputation of one of the most decorated Army officers to serve in two world wars.

Since we live in this era of all things "woke" or complying with "woke" or bending a knee to the "woke" lunatics among us, allow me to offer a solution to all of the controversies, real and imagined, surrounding the names of buildings and streets on the LSU campus.

Sell it all, I say. Strip every name from every building and every street on campus and auction off the naming rights to everything. All of it. We will leave no stone unturned. The possibilities are endless. Think about it.

Since the basketball court in the PMAC is the primary topic of discussion, perhaps injury attorney Gordon McKernan would be interested in buying the naming rights. Stenciled along one side of the court would be "Get Gordon." On the other side of the court you would see "Get It Done." He could even have his law firm logo on the basketball court itself under each basket.

If the naming rights to the court were not enough, McKernan could negotiate for the naming rights to the PMAC itself. "Get Gordon" on the roof on one side and "Get It Done" on the other side. That way when the helicopters are circling around the campus on game day capturing aerial shots of the crowd in Tiger Stadium, chances are someone watching television somewhere across the country would see McKernan's advertising. Let's call it a double whammy. That's why it will cost double compared to simply buying the naming rights to the basketball court.

Maybe Victoria's Secret would be interested in buying the naming rights to the street that runs in front of the sorority houses along University Lakes. It could be called Victoria's Secret Circle, which of course would wind its way into the round-about at fraternity row.

Certainly some businessmen in Louisiana who got rich off their relationships with former Gov. Edwin Edwards would be more than happy to buy the rights to name it, fittingly, the Edwin Edwards Round-About.

Let's take Tiger Stadium, for example. The naming rights must be sold to Louisiana's own, Raising Cane's. No doubt the owner of the company, Todd Graves, would want to see the Raising Cane's logo smack dab in the middle of the football field. Graves and LSU could even put their heads together and maybe set up some electronic signage at each gate leading into Tiger Stadium. The Raising Cane's mascot, a beautiful yellow Labrador retriever, would be featured prominently on each electronic sign. Think kid friendly, folks.

We could not begin to leave this topic about buying naming rights at LSU unless we brought Big Oil into the picture. Just think about all the money — mucho dinero — that could be raised from Big Oil by offering our friends in the oil and gas industry the opportunity to buy the naming rights to the business school, the library, the mass communication building and last but not least, the building where coastal studies are taught. It's a win-win for Big Oil. They get some good public relations out of it, and they would buy enough influence to tell the university president, William Tate, to keep a lid on all of that "woke" yack.

You see, under this self-everything proposal no one suffers discrimination. The only color that would matter is green. Think "In God We Trust."

Or we could shelve this silly idea, and the LSU board could simply do the right thing and name the basketball court after Dale Brown. He deserves it.

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OTHER OPINION

Louisiana still waiting for aid a year after Laura

Hurricane Laura wrecked southwest Louisiana a year ago, leaving marks of devastation that remain evident today in blue-tarped roofs, damaged homes and boarded-up businesses that still dot the region. For the people who live there, the suffering seems even worse because they feel forgotten.

Officials say recovery has been made more difficult by the absence of relief aid from Washington.

Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter sounds as though he's moved from frustration to disbelief as his city still waits for disaster block grant assistance from the White House and Congress even as Laura's anniversary passed. At an event Thursday with the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Hunter called the absence of the recovery money "glaring, unacceptable, embarrassing."

Laura, which officials called the most powerful storm to impact Louisiana since 1856, struck the southwestern parishes on Aug. 27, 2020, as a fierce Category 4 storm. Less than two months later, Hurricane Delta swept into the same area as a Category 2. Historic flooding followed in May.

More than 175,000 insurance claims were filed for Laura, and the storm was estimated to cause \$10 billion in insured losses, according to Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon.

The region has received hundreds of millions of dollars in disaster aid from FEMA to help

people with short-term needs and to help replace damaged government buildings. But dollars for long-term housing for low- to moderate-income households and other recovery needs that Congress traditionally sends states after disasters haven't arrived.

"It's just very, very difficult here, and the country just seems to have



MELINDA DESLATTE

John Bel Edwards sent a disaster request similar to the one he sent then-President Donald Trump in November.

Louisiana's Democratic governor asked for \$3 billion to help the state with its recovery from Laura, Delta and other storms that struck in 2020. Edwards requested dollars that can be spent to help rebuild people's homes, create affordable rental housing, modernize infrastructure and harden against future storm threats.

Congressional approval is needed if the state is to receive the mon-

ey, but a White House request can help speed that along.

Both presidents traveled to Lake Charles and discussed hurricane recovery. But Louisiana is still waiting. Thousands of people remain displaced, including 2,400 living in temporary trailers set up by FEMA.

Durel describes adults who've returned to stay with parents, people sleeping on couches in friends' houses and others temporarily living hours away from home because they don't have the money for repairs, they've received too little from insurance claims or their landlords haven't restored their rental housing.

