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HALLOWEEN IN MINDEN



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The Halloween Spirit was back in full swing this year in Minden. With a reduction in events taking place last year due to COVID-19, it seems as though families were ready to hit the ground running to stock up on candy with the various events taking place around Minden for the season. Last week the lot of the Webster Parish Library was filled to the brim for their Trunk-Or-Treat Event, which featured a petting zoo, jack-lantern contest, face painting, free treats, and countless local businesses and organizations with decorated trunks ready to pass out candy to the costumed kiddos. Later during the weekend the REC Center held their Fall Fest, which was primarily put on and funded internally amongst the employees of the Minden Recreation Department. This event featured plenty of candy and free treats for trick or treaters, an incredibly spooky haunted house, a presentation from the Minden Police Department featuring their sharp K-9, and a huge swing affixed to a Harmon's Automotive and Towing Service Tow Truck.

COVID

Health study shows COVID vaccination lotteries produced 'very small' results

(The Center Square) – A new health study shows COVID-19 vaccination lottery programs, such as Louisiana's "Shot At a Million," produced negligible results despite millions in taxpayer-funded giveaways.

Published by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), the study examined vaccination rates across the 19 states that announced vaccine lotteries by July 1 and compared them with states that did not have vaccine lotteries.

Researchers used state-level COVID-19

vaccination data from Johns Hopkins University between April 28 and July 1, a period when vaccines were widely available and news reports were promoting the incentive programs.

Gov. John Bel Edwards announced Louisiana's \$2.3 million lottery program June 17.

While controlling for various factors, the study concluded the association between COVID-19 lotteries and vaccination rates "were very small in magnitude and statistically indistinguishable from zero."

"No statistically significant association was detected between a cash-drawing announcement and the number of vaccinations before or after the announcement date, a period that included announcements of lottery winners for most lottery states," study authors said.

An earlier study from July 2 that examined Ohio's "Vax-a-Million" lottery, the first in the nation, determined such programs likely would not increase "vaccine uptake."

"Therefore, the re-

sources devoted to vaccine lotteries may be more successfully invested in programs that target underlying reasons for vaccine hesitancy and low vaccine uptake," said Allan J. Walkey, a physician at Boston Medical Center and a professor of medicine.

"It is important to rigorously evaluate strategies designed to increase vaccine uptake, rapidly deploy successful strategies, and phase out those that do not work," Walkey said.

Louisiana's "Shot At a Million" program award-

ed \$100,000 a week from July 14 to Aug. 4, nine \$100,000 scholarships for children age 12-17 and a grand prize of \$1 million Aug. 6.

A week after the grand prize drawing, a separate \$7.5 million vaccine incentive program called "Shot for 100" was announced. The initiative offered college students \$100 for their first vaccine dose.

"Shot for 100" was expanded earlier this month to include any vaccine eligible resident of Louisiana. It's scheduled to end on Saturday.

GAS BUDDY

Rising gas prices start to peter out

Louisiana gas prices are unchanged in the past week, averaging \$3.15/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 26.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.33/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.74/g today while the most expensive is \$3.69/g, a difference of 95.0 cents per gallon.

"The jump in gas prices that started nearly a month ago is finally running out of steam for the time being, as oil prices have stabilized. Yet, some areas of California are still at or near all-time record highs for prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.38/g today. The national average is up 19.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.26/g higher than a year ago.

"While California's high prices will not become a nationwide norm, prices there will likely remain elevated due to refinery issues amidst the surge of rain and other refinery kinks. For most motorists, gas prices are likely to greatly slow their recent ascent, and we could even see some small declines in the week ahead. OPEC is planning to meet next week, and while it doesn't seem likely there will be any boost in oil output, its meeting and comments could easily drive the market up or down. The odds remain high that gas prices will remain near today's elevated levels going into the holidays, barring additional OPEC supply," said De Haan.

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

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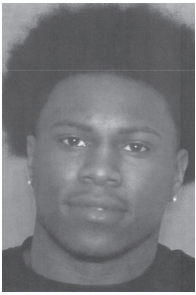
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WEBSTER & MORE

CRIME

11 TTS Members Arrested in Operation SOS



As a result of Operation Save Our Streets (SOS) conducted by the Minden Police Department with cooperation from other law enforcement agencies, individuals Nathaniel White III, Laverto Shyne, LaCarlos Lofton, Kawaski Bradford Jr., Kameron Heggar, Howard Collins Jr., Donovan Fort, Devonte Jackson, Decorrey Bridges, Collin Harris, Aldaravion Taylor, were all arrested and charged with criminal street gangs and patterns of criminal street gangs. These individuals were all members of a local street gang called Trained to Step, or TTS for short.

COURTESY PHOTOS

GOVERNMENT

Shongaloo misses out on COVID aid due to missing paperwork

(AP) — Seven villages in Louisiana lost out on about \$240,000 in federal coronavirus aid because they failed to submit the proper paperwork to get the money.

Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne told lawmakers the state reached out multiple times to urge the villages to submit very simple paperwork but didn't get a response. The unaccepted funds will be re-allocated among the 284 towns and villages that did comply, Dardenne told the joint House and Senate budget committee.

The governor's Division of Administration was tasked with distributing \$315 million in federal aid to nearly 300 local governments. The state's 14 largest cities got their funding directly.