"Some of our buildings haven't even been touched," said Durel, who considers herself lucky because she's able to live in her hurricane-damaged townhome while completing repairs covered by insurance.

To illustrate the need, community leaders pointed out that by July's end in Lake Charles fewer than 13% of residential buildings had pulled permits to begin reconstruction or rehabilitation and 60% of public housing was still offline.

"I ask the American public as much as you can: Remember, please remember what has happened here in Lake Charles — and perhaps more importantly, what hasn't happened here in Lake Charles," Hunter said in a recent Facebook post.

Lake Charles' Republican mayor

said disaster recovery block grant aid was allocated by Congress 10 days after Hurricane Katrina, 34 days after Hurricane Andrew and 98 days after Superstorm Sandy.

Southwest Louisiana has felt forgotten before.

After Hurricane Rita left a wide path of destruction across the region in September 2005, residents complained their losses and devastation were overshadowed by the suffering wrought on New Orleans by Katrina a month earlier. People in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes referred to "Rita amnesia," but they still received relief aid because that request was bundled with the disaster money Louisiana received for Katrina.

Members of Louisiana's congressional delegation say they are pushing for Laura assistance.

Republican U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy said he's expecting disaster recovery block grant aid for Louisiana to be part of congressional budget legislation that should pass in September or October. Edwards said he's received similar assurances from White House officials and congressional leaders.

"Until it happens, we're not going to stop working it," Cassidy said.

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GET IT GROWING

Good hedges make good neighbors

HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

You may have heard the old proverb “good fences make good neighbors.” Robert Frost made the phrase popular in his poem “Mending Wall.” The debate may have begun there, but I say the same can be true of a good hedge. I love my neighbors, personally, but hedges can bring many other benefits to the landscape.

First, a hedge is defined as a fence or boundary formed by closely growing bushes or shrubs, and in some cases, trees. It is essentially a living wall. Botanically speaking, a shrub is a woody plant that has several stems and is less than 10 feet in height without a central trunk. Bushes are just heavily branched or dense shrubs.

These dense, heavily branched plants make good hedges. Hedges have many functions. They can serve as a practical solution to create a boundary or to guide movement of people in a specific direction.

At one point in history (and in some cases today), hedges were used to prevent livestock from wandering off. The first hedges are thought to have occurred accidentally when early farmers cleared their fields, leaving behind thick woodland areas that created a natural border — the first farm fence.

This makes hedges great windbreaks. Thickly planted areas also help reduce noise. And there are many other benefits: they can provide habitat and food for small wildlife, birds and pollinators. Unlike fences, hedges also make oxygen and remove carbon dioxide and other types of particles or pollutants.

When selecting plant materials for hedges, you should always consider the amount of light the area will get as well as its soil,



HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD/LSU AGCENTER

Hedges serve as a practical solution to create a boundary or to guide movement of people in a specific direction.

drainage and climate conditions. Consider also how high you want the hedge to be. You can trim the hedges to keep them shaped, so it's good to select an appropriate size that will help you achieve the height you are trying to reach but that will be as easy as possible to maintain.

Hedges are achieved by properly spacing the plants so that they create a thick single growth appearance. This will vary with the plants selected, and the mature height and width should be the two main factors considered. In general, the spacing is closer than how the plant is typically grown in the landscape. Consider the width of the plant at full maturity when deciding the spacing. The wider they grow,

the further the spacing.

For low hedges, plants are typically planted closer together. For example, if you want to create a 12-inch boxwood or dwarf yaupon hedge, plant as close as 8 inches apart. A rule of thumb for hedges under 5 feet tall is that the spacing should be about two-thirds of the intended final height of the hedge. For a 4-foot hedge, plant them no more than 3 feet apart. Close planting can force plants to grow upward toward the light, meaning they will be slimmer, so keep this in mind.

Most hedges — but not all — are usually created with evergreen plants that retain their leaves year-round. Some commonly used plants for shorter hedges of 3 to 6 feet are Ameri-

can boxwood (*Buxus xempervirens*), abelia, azaleas, Chinese junipers, Chinese mahonia, dwarf yaupon holly, dwarf yews, dwarf sasanquas, dwarf oleanders, boxleaf euonymus, littleleaf boxwood, nandinas and rosemary. For hedges 6 to 10 feet tall, consider the following: cleyera, camellia, dwarf Burford holly, Florida anise, gardenias, Indian azaleas, pittosporum, oleander and southern wax myrtle.

If you are trying to achieve a taller hedge, consider using dense trees in addition to tall shrubs. Some examples are Green Giant arborvitae, banana shrubs, cherry laurel, dahoon holly, Italian cypress, Leyland cypress, pineapple guava, Nellie R. Stevens holly, needlepoint

holly, Japanese yew, Russian olive and sweet olive.