The Advocate reports the villages that didn't submit their paperwork include: Gilliam in Caddo Parish; Lillie in Union Parish; Lisbon in Claiborne Parish; Martin in Red River Parish; Mound in Madison Parish; Oak Ridge in Morehouse Parish; and Shongaloo in Webster Parish. The villages have 1,282 residents, according to state data.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish					
Dontrell Talley, 27, of the 800 block of Fincher Road, was arrested for felony damage to property.	John Reed, 28, of the 900 block of Elm Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of Caddo Parish.	Eva James, 61, of the 800 block of Renee Drive, was arrested for theft.	Moore, Road was arrested for disturbing the peace through fighting.	Cedrick Jones, 52, of the 100 block of Country lane, was arrested for driving with an open container, improper lane usage, driving while intoxicated first offense, and possession of a firearm by a felon.	Bradley Rodriguez, 37, of the 100 block of West Taylor Street, was arrested for criminal trespassing and attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
Jacob David, 29, of the 200 block of Forest Glades, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance.	Reggie Smith, 41, of the 900 block of Elm Street, was arrested for interfering with an investigation and felon in possession of a firearm.	Heather Spruell, 45, of the 800 block of Ward Lane, was arrested for theft.	Eric Moore, 29, of the 1100 block of East Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.	Kevin Hick, 52, of the 1500 block of Stackey Road, was arrested for criminal damage to property, unauthorized entry of a palace of business and resisting an officer by force.	John Bridges, 42, of the 200 block of Tillman Church Road, was arrested for contempt of court, criminal neglect of family, and fugitive of Sibley.
George Puffer, 55, of the 300 block of Dixie Street, was arrested for criminal trespassing.	Harvey Major, 39, of the 900 block of Watterman Street, was arrested for aggravated flight, aggravated criminal damage to property, possession of a schedule I substance, possession of a schedule IV substance, driving while intoxicated, no drivers license, and monetary instrument abuse.	Demita Calome, 36, of the 1500 block of Sport Road, was arrested for theft, contributing to delinquency of a juvenile, and failure to appear for review.	Kedrick Heard Jr., 25, of the 600 block of Martin Luther King Drive, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute, possession of a schedule I substance, possession of a schedule IV substance with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of a weapon with controlled dangerous substance, possession of a firearm by a felon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.	Terry Gildin, 44, of the 300 block of Piney Forest Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier Sheriff's Office.	Roderick Standokes, 41, of the 100 block of Valley Oak Drive, was arrested for distribution of a schedule II substance.
Tango Fraizer, 24, of the 600 block of Morrow Street, was arrested on a warrant.	Eric Moore, 29, of the 1100 block of East Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Eric Moore, 29, of the 1100 block of East Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.			Tony Thoams, 52, of the 16000 block of Highway 80, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.
Gregory Wattree, 65, of the 600 block of Crichton	Kazanee Willis, 18, of the 100 block of Oscar				

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OBITUARIES



Edda Kay Ringer Lowe

Edda Kay Ringer Lowe passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021 after an extended hospitalization following a stroke. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2500 Southside Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Inurnment will immediately follow the service at Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, Louisiana. Officiating the service will be Reverend McKee Williams assisted by Reverend William E. Nolan.

Kay was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 14, 1942, the daughter of Edward and Catherine Ringer. Her family moved to Gonzales, Louisiana, where she grew up. She was a graduate of Gonzales High School, where she was the head majorette for the high school band.

She began her working career as a laboratory technician in the LSU Veterinary Science Department. While working there, she met her future husband, Jon, in a livestock facility where he was working on a research project with pigs. She always remembered him handing her a baby pig, which sealed the deal for the start of their courtship. They were married December 28, 1963.

Kay, Jon and baby daughter, Rebecca moved to Shreveport in September 1965 when he was employed with the LSU Extension Service. She was always supportive and tolerant of her husband’s work that involved long and sometimes late hours. She baked many

pies to serve at meetings where Jon cooked the meal. She chose to be a stay at home mother until her children were teenagers and then began her career working for Montgomery Ward, retiring after 22 years. She also worked part time for Gap and Bed, Bath & Beyond.


She was an active Volunteer 4-H Leader serving as a chaperone for trips and as a judge for various contests. She was given a 40 year service award. Her fondness for all animals (except snakes) fit well with being in livestock barns when Rebecca and Jon were showing lambs. She had an outgoing personality and could start a conversation with anyone, especially military service members.

Kay was a former member of First Baptist Church of Gonzales, Springs of Grace Baptist Church and attended McIntyre Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 57 years, Jon; daughter, Rebecca; son, Jon and wife, Leanne; sisters, Linda Ringer Haydel and husband, Melvin and Ellen Ringer; brother, David Leadbetter; sisters-in-law, Jennie Lowe Walter, Ruth Lowe Murad and Carol Lowe Cascio and husband, Frank; brother-in law, Jesse Lowe and wife, Charlene and numerous very close nieces and nephews. Her lovable Chihuahua, Twinkie and cats, Samantha and Zeke miss her already. She was proud of her family and gave unconditional love and support.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Mr. Linc Coleman, Dr. Jake Majors, Mr. Sid Potts and the Ark-La-Tex Agricultural Council.

The family suggests memorials may be made to United Methodist Children’s Home, 904 DeVille Lane, Ruston, LA 71270, Caddo 4-H Foundation, 2408 East 70th Street, Shreveport, LA 71105, Shreveport Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 380, Shreveport, LA 71162 or the donor’s favorite charity.



Shirley Jo Ashley Gills

A celebration of life service for Shirley Jo Ashley Gills, 76, will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Mike Wilkes officiating. Interment will follow at Whispering Pines Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2021, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Jo was born January 20, 1945, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest October 30, 2021, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Jo was a long-time and Charter Member of Whispering Pines Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, where she served as choir director for approximately 40 years, Sunday school teacher, VBS director, church treasurer, and Ladies Auxiliary treasurer. She also bowled on a bowling league for over 50 years, she enjoyed singing in the Seminary Choir, hunting and


fishing with her husband, cooking, shopping, traveling, growing her flowers and most of all spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, S.V. and Emma Ashley and brothers, Stanley Ashley and Leon Ashley.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Roland Roy Gills of Bossier City; daughters, Rachel Wortham (Eric) of Haughton, and Robin Hughes (Bryan) of Benton; grandchildren, Stefanie Haddenham (Michael), Ashleigh Hughes, and Bryce Hughes; great grandchildren, Blaine Mobley, Broox Mobley, Brant Mobley, Lariah Lind, Skobi Haddenham, and Riley Haddenham; brother, Mike Ashley (Debra); sister, Anita Shows, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in the name of Jo Gills to the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary (LMBIS) Building Fund, 102 Seminary Lane, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

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Sharon Maness

Funeral services for Sharon Maness will be held Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Brock Childress officiating. Interment will follow at Bistineau Cemetery in Heflin, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Sharon was born December 6, 1963, in Mesquite, Texas and entered into rest October 29, 2021, in Dallas, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Huey Wiggins; mother, Doris Morrow; brother, Ronnie Wiggins; sister, Sandy Wiggins; daughter, Jennifer Wiggins;

nephew, Dustin Wiggins; niece, Brandy Ricketson; and grandson Xavier Wallace.

She is survived by her husband Wade Maness of Sibley; son Zachary Maness of Shreveport; daughters, Lyndee Roberson of Sibley, and Brandy Cook (Daniel) of Haughton; sister, Rene Tate (Terry) of Minden and Lisa Harris of Minden; brother, Allen Wiggins (Carolyn) of Natchitoches; grandchildren, Deja, McKenzie, Alexys, Kady, McKaylin, Kierra, and Nathaniel.

Pallbearers will be Deric Tate, Ethan Harris, Adam Harris, Ty Maness, Nathan Baranco, Eli Wilson, and Bobby Thompson.

Memorial may be made to Minden St. Jude.

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OTHER OPINION

Lawmakers might redraw Louisiana Supreme Court map

Louisiana lawmakers are trying to wade into a political thicket they haven't braved in nearly 25 years: the redrawing of maps setting the state's Supreme Court districts.

The hurdle for a successful redesign is high. Prior discussions across the last two decades about remapping the Louisiana Supreme Court collapsed in disagreement. But House and Senate members looking at wide population disparities across the high court's districts say it's time to try again in the special redistricting session planned for February.

"I've seen a lot of interest in the Supreme Court. I think the fact that the numbers are so different in these districts creates a lot of interest," said Rep. John Stefanski, the Crowley Republican who chairs the House's redistricting committee.

Every 10 years with the release of new U.S. Census data, the Legislature reworks the boundary lines for U.S. House, state Senate, state House, Public Service Commission and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education seats to account for population shifts around the state.

Lawmakers have the authority to draw court districts, but aren't required to do so. Without that mandate, legislators have regularly avoided the task rather than maneuver through the thorny politics of the judiciary and its elected judges.

The seven Louisiana Supreme Court districts — represented by justices elected to 10-year terms — were last updated in 1997 based on census data from 1990, when the state had 400,000 fewer residents than it does today.

The high court districts vary widely in population size.

About 477,000 people live in the Supreme Court's New Orleans-based district that elected Justice Piper Griffin, compared to nearly 839,000 people in its Baton Rouge regional district that elected Justice Jeff Hughes, according to data provided to lawmakers by their staff.



MELINDA DESLATTE

If Louisiana's population was spread evenly across the court districts, each justice would be elected from a district containing about 665,000 people.

"I think the Supreme Court has the most obvious out-of-balance populations in their districts, and so there's been a push to rebalance the numbers," said Senate President Page Cortez, a Lafayette Republican.

Still, interest in the high court mapmaking effort doesn't necessarily mean

there's a consensus on how those districts should be drawn. Reaching that consensus will be difficult because of the lack of requirement to redesign the districts and the two-thirds vote needed in the House and Senate for any new map involving Louisiana's high court.

"That's the real elephant in the room," Stefanski said of getting the super-majority vote. "It's certainly a daunting prospect to pass something."

Getting two-thirds of lawmakers to agree on anything contentious has become harder as the Legislature has grown more partisan.

While Republicans hold two-thirds of the Senate seats, they need two votes from either independents or Democrats to reach that hurdle in the House if GOP lawmakers vote as bloc. And Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards would have to sign off on new districts drawn by the majority-Republican Legislature, or lawmakers would need a two-thirds vote to override his veto.

Black lawmakers are interested in having two majority-minority Supreme Court districts, up from the one that exists today, noting that one-third of Louisiana's population is Black. A pending lawsuit in federal court argues the current Supreme Court maps are discriminatory against Black voters.