Some plant materials can create hedges that provide added security with thorns such as barberry, English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), dwarf Chinese or rotunda holly, hawthorn and pyracantha. This can be an added feature of your hedging. This can help deter both humans and wildlife from gaining access to specific parts of your lawns and gardens.

You can change up traditional fencing and utilize plants to create a hedge — a natural barrier that provides additional aesthetic appeal to your home for both you and your neighbors to enjoy.

INSPIRATION

Our words and ideas make a difference — reach out

According to the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention, the cause of death by suicide, is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States.

In the aftermath of the suicide of comedian Robin Williams, on August 11, 2014, I began sharing a few insights that may help those suffering from mental illness.

Robin Williams said “No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”

Having grown up in an abusive orphanage I could write the book about depression.

While recently visiting a psych ward I talked with a well dressed mother of another patient who told me “you should pay no attention to what a person looks like or how they are dressed because you never know what they are going through!”

Truer words were never spoken.

I knew of a woman who committed suicide. I asked one of her friends why she did it and

she said “She thought the woman was trying to make a statement” and added “why didn’t I ask her why she was depressed.”

I believe some people are just too scared to take the first step in getting help -- of reaching out.



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

Having grown up in an abusive orphanage I could write the book about depression. From the rich to the poor, to those in, between, we all have a cross to bear.

It is so important to read body language. We shouldn’t assume too much because we often hide behind masks because we don’t want to be criticized for our weakness. We don’t want to be vulnerable to be hurt.

Another friend of mine told me of a suicide victim who was one of her friends. She also

asked herself why hadn’t she asked her friend what was bothering her because she sensed the woman was depressed.

Why are we so slow to step in and let down our own mask? It is my belief that we have to share some of our grief before others will feel free to share.

We have to pour out some of our secret hurts and hidden pain.

I had my breakdown in 1981 at the age of thirty-three, after moving from Vivian, Louisiana to Mountain Home, Arkansas. I was so devastated leaving behind my newly made friends. I had reached my breaking point. Due to my husband’s high profile job as a minister, I didn’t feel safe sharing my grief, so I kept it a secret while I was under the doctor’s care. I sucked in my tears in public. My weight continued to drop for some time and everyone marveled at my weight loss. I dared not share what I was going through. I didn’t feel safe. I was afraid to be myself. I later learned that two of the

women that I didn’t want to see me cry were also undergoing breakdowns.

Why are we so self-centered, not to notice?

I’ve learned that life is a growing experience and its what we go through that makes us stronger and able to reach out to others in distress.

Had it not been for moving back to Louisiana two years later, I am uncertain if my tears would have ever stopped moved back because I needed my friends who had become my extended family. One of those friends was Joyce Duke Moore who became my confidant.

I learned it was OK to be human and share the secrets of my heart.

We all need someone to care. Thanks to Oprah and Phil Donahue, we are now more open to share our weaknesses, but we have a way to go! It’s still true “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step!” That first step is seeking help. We have to become real in our friendships. Fake stuff just

won’t cut it and though it will have to wait for another time, becoming real should begin in the church

Even though I continue to take prescribed medicine, I know In my heart that medicine can only do so much -- but in the end we need to find “a peace that passes all understanding” that can only be found in Jesus because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. I know that He always gets me to the right place at the right time and that without Him I can do nothing!

If I had my life to live over again I wouldn’t change anything because its really beginning to makes sense -- that we are put here for a purpose -- and to paraphrase Anais Nin “we are angels with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other!”

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REGIONAL NEWS

Bossier Parish leaders team up with local churches to aid Hurricane Ida evacuees

STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

Bossier Parish leaders, local churches and the Cypress Black Bayou Park director have come together to help those displaced by Hurricane Ida. On Sunday evening, prayers, encouragement and 90 pizzas were brought to the Cypress Black Bayou Park and Recreation Area in Benton in order to feed more than 300 evacuees who were affected by Hurricane Ida. After speaking with Robert Berry, Executive Director of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, about southern Louisiana residents taking shelter from Hurricane Ida at the Cypress Black Bayou Park and Recreation area, District 36 State Senator Robert Mills reached out to a few local churches to see if they could help. "As an example of Bossier Parish's compassion, I made two phone calls and Sunday lunch and dinner for close to 300 displaced people was taken care of thanks to First Bossier and Cypress Baptist Churches. Just amazing," said Mills. One evacuee spoke



Evacuees from Southern Louisiana receiving dinner at Cypress Black Bayou Recreation area on Sunday, Aug. 29.