Some lawmakers earlier this year tried unsuccessfully to expand the number of

districts on the court, seeking to add two new seats that would help ensure at least one new majority-minority district. That could further complicate efforts to redraw the existing district maps, if a portion of lawmakers still prefer the increased district approach.

Meanwhile, lawyers in the Legislature whose profession is regulated by the Supreme Court and who may one day have to present a case before the justices will be treading carefully in the discussion.

A decade ago in the last redistricting special session, lawmakers toyed with redrawing the Supreme Court's boundary lines. But House and Senate leaders disagreed in 2011 about whether to revamp the maps, and court leaders asked to be left alone, so the districts were left untouched.

In the 2001 redistricting session, the Supreme Court seats weren't even included on the agenda despite some interest in reworking them.

The court hasn't weighed in on the latest effort — at least not publicly.

"The Justices are aware of the Legislature's interest in redistricting the Louisiana Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has not taken a position," court spokesperson Trina Vincent said in a statement.

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

OTHER OPINION

Warren's investment regulations a recipe for disaster

DAVID WILLIAMS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

At a time of mounting economic frustrations, it's easy to place the blame on unpopular businesses and industries. During her time as a lawmaker, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., has unfairly labeled private equity (PE) firms as "vampires" that bleed companies dry, despite the pivotal role that these companies play in furthering innovation and fostering growth.

Although there's plenty of evidence that PE is a boon to workers and entrepreneurs, Sen. Warren is determined to use the heavy hand of government to punish PE. Her legislation to "stop Wall Street looting" would impose onerous regulations on investment and growth at the worst possible time. Instead of doubling down on dubious regulations, lawmakers should be searching for ways to reinvigorate and expand the economy.

While every company aspires to become the next Amazon or Walmart, supply bottlenecks, regulatory uncertainty, and pandemic-related problems can get in the way. A timely

acquisition can help get an ailing business back on track and supply the critical expertise needed to tackle these issues. Sen. Warren would require strict limits on the ways that investors could profit from these acquisitions, making bankruptcy the only real option for struggling companies. According to a Chamber of Commerce report, introducing regulatory hurdles into the acquisition process would result in a raft of unintended consequences.

The analysis finds that, "these restrictions and taxes would be so impactful that, if enacted, even in a modest-case scenario, the country's workforce would be reduced by approximately 6 million jobs, and combined federal, state, and local tax revenues would drop by approximately \$109 billion per year in the long run." And the fallout would hardly be limited to the U.S.

An economic analysis produced by The Brookings Institution notes, "[t]oday, hundreds of private equity funds have a substantial track record of investing in small, medium-sized and scalable businesses around the world, with about

400 funds in China alone, as well as multiple funds operating in Africa, Latin America, Asia and elsewhere. These funds have demonstrated their development impact."

Washington, D.C. regulations can cause significant problems in international markets, which can in turn hurt Americans by weakening demand for U.S. exports and causing production snafus for U.S.-bound products.

Lawmakers such as Warren will nonetheless continue to push for stricter rules based on a fundamental misunderstanding of how investment markets operate. Contrary to the scary stories being offered of firms being destroyed by PE investors, companies such as Dollar General, Petco, and Michael's became more productive following acquisitions and are in a better position to cater to consumers. And there's little evidence that these successful turnarounds come at the cost of jobs. One 2013 study by scholars at the Universities of Chicago, Maryland, and Michigan found that the net employment decline two years post-buyout is just 1%.

Other analyses have resulted

in job loss or gain estimates all over the map, but the picture is not uniformly negative as suggested by Sen. Warren and her Congressional allies. The simple truth is that no two buyouts are the same and can result in hiring or downsizing campaigns depending on the specifics of the situation. But as the Chamber report makes clear, these investment activities certainly create jobs. When companies become more productive and are better able to attend to consumer needs, the entire country benefits through lower prices and more tailored, durable goods. That in turn allows other businesses to make much-needed purchases, expand, and hire more workers in the process. This cycle also puts more money in consumers' pockets at a time when few things are for certain.

The truth is that lawmakers and the Biden administration can work closely with each other to make sure the economy is working for everyone. Putting up more regulatory hurdles will only result in more mass misery.

DAVID WILLIAMS IS PRESIDENT OF THE TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE.

OTHER OPINION

The Advocate: LSU action on sexual misconduct inconsistent

LSU acted swiftly in removing Adelaide Russo as chair of the Department of French Studies after six women filed a lawsuit accusing the school of failing to properly investigate complaints of sexual misconduct against a former graduate student from France.

Russo defended former graduate student Edouard d'Espalungue d'Arros and allowed him to work directly with undergraduates despite d'Espalungue being arrested in 2018 and later charged with third-degree rape, according to the lawsuit.

Meanwhile, over in the Athletic Department, executive deputy athletic director Verge Ausberry is earning half a million dollars a year

even though he failed to report a domestic assault by a member of the football team.

Ausberry in 2018 received a text from wide receiver Drake Davis in which Davis said he had a dispute with his girlfriend and hit her; when Ausberry called Davis, the football player said he had not hit his girlfriend. Davis went on to abuse his girlfriend for several more months, breaking into her apartment and nearly strangling her one night.

Ausberry got a big raise — his salary was doubled with the stroke of a pen — even though LSU knew he had fumbled the Davis case and the school had been warned by East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Hillar

Moore III about widespread problems with reporting of assaults and harassment on campus.

Another Athletic Department employee, senior associate athletic director Miriam Segar made a mistake in 2016 by keeping former star runningback Derrius Guice's name off a report of a rape. "Because of this omission, when Guice was accused of subsequent misconduct by other students ... this initial report was not considered or revisited," according to a report by the Husch Blackwell law firm released over the winter. Guice has denied the accusations and has not been charged.

The man in charge of LSU at the time, interim

president Tom Galligan, suspended Ausberry for a month and Segar for 21 days. When women on campus complained about the light punishment, Galligan banned Ausberry from the skybox at football games for the 2021 season — as if that would somehow prove that LSU means business when it comes to protecting women from harassment and abuse.

Ausberry and Segar now have a new boss, William F. Tate IV. But the freshly minted LSU president has shown no interest in revisiting the Ausberry or Segar cases.

In the d'Espalungue case, the removal of Russo is the first major move that LSU has taken in response to reports that officials both at

LSU and in the criminal justice system failed to prevent the French national from sexually assaulting and harassing several women, despite repeated complaints about him. At least seven women — six connected to LSU — have reported that d'Espalungue raped, groped or sexually harassed them. He was allowed to return to France, which does extradite its own citizens.

LSU's quick reaction in removing Russo is a hopeful sign that the school will stop looking the other way when senior officials fail to act on complaints of harassment or abuse.

But it will reinforce the idea that the rules do not apply to the Athletic Department.

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Mama Didn't Teach Me Not To Talk To Strangers

Mama didn't teach me not to talk to strangers!

I've met some of the most interesting people just by striking up conversations with folks that I meet in the grocery store.

Just recently I met a "would be" friend if I could just remember what her name was. I must take along a pen for just such a purpose.

Anyway I quipped how I love shopping Brookshires because their produce was always so fresh and the customer service so great! She chimed in what I was getting ready to say "I only buy cat food at a competitor because their prices are better on cat food."

Those words were just coming out of my mouth!

An instant friend because we knew that we are cat lovers! Not an interest we all share.

Back to my bottom line if there is one.

I've noticed that talking to strangers is becoming a nice pastime for some of us baby boomers in our second childhood.

In other parts of the country it might not be so wise to talk to strangers but here in the South we seem to understand the beauty of spontaneous child-like conversation among those we don't know so well.

My 93 year old friend, Gypsy Damaris Boston,



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

may have said it best when she commented recently in one of her Times columns about how we don't use the front porch anymore for conversation and in fact the front porch has all but been done away with on many houses today.

In the backwoods of Arkansas where I was born at home in 1948 near Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, in a house built in the 1840's, we rode to town in a horse drawn wagon until 1955 before moving five miles into town at South West City, Missouri because of daddy's declining heath. Anyway we had no electricity or running water. About the only people we saw was a neighbor or two who would sit outside in the evenings while my sister, Alice, and I played or laid on the grass waiting for the first star to come out at night or trying to catch the fire flies who kept us company while the adults talked.

Anyway as we have become more remote, we seem to have lost the art of conversation as the social media, televisions and air conditioning have shut down staying outside at night. We have lost something in return.

We have become more disconnected from each other. Too often we come to

church as a routine. I call it "rote" religion where we punch time clock.. We appear to not really look at each other when we talk. Life can become a habit. In the process of having more and more we are losing what we crave most in our quiet hours.

We have given up feeding our spirits with human connections, the kind of bonding that can only be found in heart talk which may start out as casual conversation until we reach another realm.

Most of us need to be joined to kindred spirits.

One way to find friends is to make small talk with those we meet in church or wherever our paths cross!

For some of us "Silver Sneakers" the grocery stores serve their purpose if we dare to talk to strangers.

Whatever all of this means I do not know but I think we will mostly agree that the heart has a longing which can only be satisfied in reaching within and finding new friends wherever we they are.

For me I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and that He always gets me to the right place at the right time placing those within my path who become lifelong friends who make my life whole.

For this I am forever grateful!

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GARDENING

They Called Him the Cat Chaser

When he found out I was interested in interviewing veterans, a life-long friend of mine, Johnny Malone, suggested I interview a decorated Vietnam war hero David Ware. "He's got some really interesting stories to tell, Johnny said. Get him to tell you about how he landed his Louisiana State Police helicopter at a local restaurant so he and his co-pilot could get something to eat."

Dave Ware was born in England in 1946 while his dad was stationed there during World War II. His mom - an "English war bride," brought him over to the U.S. on a boat and in 1951, they were living on S. 3rd Street in Homer, La.

Dave excelled at Homer Pelican football and honed his shooting skills while hunting squirrels in the thick forests of North Louisiana. He graduated from Homer High School in May 1964 and began his service with the Air Force Special Ops at Barksdale AFB. December 1966 Dave was sent to Bien Hoa Air Base in South Vietnam assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Quick Response Force (QRF). A QRF team is sent out from a base like Bien Hoa to locate a unit or individuals in distress and get them back to the base.

After he adopted a stray kitten, his buddies at Bien Hoa start-

ed calling Dave the Cat Chaser.