with the Press-Tribune and shared her gratitude for all who have helped her and her family during this time. "We are very, very appreciative. We did not come here expecting what these people are doing for us. Bossier is a great community. When we were at the meeting today, my daughter got a little choked up. You see, last year my daughter drove a little mission from our church back home to help some people in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura. And after hearing how

they were going to help us, it overwhelmed her. We are now on the other end of receiving help like she did a year ago. It was our blessing to give and now we are receiving a blessing from the people here. When I leave, I'm hoping I can pay this back to them in some way," said Albany, Louisiana resident April Morgan. Morgan also said that she and her family were hoping to go back home on Monday but after speaking with her son, who stayed home due to work obligations, it's not

likely that she will be able to travel back home for another 72 hours. "A lot of our friends and family have stayed back home and I'm very concerned for their lives," said Morgan. Berry said that the help provided to the evacuees is a group effort from local officials, community leaders and the community. "I cannot stress enough how our local government has come forward to help. This is not about one single person. This is about everyone working together as a team and a community to do what's right. And that's exactly what we're doing. The sheriff's department, fire district, the Town of Benton, the police jury and our state senators have all worked together to make this happen. Senator Mills has been extraordinarily great with this process. He's reached out to people. Within an hour of him calling, we had churches bringing food," said Berry. Elaborating further on how our local community leaders have positively affected the lives of evacuees, Berry explained that a child who was supposed

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Clean freezers to help fight hunger

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

I love it when I can open my freezer and dig out a package of venison marked “back strap” or “tenderloin.” I know that this time tomorrow, I’ll be sitting down to dine on steaks that are not only delicious but some of the healthiest food to be found anywhere.

Deer season begins in Louisiana in a couple of months and I realize I’d have to eat venison just about every day between now and then in order to finish off the packages of venison I have in my freezer. Once season opens, I hope to take another deer or two so I’m faced with a dilemma — where will I put this year’s steaks? There are too many packages left in my freezer from last season.

Hunters for the Hungry to the rescue. This organization, formed in 1994 in Baton Rouge, has the perfect solution to your problem. A group of hunters gathered to discuss sharing game and fish in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Contacting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, donations were given to their dining hall. The response was so great that the Society ran out of storage room so they enlisted help from the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

The organizations is now in operation statewide and has partnered with five major food banks around the state. Their mission is “to encourage hunters and anglers to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors by sharing their bounty of wild game and fish in order to combat hunger.”

The organization annually schedules Clean out the Freezer days to allow hunters to do what many of us need to do; clean out freezers to make room for more this year and donate the excess to this worthwhile program



Hunters for the Hungry accepts donations of frozen packaged game and fish to feed those who need it most.

Clean out the Freezer days this year are set for September 23-26 around the state at conveniently placed locations, namely businesses that process wild game. To find out locations near you, visit www.cleanoutyourfreezer.com. Not only do these processors take donated wild game, should you wish to donate a deer you down this coming season, you can do so at no cost to you; the Hunters for the Hungry program pays the processing fee for deer being donated back to the program.

How popular has this program become? Just last year, a total of 50,347 pounds of wild game and fish were donated to the program. It is also grati-

fying to note that the area of the state donating the most was here in north-east Louisiana with a total of 17,226 pounds provided for the hungry.

Here’s another way you can help. When you purchase your hunting and fishing license this year, be sure to mark “yes” to make a donation to the program.

Following are names and locations of deer processors around the area who have signed up for the program.

- Lincoln Parish – Dowling’s in Simsboro; Dugdale’s in Choudrant; Dubach Deer Factory in Dubach.
- Bienville Parish – Wild Thang in Taylor
- Franklin Parish – Hat-

ton Meats, Winnsboro

- Union Parish – Dean’s Slaughterhouse – Farmer-ville; Rocky Branch – Farmerville; Wilderness Acres - Downs ville
- Ouachita Parish – Massey’s – Monroe; Whetstones, Collinston
- Natchitoches Parish – K&B Farms and Arms – Goldonna
- Webster Parish – Payne Processing, Sarepta

Want to do something to help out? Get involved with Hunters for the Hungry. It will give you the satisfaction of knowing you’re providing valuable protein to those who really need it..

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing has been good one day; slow the next. Soft plastics fished very slow are picking up a few. Crappie are scattered and bream are fair. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707..

BLACK BAYOU – Bream are fair; crappie are scattered and slow to fair. Bass are best around the edge of the grass and trees on soft plastics and jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – Bass have been fair at the mouth of the cuts on shad imitations. Crappie are around the tops in the river and in the river lakes. Jigs and shiners are taking a few. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Bass fishing has been fair with some schooling fish hitting topwaters and Rat-L-Traps. Bigger fish are in the deep channels with some caught on jigs, crank baits and soft plastics. Plastic frogs and spinners are taking some around the moss and grass. Crappie are in the channel with some caught on shiners and jigs fished 15-22 feet deep in 25-30 foot water. Bream fishing is fair around the beds on worms and crickets while channel cats are biting cold worms off the banks. the For latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Some nice Opelousas ca Bream fishing continues to be fair to good on crickets. Crappie have been best fishing 10 feet deep in 17 foot water around submerged tops on shiners or jigs. Best jig pattern this week has been the Purple Mist. Bass have been better at night fishing around