Bien Hoa Air Base earned the nickname "Rocket City" for the number of rockets the enemy would routinely lob into it. Dave d said he can remember it like it was yesterday the May 12th,1967 rocket attack that injured him, killed one of his hooch buddies, and earned him and his buddy Jimmy Mac a Bronze Star with "V" for valor:

Horace Holbrook, from Anniston, Alabama, had been asleep two bunks down and when the attack began, I heard his locker slam and could see his feet from under the bunks as I lay hunkered on the floor. I yelled, Horace, get your ass down. He replied, "I'm getting my weapon and harness!" I heard his locker slam. Those were his last words. He died instantly.

The whole place was a fireball of explosions and noise and shrapnel ripping through the air. I suffered wood splinters, shrapnel, loss of hearing, and was missing my two front teeth. As we made our way to a defensive bunker on the west end of the base, I could see choppers making gun runs outside the perimeter.

The fight was on. From our bunker, we could hear whistles blowing and the VC yelling commands. They were within 50 meters of us.

Dave returned from

Vietnam, spent some time at Louisiana Tech, then decided to attend Flight School in Atlanta, Ga. There he learned how to fly fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. Later he worked for the Atlanta Police Department patrolling some of its toughest neighborhoods, Atlanta was where he met and married his wife, Sandy. Then back to Louisiana to fly helicopters for the State Police, Troop I out of Lafayette, and helped them identify marijuana crops from the air.

Now Dave spends his time in North Georgia with Sandy, playing golf, working out, and writing. He sent me a manuscript of newest work "Breath of a Tigris" - a fictional account of a young North Louisiana football star who joined the Green Berets in Vietnam. It's such a compelling read I couldn't put it down.

So, let's see if I can summarize the life of one David Ware: Born in England, Homer Pelican football star, wounded and decorated Vietnam Special Forces, retired Louisiana State Trooper and helicopter pilot who once landed for lunch at a Kentucky Fried Chicken, Atlanta police officer, short story and book author, and former college football coach.

Not bad for an Old Cat Chaser.

GAMERS LIFE

Kickoff: Sports betting licenses issued to Louisiana casinos

MONROE, La. (AP) — Four state-licensed casinos in Louisiana were able to kick off sports betting at their locations Sunday, after winning approval for their licensing applications from state gambling regulators.

Louisiana Gaming Control Board Chairman Ronnie Johns told The Advertiser the licenses are for Harrah's New Orleans, L'Auberge Casino in Baton Rouge, Horseshoe Casino in Bossier City and Boomtown Casino in Harvey. Wagering could begin Sunday, though L'Auberge and Boomtown planned to open their sportsbooks Monday.

Former New Orleans Saints quarterback Bobby Hebert placed the first bet Sunday inside Harrah's New Orleans, according to The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate. Hebert placed

a ceremonial wager on his old team to cover the 4.5-point spread against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"This is an exciting day for the state," Johns said Friday. "There's been tremendous interest. We've had calls every day for months asking about the timing."

Voters in 55 parishes legalized sports betting on live-action games. Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville started offering sports betting at its tribal casino on Oct. 6, but the Gaming Control Board took longer to license the first state-regulated sports betting sites.


Johns said the State Police review of applications was briefly disrupted by Hurricane Ida because troops were deployed for response work. Johns said he will issue more licenses as soon as he gets more approvals

from the State Police.

The first sports betting options will be at on-site sports books inside casinos and racetracks. Johns said it will likely be early 2022 before the casinos begin offering mobile online betting options. The Advertiser reports that's the same timeline expected for bars and restaurants to secure sports betting kiosks through the Louisiana Lottery Corp.


Sports betting will be prohibited in Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Sabine, Union, West Carroll and Winn parishes, where voters rejected the gambling expansion. Technology will prevent residents within those parish borders from accessing mobile sports betting applications unless they go to a parish where voters authorized the wagering.

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SPORTS

Raiders run past Minden in second half

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It was a tale of two halves Friday night, with the Huntington Raiders taking over in the second half and conquering the Minden Crimson Tide 40-7 at W.W. Williams Stadium.

Despite the fact they trailed 12-7 at intermission, the Tide seemed in much control during the first half against the Raiders, who stand at 8-1 and entered the contest ranked No. 4 in Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 4A rankings.

It was Minden that struck first as Daylen Robinson's 48-yard run set up his own eight-yard scoring scamper that put Minden on top 7-0 with 3:04 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Raiders cut the Minden lead to 7-6 at the 1:41 mark of the first quarter as Kamron Evans hit Zion Clavelle on a 37-yard scoring strike before failing to complete the two-point conversion pass.

Huntington went on top 12-7 at the 10:47 mark of the second quarter on a 76-yard bomb from Evans to Tahj Kochinsky.

But after surging in the first half the Tide only managed a trickle in the second half as Huntington took control, scoring four more touchdowns



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Minden's Daylen Robinson (4, with ball) powered his way for 100 rushing yards Friday during the Crimson Tide's home loss to Huntington.

starting with Demajah Riley's 34-yard touchdown run 4:53 into the third quarter.

Robinson led Minden with 100 rushing yards on 19 attempts while quarterback Andrew Cooper added 65 yards on 14 carries.

Evans hit on 11-of-23 of his passes for 236 yards while Cooper completed five-of-16 of his pass attempts for 49 yards with one interception.

Minden dominated time of possession at 33:02, but that didn't stop the Raiders from outgaining the Tide with an offensive yardage total of 414 compared to 235 for MHS.

The Crimson Tide, now 3-6 overall and 0-3 in district play, will close out the season on the road next Friday at Franklin Parish.

Warriors fall 15-12 in defensive slugfest vs. T-Wolves

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

RSIBLEY — Friday night's District 2-1A showdown between Lakeside and D'Arbonne seemed to breeze by as fast as the brisk winds blew across north Louisiana earlier in the day,

But a game based 95% offensively on the run played a big part in that as the clock was stopped only a handful of times following the rare incompletion.

In the end, D'Arbonne Woods downed the Warriors 15-12 in a defensive showdown featuring hard-nosed running and even harder-hitting tackling.

It all boiled down to the last quarter and a half, when the two teams exchanged leads before late defensive stands by the Timberwolves secured the win.

Trailing 7-6 midway through the third quarter, the Warriors threw a haymaker punch in the form of a one-yard



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Lakeside's Ashton Stewart turns the corner for solid yardage during the Warriors' hardfought battle against D'Arbonne Woods Friday night.

quarterback sneak by CJ Watts. But Kris Redden's two-point conversion run attempt was stopped at the goal line, leaving Lakeside on top 12-7.

Things kept going Lakeside's way early in the final stanza as D'Arbonne Woods drove deep before the Warriors forced a fumble and recovered it to take back over at their own 16-yard line with 11:11 remaining in the game.

The Timberwolves' defense didn't allow a first down on the ensuing drive, and the Warriors came out on fourth- and five from their own 21 with Jacob Whitehead taking the snap in the

shotgun formation before attempting a quick kick.

But the punt was blocked and Timberwolves took over at the Lakeside 22-yard line with 9:51 remaining.

The Timberwolves Gavin Rawls took the handoff on the ensuing play and the big running back burst up the middle barely touched on a 22-yard scoring scamper that put D'Arbonne Woods on top 15-12 with 9:45 left on the clock following a successful two-point conversion run.

A short kickoff and solid return by Ashton Stewart set the Warriors up with good field position at their own 48-yard line before a 25-yard pushed Lakeside into the red zone at the D'Arbonne Woods 13-yard line.

But the D'Arbonne Woods defense tightened at that point, thanks in part to a holding penalty against the Warriors, and on fourth-and-eight at the Timberwolves' 12, Watts looked like he

was going to run before quickly stopping, pulling up and lofting a pass toward the end zone.

But the receiver was well-covered and the pass attempt fell to the field, giving the Timberwolves' possession with 4:53 remaining.

Long runs by Rawls and Timberwolves' quarterback Regan Walker helped D'Arbonne Woods chew up the clock with a long drive into the red zone.

Lakeside had one last chance to get the ball back with 53 seconds remaining, but the Timberwolves converted and Walker only had to kneel twice as time expired and D'Arbonne Woods escaped with the win.

Stewart scored Lakeside's other touchdown on a 60-plus yard scoring scamper in the second quarter.

Lakeside, now 3-5 overall and 0-2 in district play, will close out the season next Friday on the road at Jonesboro-Hodge.

Glenbrook rolls over Beekman, 51-14

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

BASTROP — Sometimes time of possession is a throwaway statistic, especially in a mismatch played with a running clock through the entire second half.

On Friday night at Beekman Charter, Glenbrook totaled 356 yards and six touchdowns on only 20 offensive snaps to defeat the Tigers 51-14.

Glenbrook took no time taking control, scoring first on a 44-yard scoring strike from Ty Feaster to Turner McClelland before forcing a Beekman punt attempt on the ensuing series. But after the ball snapped over the punter's head into the end zone, Landry Powell jumped on the ball for a fumble recovery touchdown that put the Apaches on top 14-0 only 1:32 into the contest.

Glenbrook's other scores came on a 22-yard pass from Feaster to Cason Clemons, a 10-yard scoring scamper by Tre Kent, a 41-yard dash to paydirt by DJ Carter, Powell's 31-yard run and a nine-yard touchdown run by Grayson Williams.

"It was actually a hard game to manage because you want to give all your offensive skills guys a chance



to touch the ball and everybody a chance to play, and there really weren't that many plays in the game," said Glenbrook coach David Feaster. "It was still good to get the win, it was just strange playing a game like that."

The Apache defense gave up only 105 offensive yards to the Tigers.

Next week the Apaches play their final game of the season as they play host to Arcadia.

Because the Apaches are in a probation-period for all sports in the first year after moving to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, Glenbrook is ineligible for postseason play this season despite its 7-2 overall record (4-2 in District 1-1A).



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

North Webster's Jamarus Stephens (36) ran for four touchdowns Friday night.

Knights stun Wolverines on road, 38-22

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
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The North Webster Knights looked to have their backs against the wall fighting to themselves in playoff position playing on the road against the red-hot Mansfield Wolverines that had won three of their last four games.

But the Knights used a ground-and-pound rushing game to take over as they built a 24-0 advantage in the opening stanza and never looked back in a 38-22 win.

The Knights led 32-6 at halftime before Mansfield tightened things up with two touchdowns followed by a pair of two-

point conversions that cut the North Webster lead to the 16 point winning margin at the end of the third quarter.

Neither team managed to score in the final quarter.

North Webster's Ja'marcus Stephens ran for four scores and more than 200 yards while quarterback Colin McKenzie added a touchdown run and accounted for more than 100 yards with his legs.