the lighted piers on soft plastics. Stripers have been schooling and hitting shad imitation lures and trolling white buck-tails when they’re down. No report on catfish. For latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass are schooling and hitting a variety of shad imitation topwater lures. Some bigger fish are hitting soft plastics and crank baits fished in the deeper channels and drop-offs. Some are hitting black spinners along the banks at night. Crappie fishing has been best fishing jigs or shiners around the deeper tops. Bream fishing is fair on worms and crickets around bedding areas. Catfishing is fair fishing a variety of baits around the piers and boat docks. 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 fair with mostly smaller fish being caught on the far side of the lake in the “jungle.” Bass, crappie and bream are slow. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Crappie are quite slow. Bream are scattered and fair. Bass are best early mornings on topwaters with soft plastics taking some up in the day. Cat-fishing is fair to good on yo-yos baited with shiners. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slight rise but fishing has been good, especially for cat-fish. Crappie are slow to fair fishing 10-12 feet deep around the piers. Bass in the 2-3 pound range have been fair to good. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

Tech duo named to NFLPA Big Board watchlist

Press-Herald Sports Service

Louisiana Tech senior linebacker Trey Baldwin and graduate running back Marcus Williams Jr. have been named to the 2021-22 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board it was announced on Friday.

This January, the NFL Players Association will produce the 10th annual NFLPA Collegiate Bowl game at the historic Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, Calif.

Since 2011, the NFLPA Bowl has provided senior NFL prospects with an exceptional platform to showcase their talents to all 32 NFL teams as well as a one-of-a-kind experience that educates participants about

the business of football.

In the past two years alone, 87 NFLPA Bowl participants have been invited to the NFL Combine and 58 were drafted by NFL clubs.

Baldwin has also been named to the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List along with the 2021 Conference USA Preseason Watch List.

He was named second team all-C-USA and earned a spot on the Phil Steele All-Conference USA third team in 2020. The Orange, Texas, native finished the 2020 season second on the team with 85 total tackles, including a team-best 53 solo tackles.

Baldwin posted a career-high 18 tackles, including 14 solo, at UTSA



Louisiana Tech linebacker Trey Baldwin (hitting tackling dummy) is pictured during a recent Bulldogs workout.

on Oct. 24.

His 18 tackles tied for

14 solo tackles ranked second in the nation. He ranked first in C-USA and 11th in the FBS in solo tackles with 5.9 per game and was third in the conference in tackles per game at 9.4.

Baldwin also registered 7.0 tackles for loss, including 1.0 sacks, five pass breakups, one interception and one quarterback hurry during the 2020 campaign.

Williams has been named to both the C-USA Preseason and the 2022 Reese’s Senior Bowl watch lists. Williams transferred to Louisiana Tech from App State where he appeared in 42 games and made six starts.

The Rocky Mount, North Carolina, native

rushed for more than 500 yards in each of his four seasons played (2017-20).

He finished his App State career with 2,216 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns, averaging 5.5 yards per carry, and had six career-games with 100-plus rushing yards.

Williams appeared in eight games with two starts as senior in 2020, registering 503 rushing yards on 68 attempts for three touchdowns.

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

SPORTS

Trio of parish teams play in Pineland Jamboree

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

HAYNESVILLE — Minden ended up the big winner on the night at the Pineland Jamboree, winning both of its contests at Red Franklin Stadium after downing Homer 7-6 before topping Haynesville 6-0.

Junior running back Daylen Robinson had a big night for the Crimson Tide, ripping off multiple long runs during the two games.

“Daylen played well and ran the ball really hard,” said Minden head coach Spencer Heard. “The offensive line did a good job of opening up some holes for him.”

Heard was also pleased with senior quarterback Andrew Cooper and the experience and maturity he seemed to gain during the jamboree.

“He did a good job with decision-making, and that was good to see,” Heard said. “He made some good throws and some runs. He made some good decisions on some ‘no throws,’ especially in that second game. He didn’t throw and got to the next play. That’s an important thing for a young quarterback to learn how to do.”

Now Heard hopes the Tide takes what the team learned during the jamborees and takes advantage of it as Minden opens the season on Friday by playing host to Parkway.

“I had a good feeling coming out of (the jamboree), I thought we moved the ball well against both teams,” Heard said. “We played good aggressive defense and got after the ball well. There’s always things you could have done, but overall I had a really good feeling about it.”

“We feel good heading into the Parkway game. One good thing is we came out of the jamboree without any injuries.”

LAKESIDE

Lakeside struggled in its opener, falling 19-0 to North Webster before turning things up in a hardfought scoreless contest against Haynesville to close out the night.

“We made a lot of mistakes in the first game and just looked like we weren’t into it — we weren’t ready to play,” said Lakeside head coach Mike Santelices. “So it was really good to see the way the team bounced back in the second game. That’s a game we should have won. We had several chances to score against Haynesville, which is a perennial powerhouse in Louisiana High School football.”

Defensive lineman CJ



Minden quarterback Andrew Cooper (2) fights for yardage during Friday night's game against Homer at the Pineland Jamboree in Haynesville.

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Lakeside running back Ashton Stewart (26) looks for a hole during Friday's night jamboree game against North Webster.

Watts had a chance to scoop and score on an attempted fumble recovery against the Golden Tornado but failed to secure the ball in the end zone.

Later, running back Ashton Stewart ran over several attempted tacklers and bulled his way to paydirt only to see the touchdown waved off on an illegal block in the back penalty.

That play sparked a near brawl in the end zone as referees, players and coaches from both teams rushed in and were joined by law enforcement personnel on

the sidelines to break up the fracas.

“That was actually a touchdown on that play,” Santelices said. “The illegal block in the back was unfortunate and not the way we play Warriors football. That was something we didn’t want to see and I talked to the team about it for a long time after the game.”

Santelices also singled out a big night for Warriors’ defensive lineman Kris Redden.

“He had a whale of a game defensively against Haynesville,” Santelices said. “He caused

that fumble we almost scored on and disrupted Haynesville a lot.”

NORTH WEBSTER

The Knights fell in their opener by the score of 6-0 to Homer, but battled back to defeat Lakeside 19-0 in their second game.

“I thought we did OK — I wasn’t displeased with anything,” said North Webster coach John Ware said. “We didn’t have the ball but for six or seven plays in the first game. But we drove the ball down inside the 20 but stalled



North Webster's Cooper Sanders prepares to dance through the Lakeside secondary during Friday's night jamboree game against the Warriors.

out after a couple of penalties. There were a few blown assignments, but that’s normal for jamboree.”

“We don’t game plan for a jamboree, we keep things vanilla. So sometimes you see something you weren’t prepared for and it catches you off guard. We just run our base stuff at jamborees, no kind of scheme stuff at all. We just look at who we’ve got.”

Cooper Sanders’ 67-yard touchdown run for North Webster against Lakeside was one of highlights of the night in

a strong contest for the Knights.

Jacobreious Walker added a 51-yard scoring scamper against the Warriors while North Webster’s third touchdown against Lake came on a pass to the flat that went the distance thanks to a strong after-the-catch from JaMarcus Stephens.

“We settled down and made some plays in the second game, so we feel good heading into the opener next week,” Ware said. “I thought we did OK. Our offensive line is pretty good. We just need to stay healthy.”



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Glenbook splits games at Menard Jamboree
DJ Carter (6) and the Glenbrook Apaches split games in their jamboree at Menard in Alexandria on Friday, defeating Montgomery 14-0 before falling to the host team 7-0 in the nightcap.

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As Ida leaves Gulf, analysts foresee modest economic damage

WASHINGTON (AP) — With more than 1 million customers in Louisiana and Mississippi having lost power, Hurricane Ida is sure to take a toll on the energy, chemical and shipping industries that have major hubs along the Gulf Coast. But the impact on the overall U.S. economy will likely be modest so long as damage estimates don't rise sharply and refinery shut-downs are not prolonged, economists say.

The hurricane is expected to inflict a less severe financial impact than Hurricane Katrina did 16 years ago, thanks to a lower storm surge and New Orleans' improved levee system. Analysts at Boenning & Scattergood, a financial consultancy, noted that Ida's wind-field is smaller than Katrina, which likely narrows the area of catastrophic damage. The analysts estimated that losses for the insurance industry will hit around \$10 billion, far less than the \$90 billion-plus in insured losses from Katrina.

Oil prices barely moved Monday as oil companies and refiners assessed any damage from the storm. The price on the New York Mercantile Exchange was flat at \$68.74 per barrel. Gasoline futures rose 1.2%.

Still, Ida, which tied for the fifth-strongest hurricane ever to hit the mainland, left so many customers without electricity that any prolonged power outage could have repercussions, at least temporarily, for the oil, natural gas and chemical companies that have major operations along the gulf. The longer power remains out, the longer those companies will struggle to restart their operations.

The hurricane downed a major transmission tower in Jefferson Parish along the Mississippi River, sending wires into the river, causing widespread outages and halting river traffic, said Joe Valiente, director of emergency management for the parish. Those lines supplied power to the New Orleans area.

Valiente told NPR that the entire power grids collapsed in about 10 parishes and that it could take six weeks to fully restore power.

On a national scale, Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the disruptions caused by Ida will likely lead him to downgrade his forecast for annual U.S. economic growth in the current July-September quarter by a few tenths of a percentage point. But that economic loss, Zandi said, could be reversed in the final quarter of the year as a result of the rebuilding from the hurricane's damage that will likely follow.

Analysts at Citi Investment Research agreed that any drag on growth will likely be offset by subsequent reconstruction. They cautioned, though, that "inflationary effects may be more persistent as demand for building materials, autos and workers will confront already existing shortages."