The Knights, now 4-5 overall and 1-2 in district play, will try to better what looks to be their lock for Class 3A playoff positioning next Friday as North Webster plays host to Green Oaks in the regular-season finale.

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Wide smile

5 "Terrif!"

8 Help in a crime

12 Other (Sp.)

13 Family card game

14 PBS science show

15 "Amen!"

16 Invest-ment advice

18 Strong points

20 Signs of life

21 "Dragnet" org.

23 Church seat

24 Avoid arrest, maybe

28 Wise one

31 Bit of physics

32 Absorbed a loss

34 Dundee denial

35 Winnow

37 Internal dialogue

39 Tic-tac-toe win

41 Endure

42 Power of film

45 Order forms

49 Bottom line

51 Trellis climber

52 Asia's — Sea

53 "Aladdin" monkey

54 Thames town

55 Anger

56 Author Harper

57 Riga resident

DOWN

1 Spanish artist

2 Num-bered rds.

3 401(k) relatives

4 Useless

5 Nitpickers

6 Picnic crasher

7 Animated Betty

8 Leg joints

9 Zimbabwe neighbor

10 Pop singer Sands

11 Faucets

17 Drink holder

19 "See ya!"

22 Nerd

24 Bro's kin

25 Japanese pond carp

26 Casual

27 Turquoise cousin

29 Lass

30 Comics cry

33 Nonstick cookware brand

36 Play the flute

38 Go places

40 Artist Yoko

42 Despot

43 Doctor Zhivago

44 List-ending abbr.

46 Evening, in an ad

47 Shoelace snarl

48 Emailed

50 Rushmore face

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Level: Beginner

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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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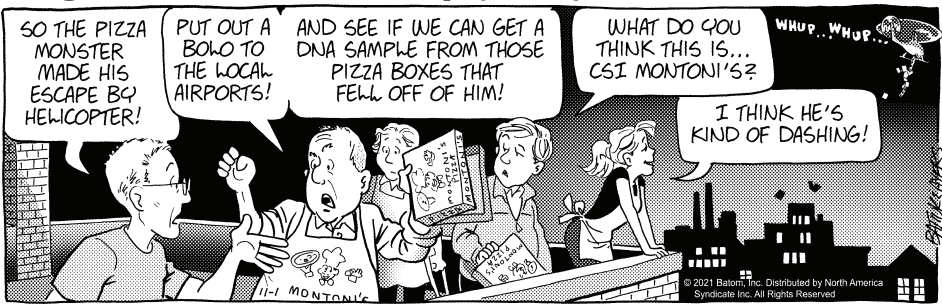
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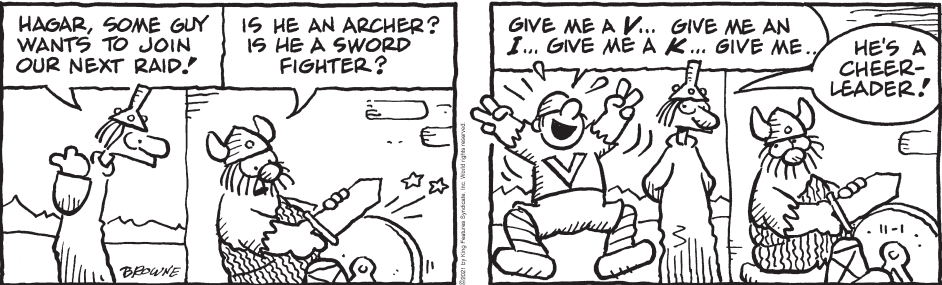
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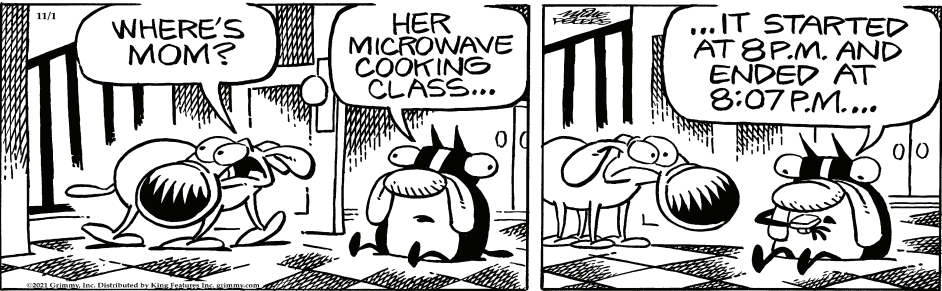
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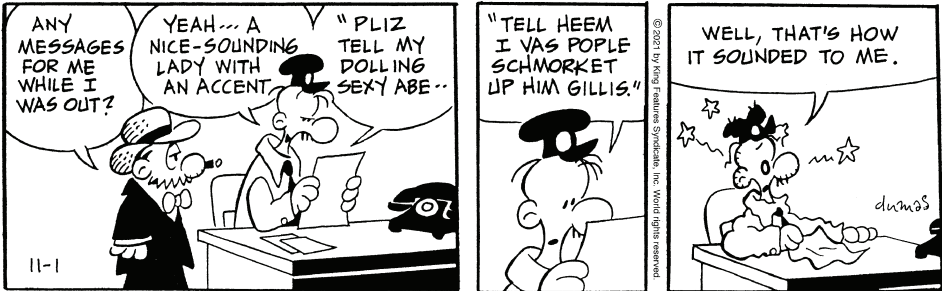
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