Zandi said he expects the nation's gross domestic product — its total output of goods and services — to grow at a 6.5% annual rate in the second half of this year, matching the average growth of the first six months. Still, apart from the impact of Ida, Zandi noted that the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus poses risks to the economic outlook, depending on how much it leads Americans to slow their spending on travel, restaurant meals or other forms of spending.

MILITARY



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., makes remarks during the AFGSC change of command ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base, Friday, Aug. 27.

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Cotton takes AFGSC command during Friday ceremony

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Gen. Anthony Cotton took command of Air Force Global Strike Command from Gen. Tim Ray, outgoing AFGSC commander, during a ceremony Friday, Aug. 27.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. presided over the ceremony.

"It is this command that provides the nation the advantage of global strike, the critical backstop for our diplomats, and the reassurance for our allies and our partners," he said. "None of this is possible without the Strikers of Air Force Global Strike Command. Our portion of the nuclear triad is, and must continue to be, safe, secure and reliable."

"There is simply no one more qualified and ready to take the reins of Air Force Global Strike Command," Brown said of Cotton. "There are many things the Air Force must do well, but there are few things the Air Force can never get wrong. Ensuring the safety, the security and reliability of two-thirds of our nation's nuclear triad is binary. We must never fail, and that is why General Cotton is the perfect choice to inspire and lead this command into the future."

With this change of command, Gen. Cotton became the sixth commander of Air Force Global Strike Command.

"Success requires leaders with a solid understanding of strategic imperatives, the ability to build teams, and a vision biased towards action, and Gen. Cotton is a leader who has all three," Brown added. "I know when called upon, Global Strike will be ready to fly, fight and win, providing our nation and its allies airpower, anytime, anywhere."

U.S. Strategic Command Commander Adm. Charles Richard was also in attendance and reiterated Air Force Global Strike Command - Air Forces Strategic Air's importance to the Department of



Gen. Anthony Cotton, incoming Air Force Global Strike Command commander, is congratulated by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., left, and Gen. Timothy Ray, right, outgoing AFGSC commander, during the AFGSC change of command ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base, Friday, Aug. 27, 2021.

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Defense's mission.

"If we do not do our job, if we do not maintain strategic deterrence, nothing else in the Department of Defense is going to work the way it was designed," Richard said. "You inherit all the capabilities that are necessary to provide unmatched strategic deterrence to the nation. I have full faith and confidence in your abilities to lead this command."

Following receipt of the guidon, Cotton gave his first address as the new commander of AFGSC.

"I cannot put into words how proud I am to be a part of this incredible command," Cotton said. "In carrying the legacy of long range strike we have a huge responsibility. We must always be ready. Always ready to stand up to any aggressor, always ready to protect our allies, and always ready to provide a safe, secure, reliable and effective arsenal of long range strike capability."

"We need to masterfully execute the modernization of our nuclear portfolio. We need to have agile technology

infused in our systems, ready to adapt to future challenges," he added. "We also need to sustain our current force and keep it capable and ready until replacements arrive. We need to innovate and collaborate. Not just with military industry and government, but also with community partners to discuss quality of life, safety, education and social issues."

Cotton also explained the importance of inclusion and diversity, specifying that every Airmen within the command must embody Striker Culture.

As he wrapped up his remarks, Gen Cotton made two promises to the Airmen of Air Force Global Strike Command.

"I promise to never take for granted the sacred trust the American people have in us, and I promise that I will do everything I can to ensure that we are always ready, no matter what challenges come our way," Cotton said.

Cotton is responsible for the nation's fleet of Minuteman III ICBMs, the land-

based component of the nuclear triad. Three missile wings and one Numbered Air Force maintain this deterrent force on a day-to-day basis. He is also responsible for all of the nation's strategic bombers, which include the nuclear-capable B-52H Stratofortress and B-2 Spirit, as well as the conventional-only B-1B Lancer. These aircraft fall under five wings spread throughout the United States and one Numbered Air Force. Altogether, these aircraft form the air-based leg of the triad, which is deployed in support of every combatant command around the world.

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Solve the code to discover words related to Mother's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = E)

Clue: Strong emotion

Clue: Female parent

Clue: Presents

Clue: Beyond ordinary

Answers: A. love B. mother C. gifts D. special

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on May 14, 1993. I appeared in TV commercials before getting a break in the movie "School of Rock." Later I had a hit sitcom about a young girl who hosts a web show with friends.

Answer: Miranda Cosgrove

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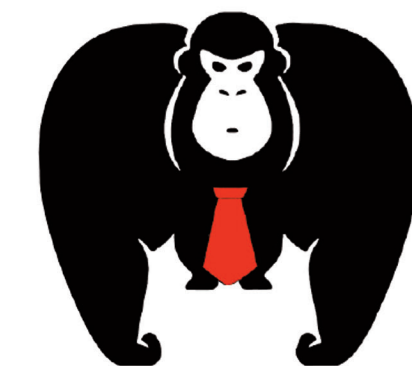
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Level: Beginner

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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ANSWER:

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Monday's unlisted clue: LOCH

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL CITY

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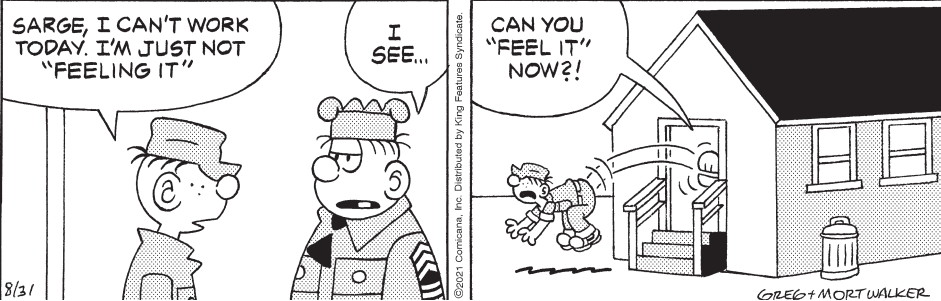
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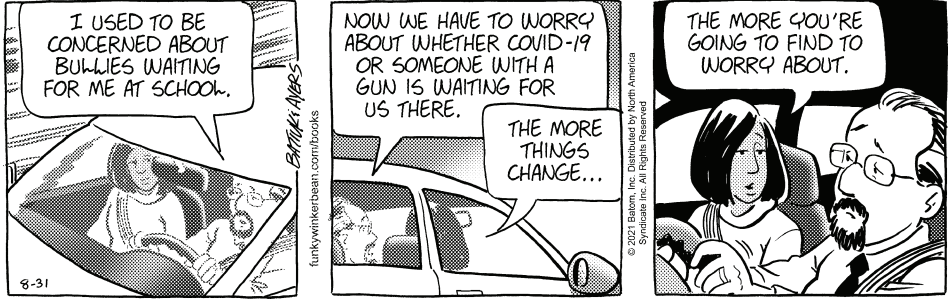
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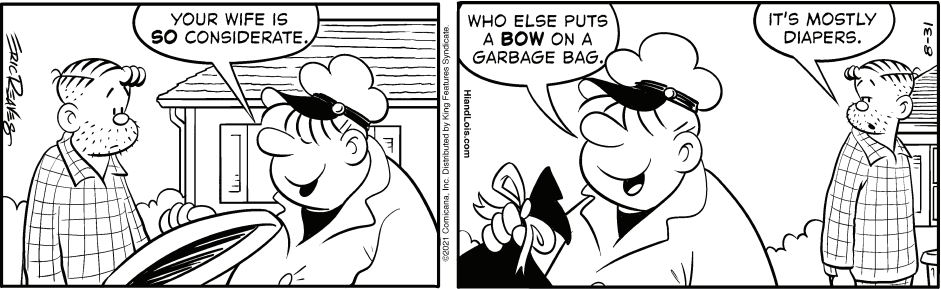
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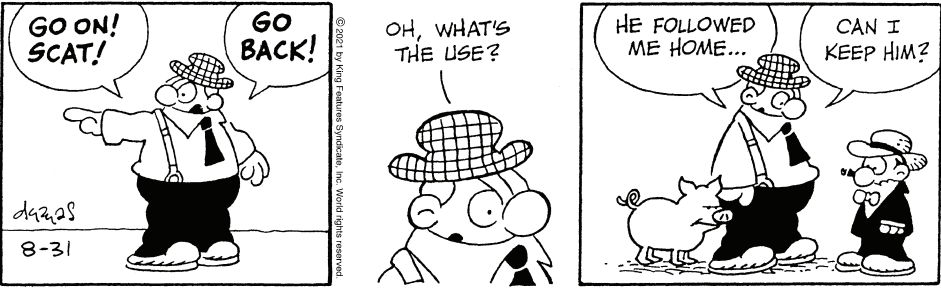
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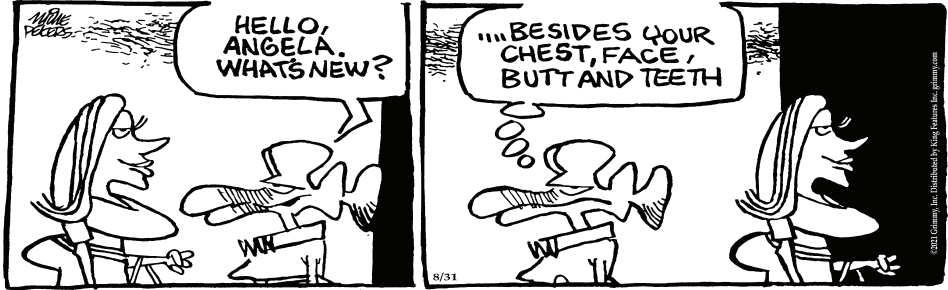
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